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## **Wagers on Sports League Awards**

## Tennessee Sports Wagering Advisory Council Guidelines

Effective August 1, 2022, wagers on league awards for regular and postseason play for the following professional sports leagues are permitted: NFL, NBA, WNBA, MLB, NHL, MLS, and PLL. Examples of sports league awards include the NBA Regular Season MVP, NFL Super Bowl MVP, and the NBA Defensive Player of the Year.

For seasonal awards, wagering must cease prior to the end of the regular season. For single-game postseason awards (i.e., Super Bowl MVP), wagering must cease prior to the start of the game. For postseason series awards, wagering must cease prior to the start of Game 1 of the series (i.e., Game 1 of the NBA Finals, Stanley Cup Final, World Series, etc.)

Effective September 23, 2022, wagers on the following collegiate awards are permitted:

- The Heisman Memorial Trophy wagering must cease on the first Sunday in December at 11:59 p.m. CST.
- The John R. Wooden Award (men's and women's) wagering must cease on the second Sunday in March at 11:59 p.m. CDT.
- The Dick Howser Trophy wagering must cease on the second Sunday in June at 11:59 p.m. CDT.

Pursuant to SWAC Rule 1350-03-.09(2), any entity may petition the Council for the approval of wagers on other sports league awards not yet approved. Such requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In the petition for approval, please note if the league award is granted or recognized by the league or governing body and if the award is voted on by individuals covered under the league's integrity policy. If voters consist of individuals outside the scope of the league's integrity policy, in whole or in part, then please provide information demonstrating that the voting is collected and tallied either by individuals covered under the league's integrity policy or an independent third party required to maintain the confidentiality of the outcome of the award until it is announced, or demonstrate that votes are collected and tallied in a manner that maintains the confidentiality of the outcome until the award is announced.