

CASE SUMMARY

Former West Chester basketball coach violated sports betting rules

Sports betting violations occurred at West Chester when former volunteer assistant men's basketball coach Khalif Wyatt placed impermissible bets on professional and collegiate games from July through November 2022, according to an agreement released by a Division II Committee on Infractions. Wyatt did not bet on West Chester's basketball team or any other West Chester team.

Wyatt placed at least 498 impermissible bets totaling approximately \$176,326 using an online sports betting platform, including \$54,662 on NCAA football competition.

Because Wyatt knowingly participated in sports betting activities, he violated the NCAA principles of honesty and sportsmanship.

As Wyatt was a volunteer coach, he was not included in the school's sports betting education provided to paid coaching staff at the beginning of the academic year. The school agreed that it is also responsible for Wyatt's impermissible betting activities because it did not provide timely education about sports betting.

The parties agreed to the following penalties:

- One year of probation.
- A fine of \$2,500.
- A three-year show-cause order for Wyatt in which any employing member school must require him to attend the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar at his own expense. Additionally, he must be required to lead a rules education presentation on sports betting with men's basketball institutional staff and men's basketball student-athletes.
- A suspension for Wyatt from 15% of the basketball regular-season contests during the first season of employment within the show-cause period. During that suspension, Wyatt cannot participate in any coaching activities, including being present or communicating with basketball coaching staff members or student-athletes.

Members of the Committee on Infractions are drawn from the NCAA membership and public. The members who reviewed this case are:

- Piper Brewster, associate commissioner of governance and senior woman administrator of the Pacific West Conference.
- Amber Feldman, deputy commissioner of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
- David Hansburg, director of athletics at Colorado School of Mines.
- Richard Loosbrock, professor of history at Adams State.
- Brooke Parsons, attorney.

- Jason Sobolik, assistant athletics director for compliance at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

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I. CASE SYNOPSIS

West Chester University of Pennsylvania (West Chester); Khalif Wyatt (Wyatt), former volunteer assistant men's basketball coach; and the NCAA enforcement staff agree with the violations and penalties detailed below.

In March 2024, the enforcement staff opened a sports integrity investigation concerning another men's basketball program. As part of the investigation, sportsbook operator FanDuel reported that Wyatt participated in impermissible sports betting activity. The enforcement staff later concluded that the sports betting activity occurred during Wyatt's time as a volunteer assistant coach at West Chester.

In February 2025, the institution and enforcement staff began a collaborative investigation that substantiated Wyatt participated in impermissible sports betting activity from July through November 2022. There was no evidence that Wyatt wagered on any West Chester athletic contests. The institution acknowledged that because Wyatt was a volunteer coach, he was not included in sports betting education the institution provided to its paid coaching staff members at the beginning of the year. The institution initially provided Wyatt education related to sports betting in 2023; however, this was subsequent the violations occurring.² As a result, the institution is also responsible for Wyatt's impermissible betting activities.

II. PARTIES' AGREEMENTS

Agreed-upon findings of fact and violations of NCAA legislation.

1. [NCAA Division II Manual Bylaws 10.01.1 and 10.3 (2021-22 and 2022-23)]
(Major)

From July through November 2022, Wyatt violated the NCAA principles of honesty and sportsmanship when he knowingly participated in sports betting activities. Specifically, Wyatt placed at least 498 bets totaling approximately \$176,326 on professional and intercollegiate sports competitions, including \$54,662 on NCAA football.

¹ In reviewing this agreement, the committee made editorial revisions pursuant to NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions (COI) Internal Operating Procedure (IOP) 4-7-1-2. These modifications did not affect the substance of the agreement.

² The institution attempted to email Wyatt sports education in February 2023; however, this email was not received by Wyatt. The institution sent Wyatt another email March 8, 2023, which contained education about sports wagering.

III. OTHER VIOLATIONS OF NCAA LEGISLATION SUBSTANTIATED; NOT ALLEGED

None.

