

NFL Scandals and Violations

The NFL has suspended at least 15 players since 2022 for betting infractions, emphasizing its zero-tolerance policy despite league partnerships with sportsbooks.

Player/Incident	Year	Details	Outcome
Calvin Ridley (Atlanta Falcons WR)	2021 (suspended 2022)	Placed ~\$1,500 in parlay bets on NFL games, including Falcons wins, while on mental health leave.	Full-season suspension (2022); reinstated 2023, now with Titans.
Isaiah Rodgers Sr. & Rashod Berry (Indianapolis Colts) + Demetrius Taylor (FA)	2022	Bet on NFL games; Rodgers wagered \$3,000+ across 100+ bets.	Indefinite suspension through 2023; Rodgers reinstated 2024, won Super Bowl with Eagles in 2025.
Jameson Williams (Detroit Lions WR) + 4 others (Quintez Cephus, Stanley Berryhill, C.J. Moore, Shaka Toney)	2023	Violated gambling policy; Williams did not bet on NFL but on non-NFL events.	Williams/Berryhill: 6-game suspension (reinstated); others: indefinite.
Kayshon Boutte (New England Patriots WR, ex-LSU)	2022-2023	Used alias/fake ID to place 97 bets (~\$11,000) underage in Louisiana; included computer fraud.	Felony/misdemeanor charges; ongoing investigation, potential additional charges.

NBA Scandals and Violations

NBA cases often involve prop bets and insider info, with a lifetime ban for Jontay Porter highlighting league severity.

Player/Incident	Year	Details	Outcome
Jontay Porter (Toronto Raptors)	2023-2024	Shared confidential info; manipulated performance in 2 games for prop bet unders (e.g., points/rebounds). Linked to larger point-shaving ring affecting 9 college games.	Lifetime NBA ban (April 2025); pleaded guilty to wire fraud conspiracy; sentencing Dec. 10, 2025 (seeks lighter penalty).
Terry Rozier (Miami Heat) + Damon Jones (ex-Cavs assistant) + others (Eric Earnest, Marves Fairley, Shane Hennen, Deniro Laster)	2022-2024	Insider NBA info scheme; Rozier (then Hornets) allegedly shared details for bets (e.g., March 2023 game under on his points). Laundered proceeds via P2P transfers.	Indicted Oct. 23, 2025 for fraud; Rozier/Jones arrested; part of broader Mafia-linked probe.
Chauncey Billups (Portland Trail Blazers coach)	2025	Charged in separate Mafia-backed rigged poker/illegal betting ring; not directly NBA betting.	Arrested Oct. 23, 2025; 34 total charged, including organized crime ties.
Malik Beasley (ex-Pistons)	2025	Investigated for NBA prop bets; cleared but unsigned.	No charges; NBA reviewed, no rules broken.

MLB Scandals and Violations

MLB's first active-player lifetime ban in a century underscores the league's crackdown, with probes into micro-bets (e.g., single pitches).

Player/Incident	Year	Details	Outcome
Tucupita Marcano (San	2022-	387 bets (\$150,000+) on MLB/international	

Diego Padres)	2023	games, including 231 on MLB while injured/inactive for Pirates.	Lifetime ban (June 2024).
Ippei Mizuhara (Shohei Ohtani's interpreter, Angels)	2023-2024	Stole \$17M+ from Ohtani's account for illegal bets via offshore bookie Mathew Bowyer; charged with bank fraud/tax evasion. Bowyer ran \$8M+ illegal operation.	Mizuhara: Pleaded guilty; up to 30 years. Bowyer: 1-year prison (Aug. 2025) for illegal bookmaking/tax fraud. Ohtani cleared.
Jay Groome (Padres), Andrew Saalfrank (D-backs), José Rodríguez (Phillies), Michael Kelly (A's)	2022-2023	Minor leaguers bet <\$1,000 on MLB games (not their own).	1-year bans (June 2024).
Emmanuel Clase & Luis Ortiz (Cleveland Guardians pitchers)	2025	Micro-betting irregularities flagged; non-disciplinary leave.	Ongoing investigation (July 2025).
Pat Hoberg (MLB umpire)	2023-2024	Shared betting accounts with friend who wagered \$214,000 (including Hoberg's games); deleted messages.	Fired Feb. 2025; no evidence of outcome manipulation.

College Sports and Broader Crimes

NCAA scandals reveal vulnerabilities in amateur athletics, with illegal betting handle at \$84B in 2025 (33% of total market).

Incident/Program	Year	Details	Outcome
Fresno State (Mykell Robinson, Jalen Weaver, Zaon Collins)	2025	Bets on own stats/team via daily fantasy; NCAA probe.	Ongoing; potential ineligibility.
Texas Longhorns football	2024	2 players bet via PrizePicks; one permanent ban.	Ineligibility rulings.
Iowa/Iowa State football	2023-2025	Multiple players (e.g., Arland Bruce: 132 bets incl. own games; Jack Johnson: 480 bets) used proxies for tampering.	Charges for tampering; suspensions.
NCAA Basketball Point-Shaving Ring	2024-2025	Syndicate (linked to Porter) targeted 9 games; suspicious props on low-scoring outcomes.	Federal probe; indictments pending; ESPN records show organized bets.
Jacksonville Jaguars Employee	2023	Stole \$22M for DFS bets as "ParlayPicker"; 99% lost.	Pleaded guilty; faces 30 years.
Yasiel Puig (ex-MLB)	2019 (charged 899 illegal bets on football/basketball/tennis. 2025)		Pleaded guilty to FBI lies; up to 5 years.
International: Brazilian Soccer Probe	2023	Match-fixing in lower leagues; congressional investigation.	Ongoing; 35+ players implicated.

Organized Crime and Financial Ties

- Mafia-Backed Schemes (2025): FBI indicted 34 in NY probe involving illegal betting/rigged poker; \$100M+ laundered via four Mafia families. Includes NBA insiders; called "most brazen corruption since legalization."
- IRS Crackdown: 100+ illegal gambling probes (2021-2023) yielded \$178M; 96% conviction rate for

money laundering/tax evasion.

- Global Trends: INTERPOL's SOGA IX (2022-2023) led to 1,200 arrests worldwide for match-fixing; online betting preferred for low-detection.

Broader Impacts and Trends

Public skepticism has grown: 43% of Americans view legalized betting as harmful to society (up from 34% in 2022), citing addiction and integrity risks. Leagues have added rules (e.g., NBA bans prop bets on two-way contracts post-Porter). Illegal betting dropped to 33% market share in 2025, but absolute volume hit \$84B. Experts warn of rising harassment/criminality tied to apps, with in-game betting projected at \$14B by 2030.