Mention of Scouting Services in Press Releases

NCAA legislation prohibits coaches from endorsing recruiting or scouting services involving prospects. Coaches may mention a recruiting or scouting service in a press release, provided the mention of the recruiting or scouting service is informational in nature (e.g., citing the recruiting or scouting service as a source) and not an endorsement of the service. It is not permissible to include a link to the recruiting or scouting service website or to a story from a recruiting or scouting website in any press release (e.g., social networking website, institutional website, etc.).

Official Visit Reminders

- First Opportunity to Visit
  - In sports other than basketball, the first opportunity a prospect may take an official visit is the first day of classes of the prospect’s senior year in high school.
  - In men’s basketball, prospects may take an official visit beginning January 1 of their junior year in high school.
  - In women’s basketball, prospects may take an official visit the Thursday following the Division I Women’s Basketball National Championship game during the prospect’s junior year in high school.

- Transportation to Prospect’s Parents, Relatives and Friends
  - In sports other than basketball, it is not permissible to pay, provide or arrange (i.e., reserve an airline ticket) for the payment of transportation expenses for a prospect’s parents, relatives or friends regardless of whether the individual(s) reimburses MSU. MSU may provide transportation between campus and a bus or train station or airport (Lansing and Detroit) for a prospect’s parents, relatives and friends.
  - In basketball, it is permissible to pay round-trip expenses for a prospect’s parents or legal guardians (up to two people) to accompany the prospect during his official visit.

- Prospects must register with the Eligibility Center prior to taking an official visit.
- The official visit pre-approval form, visit itinerary (with a start and end time), test scores and high school transcript must be submitted to compliance PRIOR to the start of the official visit.
- The Student-Athlete Recruitment Policy must be signed by the prospect and the head coach BEFORE the prospect departs campus.
- Student-athletes designated as student hosts must pick up the host money PRIOR to the start of the official visit. Host money will be available during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-noon, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.).

Admissions Presentation

The annual Office of Admissions presentation will take place Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Smith Center room #220. All coaches are invited to attend the presentation.

Recruiting Calendar

- **Baseball**
  - Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

- **Men’s Basketball**
  - Quiet Period: Aug. 1-31

- **Women’s Basketball**
  - Quiet Period: Aug. 1-31

- **Cross Country**
  - Track & Field
    - Quiet Period: Aug. 1-10
    - Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 11-31

- **Football**
  - Quiet Period: Aug. 1-31

- **Softball**
  - Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

- **Volleyball**
  - Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

Financial Aid Reminders

- All scholarship upgrades must be signed by the first day of classes (August 28, 2013).
- A student-athlete’s scholarship will not be applied to their student account until they have signed their scholarship paperwork.

New NCAA Enforcement Structure

The new NCAA enforcement structure went into effect August 1, 2013. For more information, visit the following:
- Head Coach Responsibility Document
- Level III Infractions
- Level IV Infractions

Random Trivia

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.