

**REPORT OF THE FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**December 3, 2025**

**Committee on Academic Performance:** CAP will next meet in February 2026.

**Awards! Cards in the News:**

The following UofL student-athletes received the 1A FAR Academic Excellence Award, which recognizes outstanding student-athletes for their significant accomplishments in the classroom while competing at the highest level of college sports. This award is given annually to student-athletes who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.80 or above and have participated in at least two years of NCAA Intercollegiate athletics at a FBS institution. The 2025 winners from Louisville include:

Brooke Dardano, Ellie Glock, Madelyn Grant, Allie Gretkowski, Soledad Jean, Megan John, Sahi Kochav, Easton Lotus, and Gustavo Saldo.

**Update on Legal Betting on Professional Sports:** Please see this article from Jenn Fraser, NCAA Senior Vice President of Governance and Member Services, published on November 21, 2025.

*As you are likely aware, all three NCAA divisions voted in October to change rules for sports betting that would permit student-athletes and athletics department staff members to engage in legal betting on professional sports only.*

***Today, Division I's procedural 30-day rescission period closed on the pending rule change for sports betting rules, and the necessary two-thirds of DI schools have voted to rescind the rule change.***

***Because sports betting rules are common legislation, the rule change will not move forward for any NCAA division.***

*All forms of betting on any NCAA-sponsored sport — amateur, collegiate and professional — remain strictly prohibited for student-athletes and athletics department staff members.*

*While those rules remain in place, legalized sports betting is continuing to grow nationwide, and the national office stands ready to assist schools with educating student-athletes about the harms — beyond potential impacts to their eligibility — associated with gambling behaviors.*

*Some of the resources available to schools include:*

- The NCAA Sport Science Institute released [Harm Reduction Considerations for Gambling & Sports](#) Betting in Collegiate Sports earlier this year.
- The NCAA has partnered with EPIC Global Solutions to provide a comprehensive gambling harm and student-athlete protection educational program for member schools and conferences across all three divisions. The program offers a blend of delivery options,

including in-person education workshops and seminars, prerecorded sessions, and on-demand virtual resources. To schedule a free EPIC session, please email [ncaa@epicglobalsolutions.com](mailto:ncaa@epicglobalsolutions.com).

- The NCAA has [updated its e-learning module](#) for student-athletes on problem gambling harms, NCAA sports betting rules and the integrity risks associated with sports betting.
- In March 2024, the NCAA launched the [Draw the Line](#) campaign, intended to increase education and grow awareness of the complexities of sports betting. The campaign prioritizes student-athlete education on the effects of sports betting while also addressing responsible gambling for all who consume and participate in college sports. The campaign also includes a [membership toolkit](#) for member schools and conferences to access resources that extend the campaign for on-campus education.

The NCAA also continues its efforts to shield student-athletes from betting-related harassment by fans, including:

- The NCAA engaged [Signify Group](#) to provide its [Threat Matrix](#) artificial intelligence service to support the Association in studying and responding to online abuse and threats directed at NCAA championship participants, including student-athletes, coaches, officials and committee members.
- The NCAA has teamed up with [Venmo](#) to curb the harassment of student-athletes. This collaboration includes increased protections for student-athletes on Venmo, including a dedicated abuse reporting hotline, [best practices guide](#), account support and user education.
- In March 2025, the NCAA launched a new video that airs during championships broadcasts, as well as online, as part of the [Draw the Line](#) campaign. The spot, titled “[Don’t Be a Loser](#),” calls attention to the alarming prevalence of abuse and harassment student-athletes face from angry fans who lose a bet.
- The Association has successfully petitioned four states to eliminate prop bets on college athletes and continues to urge lawmakers to eliminate risky prop bets that threaten competition integrity and student-athlete well-being.
- The national office will implement [player availability reports](#) for the 2026 Division I Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships. Player availability reports during the tournaments can reduce the betting-related pressure, solicitations and harassment student-athletes receive connected to their playing status.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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