IV. REVIEW OF OTHER ISSUES

On December 9, 2022, the NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions approved a negotiated resolution between the institution and enforcement staff, which detailed the athletics department's sponsorship of a local sports club that included prospective student-athletes in the sports of men's and women's swimming and diving in violation of NCAA legislation. Specifically, the athletics department maintained financial control of the local sports club, and athletics department staff members engaged in coaching and managerial duties on an ongoing basis from May 2018 to May 2022. Therefore, the institution is considered a repeat violator pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.12.4.4. However, because the facts of the case involved underlying violations are distinctly different from the current case, the parties agree they do not warrant enhanced or repeat violator penalties.

V. PARTIES' AGREED-UPON PENALTIES³

Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.3-(e), the parties agree to the following penalties:

Penalties for Major Violations (Bylaw 19.12.4)

1. Public reprimand and censure through the public release of the negotiated resolution agreement.
2. Probation: one year of probation from **December 18, 2025**, through **December 17, 2026**.⁴
3. During this period of probation, the institution shall:
 - a. Develop and implement sports wagering educational materials on NCAA legislation to instruct coaches, (including volunteer coaches), the faculty athletics representative, all athletics department personnel and any non-athletic staff members with responsibilities within or over the athletics department during new hire orientation.

³ All penalties must be completed during the time periods identified in this decision. If completion of a penalty is impossible during the prescribed period, the institution shall make the Committee on Infractions aware of the impossibility and must complete the penalty at the next available opportunity.

⁴ Institutions must serve probation during the prescribed penalty period.

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- b. Disseminate monthly sports wagering education messages to all athletics department staff members and student-athletes in year one of the probation period.
 - c. Schedule a presentation to be provided by the enforcement staff's sports betting unit to all student-athletes and athletics department staff in year one of the probation period.
 - d. Submit a preliminary report to the Office of the Committees on Infractions (OCOI) by **February 15, 2026**, setting forth a schedule for establishing this compliance and educational program.
 - e. File with the OCOI annual compliance reports indicating the progress made with this program by **October 31st**, during each year of probation. Particular emphasis shall be placed on rules education and monitoring related to sports betting.
 - f. Inform prospects in the men's basketball program in writing that the institution is on probation for one year and detail the violations committed. If a prospect takes an official paid visit, the information regarding violations, penalties and terms of probation must be provided in advance of the visit. Otherwise, the information must be provided before a prospect signs an athletics grant-in-aid agreement.
 - g. Publicize specific and understandable information concerning the nature of the infractions by providing, at a minimum, a statement to include the types of violations and the affected sport programs and a direct, conspicuous link to the public infractions decision located on the athletics department's main webpage "landing page" and in the media guides for the men's basketball. The institution's statement must: (i) clearly describe the infractions; (ii) include the length of the probationary period associated with the case; and (iii) give members of the general public a clear indication of what happened in the case to allow the public (particularly prospects and their families) to make informed, knowledgeable decisions. A statement that refers only to the probationary period with nothing more is not sufficient.
4. Financial penalty: The institution shall pay a fine of \$2,500 to the NCAA.
 5. Following the receipt of the final compliance report and prior to the conclusion of probation, the institution's president shall provide a letter to the Committee on Infractions affirming that the institution's current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of NCAA regulations.
 6. Show-cause order: Wyatt violated the principles of honesty and sportsmanship when he knowingly participated in sports betting activities. Therefore, Wyatt shall be subject to a three-year show-cause order from **December 18, 2025**, to **December 17, 2028**. In accordance with Bylaw 19.12.4.1 and Committee on Infractions Internal Operating Procedure 5-17-1, any employing member institution shall require Wyatt to attend the

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NCAA Regional Rules Seminar at his own expense. Additionally, during the first year of the show-cause period, any employing institution shall require Wyatt to lead a rules education presentation on sports wagering with men's basketball institutional staff members and men's basketball student-athletes. Any member institution that employs Wyatt in an athletically related position during the three-year show-cause period shall abide by the terms of the show-cause order unless it contacts the OCOI to make arrangements to show cause why the terms of the order should not apply.

