

Title: ETHICAL CONDUCT -- UNETHICAL CONDUCT -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Intent: To specify that unethical conduct shall include the knowing involvement in providing a student-athlete a banned substance, impermissible supplement or medications contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state or federal law.

Bylaws: Amend 10.1, page 47, as follows:

"10.1 UNETHICAL CONDUCT. Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member (e.g., coach, professor, tutor, teaching assistant, student manager, and student trainer) may include, but is not limited to, the following:

[10.1-(a) through 10.1-(d) unchanged.]

"(e) Receipt of benefits by an institutional staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor (e.g., "runner") ; or

"(f) **Knowing involvement in providing a banned substance or impermissible supplement to student-athletes, or knowingly providing medications to student-athletes contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state and federal law.**"

Source: Division III Management Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Topical Area: Ethical Conduct/Institutional Control

Rationale: Current NCAA legislation does not specify that the act of providing impermissible substances (e.g., prescription drugs) that impact athletics performance is an institutional violation. This proposal will clarify that such an egregious act violates the Association's ethical conduct bylaw as it is contrary to health and safety of student-athletes. Finally, this proposal would not apply to those student-athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug.

Budget Impact: None.