RECENT NCAA INTERPRETATIONS

- **Institution’s Team Observing Opponent’s Competition:** It is not permissible for an institution to pay expenses for the institution’s team to scout a future opponent as entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition. However, it is permissible for an institution’s team to observe future opponents participating in the same event at the same site, even if there are expenses associated with the observation. [3/17/14 Staff Interpretation]

- **Conditioning and Expenses Outside the Playing Season:** It is not permissible to provide expenses (e.g., travel, lodging, meals) to student-athletes in conjunction with permissible conditioning activities that may occur outside the playing season during the academic year. However, an institution may pay a fee related to the conduct of permissible conditioning activities (e.g., fee for yoga instruction, fee related to a conditioning program). [3/19/14 Staff Interpretation]

ELIGIBILITY CENTER AMATEURISM REMINDER
Incoming student-athletes (freshmen and transfers) who will start at MSU Fall 2014 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 14-17, 2014 surrounding the NLI signing period (April 16).

OFFICIAL VISIT ENTERTAINMENT
During an official visit to campus, it is permissible to provide entertainment to a prospect and their parents (or legal guardians). It is not permissible to entertain other relatives or friends of the prospect during the visit. Entertainment provided by boosters during a prospect’s visit to campus is prohibited.

Student hosts may receive a maximum of $40 per day of the prospect’s visit (maximum $80) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s), the prospect and the prospect’s parents or legal guardians. The student host may receive an additional $20 per day for each additional prospect the host entertains. The cost of entertainment of coaching staff members who accompany the prospect is excluded from the host money unless the coach is serving as the prospect’s host. If the coach is serving as the prospect’s host then their cost of entertainment must be deducted from the host money. It is not permissible for the prospect to contribute or pay any portion of their entertainment during the official visit. Please note that student host money must be used for all entertainment provided to the prospect and his/or parents (or legal guardians) during the official visit.

FINAL EXAM PERIOD REMINDER
For all sports (other than football) out-of-season (i.e., 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 28—May 2). This prohibition applies regardless of whether a student-athlete requests the instruction.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

**BASEBALL**
- Contact/Eval. Period: April 1-13
- Dead Period: April 14-17
- Contact/Eval. Period: April 18-30

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**
- Quiet Period: April 1-2
- Dead Period: April 3 –10 (noon)
- Recruiting Period: April 10 (12:01 p.m.) – 13
- Dead Period: April 14-17
- Recruiting Period: Apr. 18-23
- Quiet Period: April 24
- Evaluation Period: April 25-27
- Quiet Period: April 28-30

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**
- Contact Period: April 1-3
- Dead Period: April 4-10
- Quiet Period: April 11-13
- Dead Period: April 14-17
- Quiet Period: Apr. 18-24
- Evaluation Period: April 25-29
- *Certified Events April 25-27*
- Quiet Period: April 30

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**TRACK & FIELD**

**FOOTBALL**
- Quiet Period: April 1-14, 20, 27
- Evaluation Period: April 15-19, 21-26, 28-30

**SOFTBALL**
- Contact/Eval. Period: April 1-13
- Dead Period: April 14-17
- Contact/Eval. Period: April 18-30

**VOLLEYBALL**
- Contact/Eval. Period: April 1-13
- Dead Period: April 14-17
- Contact/Eval. Period: April 18-30

**MEN’S ICE HOCKEY**
- Dead Period: April 9-13 (noon)

**GYMNASTICS**
- Dead Period: April 17-21 (noon)

**M/WGO, WGY, MIH, WCW, SWM, M/WTE, MWR**
- Dead Period: April 14-17

RANDOM TRIVIA
Al Capone’s business card said he was a used furniture dealer.