WRITTEN OFFER OF AID BEFORE SIGNING DATE
Before August 1 of a prospect’s senior year in high school, an institution may not, directly or indirectly (e.g., through relatives, friends, high school, preparatory school, two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved), provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution. On or after August 1 of the prospect’s senior year in high school, an institution may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospect to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of such an award before the National Letter of Intent signing date.

A prospect who intends to graduate from high school midyear and enroll midyear during the same academic year may sign an institutional financial aid agreement on or after August 1 of his/her senior year, provided the institution issuing the financial aid agreement establishes, prior to issuing the agreement, that the prospect is enrolled in all coursework necessary to graduate form high school at midyear. A violation of the letter of intent restriction legislation occurs if a prospect signs an agreement and does not enroll in the institution at midyear.

Proposal 2015-36, effective August 1, 2016, states that the exceptions to recruiting rules that apply after a prospect has committed to an institution shall not apply to a prospect who only signs an institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid before the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program.

ENDORsing A PROSPECT'S SCHOOL, TEAM OR FACILITY & RECRUiting OR SCOUTING SERVICES
The adoption of Proposal 2015-48 also affected the ability of coaches to interact with a prospect’s team, coach or athletics facility. Please note the following:

- **Permissible**
  - Reposting (e.g., sharing or retweeting) a social media post.
  - Endorsing (e.g., liking, favoriting) a social media post.
  - Interaction unrelated to athletics participation, recruitment or affiliation.
- **Impermissible Endorsement**
  - Commenting on a social media post.
  - Associating (e.g., tagging or mentioning) a profile to a social media post.

The new legislation did not change an institution’s ability to interact with a recruiting or scouting service. All of the above actions are not permissible when it comes to a recruiting or scouting service.

COMMITMENT DEFINITION
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.

JFH COMPLIANCE MEETING REMINDER
The first Jenison Field House (olympic sports) compliance meeting of the 2016-17 academic year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Smith Center room #220. Attendance is mandatory for all head and assistant coaches. Contact Holly B. if you are unable to attend.

RANDOM TRIVIA
The state fossil of Michigan is the Mastodon.