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 9-12, 2012. This dead period surrounds the signing date (April 11) 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 23 and final exam week ends Friday, May 4.

NEW NCAA INTERPRETATION - CONTACT AND CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON
Required conditioning activities outside the playing season may not include contact-related drills or activities (e.g., wrestling, combative activities, blocking drills). Further, the staff determined that the use of training or resistance sleds in required conditioning activities is permissible, provided such equipment is not related to the sport (e.g., blocking sleds in football). [3/23/12 Staff Interp.]

ELIGIBILITY CENTER AMATEURISM REMINDER
Incoming student-athletes (freshmen and transfers) who will start at MSU Fall 2012 can go online to the Eligibility Center website (www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org) beginning April 1 and request final certification of their amateur status.

SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES
It is permissible for current student-athletes to correspond with prospects via social networking websites, provided the correspondence is not done at the direction of the coaching staff. Current student-athletes are prohibited from posting the following information on their social networking websites regardless of their relationship to the prospect (e.g., high school/club teammate, sibling).
- Information or pictures of a prospect’s visit to campus.
- Publicly comment on a prospect’s athletics ability or the likelihood of the prospect signing a National Letter of Intent or Big Ten Tender with MSU.
- Publicly comment on a prospect’s verbal commitment to attend MSU.
- Post any recruiting messages on a prospect’s page (e.g., Found out you are interested in MSU. Looking forward to having you as a teammate).

RANDOM TRIVIA
A newborn kangaroo is about the size of a paperclip.