7. Suspension: Bylaws 19.12.4-(o) and 19.12.4.3 contemplate suspensions. Therefore, any member institution that employs Wyatt in an athletically related position shall suspend Wyatt from 15% of the basketball regular season contests during the first season of employment within the show-cause period. This corresponds with five regular season contests. This suspension applies to all athletically related duties and requires that Wyatt not be present with or have contact or communication with men's basketball coaching staff members or student-athletes during the suspension period. The suspension begins on the date of the first scheduled contest of the championship segment. The prohibition includes all men's basketball activities for the suspension period that begins at 12:01 a.m. on the day of the first contest and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the day of the last contest. During the suspension period, Wyatt may not participate in any coaching activities, including, but not limited to, team travel, practice, video study, recruiting and team meetings. The results of those contests from which Wyatt is suspended shall not count toward the coach's career record if he is in the role of a head coach at the time of suspension.

VI. OTHER AGREEMENTS

The parties agree that this case will be processed through the NCAA negotiated resolution process as outlined in Bylaw 19.10, and the Committee on Infractions will review the negotiated resolution. The parties acknowledge that the negotiated resolution contains agreed-upon findings of fact of NCAA violations based on information available at this time. Nothing in this resolution precludes the enforcement staff from investigating additional information about potential rules violations. The parties agree that the violations identified in this agreement occurred and should be classified as major.

If the Committee on Infractions approves the negotiated resolution, the institution and Wyatt agree that they will take every precaution to ensure that the terms of the penalties are observed. The institution and Wyatt acknowledge that they have or will impose and follow the penalties contained within the negotiated resolution, and these penalties are in accordance with those prescribed in Bylaw 19.12.

The OCOI will monitor the penalties during their effective periods. Any action by the institution or Wyatt contrary to the terms of any of the penalties or any additional violations may be considered grounds for prescribing more severe penalties or may result in additional allegations

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and violations. Additionally, as required by NCAA legislation for any institution involved in a major infractions case, West Chester shall be subject to the provisions of Bylaw 19.12.4.4 concerning repeat violators for a five-year period beginning on the effective date of the penalties in this case, December 18, 2025.

The parties acknowledge that this negotiated resolution may be voidable by the Committee on Infractions if any of the parties were aware or become aware of information that materially alters the factual information on which this negotiated resolution is based.

The parties further acknowledge that the Committee on Infractions, subsequent to its review of the negotiated resolution, may reject the negotiated resolution. Should the Committee on Infractions reject the negotiated resolution, the parties understand that the case may be submitted through a summary disposition report (Bylaw 19.9) or notice of allegations (Bylaw 19.8) and prior agreed-upon terms of the rejected negotiated resolution will not be binding.

Should the Committee on Infractions approve the negotiated resolution, the parties agree that they waive NCAA hearing and appellate opportunities.

VII. DIVISION II COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS APPROVAL

Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.6, the COI approves the parties' resolution. The COI's review of this resolution is limited. The COI may reject a negotiated resolution agreement only if the agreement is not in the best interests of the Association or if the agreed-upon penalties are manifestly unreasonable. *See* Bylaw 19.10.4. In this case, the COI determines that the agreed-upon facts, violations, and type of violations are appropriate for this process. The agreed-upon penalties align with the penalties available under Bylaw 19.12 and with past case guidance. Pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.6, this negotiated resolution has no precedential value.

The COI advises West Chester and Wyatt that they should take every precaution to ensure that they observe the terms of the penalties. The COI will monitor the institution while it is on probation to ensure compliance with the penalties and terms of probation and may extend the probationary period, among other action, if the institution does not comply or commits additional violations. Likewise, any action by West and/or Wyatt contrary to the terms of any of the penalties or any additional violations shall be considered grounds for prescribing more severe penalties and/or may result in additional allegations and violations.

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WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. West Chester implemented a sports wagering acknowledgement form for all student-athletes, coaches, athletics department staff and non-athletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department.
2. West Chester will implement an employee orientation program that includes NCAA rules education for new coaches and athletics department staff members.