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Woodson ineligible for NCAAs

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Rod Woodson of Purdue will not be allowed to compete in this year's Big Ten or NCAA track and field championships because he failed to disclose a contract he signed with a professional agent, Big Ten Commissioner Wayne Duke announced Friday. Woodson, a football defensive back who was a first-round draft choice of the Pittsburgh Steelers, also failed to disclose that he received money from New York sports agent **Norby Walters**, who is the subject of a federal grand jury probe in Chicago.

The grand jury is investigating **Walters'** signing of athletes still eligible for intercollegiate competition.

Under Big Ten rules, a student-athlete forfeits eligibility for all intercollegiate athletic activities if he or she fails to advise the conference of financial assistance the athlete is receiving and fails to report that he or she has entered into a contract with a professional agent, Duke said.

Woodson entered into the contract in May 1986 but did not disclose it on forms that are completed by all Big Ten

student-athletes each year, Duke said.

Woodson, who runs sprints and hurdles, was to have competed in the Big Ten Track and Field

Championship today and Sunday at Iowa City, Iowa. The NCAA Championship is June 3-6.

Woodson could not be reached for comment late Friday. He has repeatedly declined to comment on the matter in the past.

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