Compliance Area: **AMATEUR STATUS**

An individual loses amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if the individual:

(a) Uses his or her athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport;

(b) Accepts a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;

(c) Signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received;

(d) Receives, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based upon athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations;

(e) Competes on any professional athletics team per Bylaw 12.02.4, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received;

(f) Subsequent to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, enters into a professional draft (see also Bylaws 12.2.4.2.1 and 12.2.4.2.3); or

(g) Enters into an agreement with an agent.

**Procedure:**

International student-athletes must complete the NCAA General Amateurism and Eligibility form prior to participating in intercollegiate athletics at MSU. In addition, prospective student-athletes (both international and domestic) initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution on or after August 1, 2007 must complete the amateurism certification process established by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**Forms Used for Documentation:**

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