DEAD PERIOD REMINDER
In all sports except field hockey, football, soccer and cross country/track and field, a dead period will be in effect April 11-14, 2011. This dead period surrounds the signing date (April 13) for the NLI late signing period.

FINAL EXAM PERIOD REMINDER
For all sports (other than football) that are out-of-season (e.g., 8-hour weeks) during the time surrounding the spring final exam period, all countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film, meetings, skill instruction, weight training and conditioning) are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final exam period through the conclusion of each student-athlete’s final exams. This prohibition applies regardless of whether a student-athlete requests the instruction. Please note that the week prior to final exams begins Monday, April 25 and final exam week ends Friday, May 6.

NEW NCAA INTERPRETATION - INDIRECT WRITTEN OFFER OF AID BEFORE SIGNING DATE
Legislation adopted for the 2010-2011 academic year states that prior to August 1 of a prospect’s senior year in high school, an institution may not provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution. On or after August 1 of the prospect’s senior year, an institution may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospect to sign a form indicating his/her acceptance of the award before the initial National Letter of Intent signing date.

The NCAA issued an interpretation confirming that prior to August 1 of a prospect’s senior year in high school, it is not permissible for an institution to indirectly (e.g., through relatives, friends, high school, preparatory school, two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved) provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution. [3/2/11 Staff Interp.]

NCAA AMATEURISM REMINDER
Incoming student-athletes who will start at MSU Fall 2011 can go online to the Eligibility Center website (www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org) beginning April 1 and request final certification of their amateur status.

SPRING STUDENT-ATHLETE CHECK OUT MEETING
Please contact Bradd at 2-5603 or melvil14@ath.msu.edu to schedule your team’s spring check out meeting.

COMPLIANCE MADNESS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND
In April three coaches will be competing in the final round of Compliance Madness. Good luck to Jake Boss, Shelley Godwin and Jacquie Joseph.