Team Apparel
- MSU may not purchase apparel for student-athletes that is not directly related to practice or competition (e.g., team travel outfits) except for the following:
  - MSU may provide a student-athlete with one shirt (e.g., polo) bearing MSU’s logo to be used for team travel or other events at which the student-athlete is representing the institution. The shirt may bear a single manufacturer’s or distributor’s normal trademark or logo not to exceed 2 ¼ square inches in area, including any additional materials surrounding the normal trademark or logo. [16.8.1.9, 16.8.2.1]
  - It is permissible to provide apparel to student-athletes as part of their annual award for participation in intercollegiate athletics. Participation awards may not be awarded until the conclusion of the season. [16.1.4.1]
  - It is permissible to provide apparel to student-athletes as part of their award for participation in special events (e.g., tournaments); however, only student-athletes who are eligible to participate in the competition may receive the award. [16.1.4.1]
- Per institutional policy, Student-Athlete Opportunity Funds may not be used to purchase apparel for student-athletes.

Use of Equipment During Vacation Periods
- During the Academic Year - Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following:
  - Represents MSU in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies;
  - Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer utilized by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or
    - A student-athlete who purchases apparel or equipment items that include institutional identification may use the items in outside competition during the academic year without using a season of competition. [12/3/03 Staff Interp.]
  - Competes and receives expenses from MSU for the competitions. [14.02.6, 17.02.8]
- During the Summer - A student-athlete may retain and use institutional athletics equipment (per the institution's normal equipment policy) during a summer vacation period. [16.11.1.7]

Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment
- A student-athlete may retain athletics apparel items (not equipment) at the end of the individual’s collegiate participation. [16.11.1.6]
- Apparel items that are not reusable by other team members in subsequent seasons (subject to the discretion of the institution) could be considered the property of the involved student-athlete. Apparel items may be declared unusable due to a style change or due to the condition of the item. Student-athletes may retain uniforms that have their names on them if that particular uniform is not going to be used in subsequent seasons. [5/11/90 Staff Interp., 3/21/00 Ed. Column]
Used equipment may be purchased by the student-athlete on the same cost basis as any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment. [16.11.1.6]

Although shoes are considered equipment under NCAA legislation, a student-athlete is permitted to retain such items if they are no longer reusable at the end of the institution’s playing season. [7/28/94 Staff Interp.]

It is not permissible to provide used equipment to a student-athlete free of charge even if the institution receives such equipment at no cost. [10/21/93 Official Interp.]

Equipment items may not be given to student-athletes. This prohibition includes any type of equipment (e.g., shin guards, helmets, balls). All purchases of used equipment must go through the equipment room. [16.11.1.6]

Donation of Apparel/Equipment

- It is not permissible to provide institutional memorabilia (e.g., jerseys, hats, t-shirts, autographed ball) or other items of value (e.g., tickets, money) to any organization for purposes of being auctioned to raise funds to provide financial assistance to prospect aged individuals. [13.15.1, 6/6/91 Official Interp., 4/11/06 Ed. Column]
- It is not permissible for MSU, in response to requests from high school (or preparatory school or two-year college) groups, to provide items (e.g., autographed balls, jerseys) to assist high schools in raising money for its programs (athletics or other). [4/11/06 Ed. Column]
- It is permissible to donate items to assist an organization that may consist of prospects, provided:
  - Nonprospect age individuals will benefit from the funds;
  - The assistance is not earmarked for a particular prospect;
  - The contribution is offered in conjunction with the organization’s regular fund-raising activities; and
  - The individuals receiving the funds will not include any prospects that MSU is recruiting at the time of the donation. [8/6/87 Official Interp., 11/13/98 Staff Interp., 4/11/06 Ed. Column]
- MSU may not provide/sell athletics equipment (including apparel) directly to a high school. It is permissible to sell equipment and/or apparel to a high school at a sale that is open to the general public. [13.15.1.6.1, 4/19/91 Staff Interp.]
- It is not permissible to sell equipment to prospective student-athletes unless the sale of equipment is made available to the general public. The sale of equipment must be publicized to the public generally and made available to all individuals on the same terms and conditions. [3/18/04 Ed. Column]
- It is permissible to provide athletics equipment to bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, a Boy Scout troop, a summer recreation league) that may consist of some prospects, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. Further, only those organizations within a 30-mile radius of the campus may be provided such equipment by the institution. [13.15.1.6.1]
- MSU may loan rowing equipment to a high school's or junior club program's women's team on an issuance and retrieval basis and may permit a high school’s or junior club program’s women's team to use its rowing facilities for practice and/or competition. [13.15.1.6.1.1]
- MSU may donate used athletics equipment to a nonprofit foundation established to distribute such equipment to high schools, provided the request for such donations is initiated by the foundation and the institution has no part in selecting the high schools that are to receive the equipment. [13.15.1.6.1.2]