

# Brigham Young University Student-Athlete Newsletter



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### Upcoming Events SEPTEMBER

18-20 WTEN BYU Invit. 18-WVB @ WYO 18-WGLF @ New Mexico 19-SOC V MICH STATE 20-FB V WYO

20-WVB @ Colorado 20-WCC @ Idaho 25-SOC @ Cal 26-28 WTEN @ Cal 26-27 MGLF @ NM 27-WVB V AFA 27-WCC @ Stanford

27-MCC @ MN 29-30 MGLF @ WA

### Q & A:

- **Question:** If an organization or a friend asks me to be involved in an activity they are hosting, what do I need to do in order to make sure it is permissible?
- Answer: Please check with Compliance before participating or allowing your name or picture to be used in any type of promotional activity. Because the NCAA restricts student-athlete's involvement in certain activities, the Compliance Office needs to check for permissibility prior to your participation. Please take note that your eligibility is affected by these types of activities, and participation without approval from the Compliance Office could cause you to be ineligible.

For any questions, please stop by or call the Compliance Office.

### **Tupou Self-Reports Agent Benefit Violation**

**EUGENE** – University of Oregon senior offensive tackle Fenuki Tupou served a one game suspension in the Ducks' 44-10 win over Washington Saturday night for receiving improper benefits from the representative of a professional sport management firm.

Tupou self-reported his actions to the athletics department's Executive Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance Bill Clever Wednesday of last week, and turned the monetary benefit over to the department's compliance office. Clever immediately notified the Pacific-10 Conference and the NCAA, who in turn notified the NFL Players Association, the labor union which oversees professional sports agents and financial advisors. The NFLPA does not permit its members to induce current student-athletes with cash or gift benefits.

Tupou reportedly met with Tim Norling of the Phoenix, AZ firm of LMM Sports Management at a local Eugene restaurant in July. Norling paid for the \$10 meal and at the conclusion of the meeting handed Tupou five \$20 bills in the parting handshake.

The NFLPA lists Ethan Lock, Eric Metz and Vance Malinovic as the top certified associates of the LMM Sports Management firm.

Tupou alleges that he tried to return the cash benefit to Norling several times but was refused. According to NCAA bylaws, it is permissible for student-athletes to meet with agents. However it is impermissible to accept any benefits or enter into any formal agreement until a student-athlete's eligibility has expired.

The day after he self-reported the meeting, Tupou requested permission to address his teammates and admit his infraction. Late Friday afternoon, the NCAA handed down a one-game suspension and also ordered Tupou to donate the improper inducement and the cost of the \$10 meal to charity.

"I'm sorry that I allowed myself to be put in this situation," Tupou said. "I apologize to my teammates and coaches. It will not happen again."