INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS REMINDER—EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2016

Prospective student-athletes entering their senior year in high school this fall will be the first graduating class subject to the new NCAA initial eligibility requirements. Remember 10/7/2.3.

- 10 = The number of core courses the individual must complete prior to the start of his/her 7th semester in high school. The grades earned in these courses will be locked in for core course grade-point average calculation purposes.
- 7 = The number of English, Math and/or Natural/Physical Science courses the individual must complete within the 10 core courses.
- 2.3 = The minimum grade-point average on the (qualifier) sliding scale. Students earning a 2.000-2.299 grade-point average with the corresponding test score will be certified as an academic redshirt. An academic redshirt is eligible for financial aid and practice only their initial year of enrollment.

ENDORSING A PROSPECT’S SCHOOL, TEAM OR FACILITY

NCAA legislation prohibits athletics department staff members from promoting or endorsing a prospect’s team or coach, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospects. Please note the following:

- It is permissible to “friend”, “follow” or “like” the profile of a prospect’s team or coach on social media. However, staff members may not directly reference (e.g., comment, share, retweet, like, favorite) athletically related information posted by a prospect’s team or coach as such activity is considered to be an impermissible endorsement (e.g., good luck in tonight’s game, congratulations on your 400th career win).
- Staff members may not send generic good luck or congratulatory messages that mention a specific high school visit social media.
- It is permissible for a staff member to send a good luck or congratulatory message to their child’s high school or team. However, staff members are not permitted to comment specifically on any other prospect on the team, unless the prospect has signed a NLI or MSU’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospect’s financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.
- It is permissible for a staff member to post messages to the social media profile of a prospect’s coach that are unrelated to athletics (e.g., Happy Birthday); however, it is not permissible for the staff member to post messages that are athletically related.
- It is not permissible to post a comment mentioning a particular facility used by prospects (e.g., Great game at Township High School. One of the best baseball fields in the country.”)

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. 1-8
Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 9-31

FOOTBALL
Quiet Period: Aug. 1-31

SOFTBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that a prospect is considered to have committed to an institution once he/she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received the prospect’s financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. A prospect who has verbally committed to an institution remains subject to all recruiting legislation.

ACS FORMS UPDATE

The Official Visit Pre-Approval Form is coming soon to a computer near you. The form, along with the prospect’s itinerary, transcript and test score, will be submitted online through ACS.

RANDOM TRIVIA

An adult has 206 bones.