RECENT NCAA INTERPRETATIONS

- **Donations to Outside Sports Club or Training Centers:** It is not permissible for an institution or an institution's booster club to sponsor or make a donation, directly or indirectly, to an outside sports club or training center (e.g., amateur club team) that involves a student-athlete from that institution or any prospects. Further, it is not permissible to provide the names of boosters to an outside sports club or training center participants for the purpose of soliciting donations. However, it is permissible for a booster to donate to an outside sports club or training center, provided the booster acts independently of the institution, the funds are distributed through channels established by the organization conducting the fundraising activity and the funds are not earmarked directly for a specific student-athlete or prospective student-athlete. [3/1/12 Educational Column]

- **Providing Transportation to a Prospect-Aged Sibling During a Prospect’s Visit:** An institution may permit a prospect-aged sibling of a prospect to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospect as part of an official or unofficial visit. [3/15/13 Staff Interp.]

- **Recruiting Conversations at Camps/Clincies:** A camp or clinic is considered an athletics competition or athletics event. Therefore, a host institution's coaching staff member may not engage in recruiting activities other than recruiting conversations with prospects participating in the institution’s camp or clinic until after the completion of the camp or clinic. Any recruiting activities that occur after completion of the camp or clinic are subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions. [3/25/13 Staff Interp.]

ELIGIBILITY CENTER AMATEURISM REMINDER

Incoming student-athletes (freshmen and transfers) who will start at MSU Fall 2013 can go online to the Eligibility Center website (www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org) beginning April 1 and request final certification of their amateur status.

DEAD PERIOD REMINDER

In all sports except WFH, MFB, M/WSO, M/WTRK, a dead period will be in effect April 15-18, 2013 surrounding the NLI signing period (Nov. 17).

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 (April 22—May 3). This prohibition applies regardless of whether a student-athlete requests the instruction.

RANDOM TRIVIA

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