



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

BFA Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Notice of Motion
Resolution to Recommend a CU Boulder Policy Regarding Sports Wagering on CU Boulder NCAA Teams
BFA-R-1-113021

Whereas, the state of Colorado has recently moved to allow Sports Wagering on certain NCAA Division I sports;

Whereas, the University of Colorado Boulder (CU) promotes integrity and fair play in intercollegiate athletic competition;

Whereas, the CU's culture, values, and Honor Code call University faculty, staff and students to a higher standard than the law generally requires;

Whereas, student-athletes at CU may find themselves under undue pressure from other members of the CU Community (faculty, staff, or other students) who have vested (financial) interests in the outcome of a sporting event involving CU student-athletes;

Whereas, student-athletes at CU may find themselves on the receiving end of retaliation from other members of the CU Community (faculty, staff, or other students) based on the outcome of a sporting event involving CU student-athletes;

Whereas, similar institutions to CU have already adopted policies prohibiting university affiliates from gambling on their own university competitions^{1,2,3};

Be it resolved that the Boulder Faculty Assembly (BFA) recommends CU adopt a policy restricting CU faculty, staff, and students from placing, accepting, or soliciting a sports wager (on one's own behalf or on behalf of others) on any CU NCAA Division I team, student-athlete, coach, statistical occurrence, contest, or event.

Be it further resolved that any restriction on sports wagers should include (but is not limited to) wagers that are:

- Placed, accepted or solicited on any University of Colorado Boulder team, student-athlete or coach from any campus, whether in favor of or against the team, student-athlete or coach;
- Placed, accepted or solicited on a pre-game or in-play basis;
- Placed, accepted or solicited in any U.S. state or territory or in any other country;
- Placed, accepted or solicited online or via an application or betting intermediary;
- Legal or illegal.

Be it further resolved that the BFA recommends that, among other responses to violating an adopted gambling policy, CU focus on restorative justice and providing resources for gambling addiction assistance^{4,5}.

Submitted by Intercollegiate Athletics Committee: 11.30.2021

Approved by the BFA Executive Committee: 01.10.22

Submitted to the BFA General Assembly: 02.02.22

Resolution passed with 39 in favor; 2 opposed; and 2 abstentions: 03.03.22

¹ <https://www.purdue.edu/policies/ethics/jia5.html>

² <https://villanova.policytech.com/dotNet/documents/?docid=1246&public=true>

³ https://sites.sju.edu/communitystandards/files/2020/08/2020-2021_STUDENT-HANDBOOK_v.1.pdf

⁴ <https://www.ncpgambling.org/help-treatment/counselor-search/colorado-counselors/>

⁵ <http://www.problemgamblingcolorado.org/content/help-resources>