CARA REMINDER - FINAL EXAM PERIOD
For all sports (other than football) that are out-of-season (e.g., 8-hour weeks) during the time surrounding the fall exam period, all countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film, meetings, skill instruction) are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final exam period through the conclusion of each student-athlete’s final exams. This prohibition applies regardless of whether a student-athlete requests instruction. Student-athletes may participate in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities with the strength and conditioning staff, provided the workout is not required. The week prior to final exams begins Monday, December 6 and final exam week ends Sunday, December 19.

DEAD PERIOD REMINDER
During the month of December several sports have dead periods. Prospects may not receive complimentary admissions to MSU athletics events during dead periods.

BIG TEN INTRACONFERENCE TRANSFER RULE
Effective for Big Ten Tenders signed for the 2011-12 academic year, a prospect who signs a National Letter of Intent with MSU and has not triggered transfer status, would be required to complete one full year of residence and be charged with the loss of one season of eligibility in all sports should he/she enroll at a second Big Ten institution. If the signing institution grants a complete release from the NLI, the prospect is permitted to enroll at any other Big Ten institution without penalty.

The new intraconference transfer rule will also apply to returning student-athletes who sign a Big Ten Tender for the 2011-12 academic year. It is important to note that for student-athletes who have triggered transfer status (e.g., returning student-athletes), there is no exception to the residence requirement and loss of eligibility should the student-athlete transfer to another Big Ten institution.

HOLIDAY REMINDERS
Greeting Cards: It is not permissible to send traditional greeting cards to prospects, prospects’ family and friends, coaches of prospects and other individuals responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved. The only permissible card you may send is an institutional note card which must follow NCAA guidelines (e.g., no pictures other than an institutional or athletics logo on the front).

Holiday Meals: Occasional meal legislation does apply to vacation periods. Anyone (e.g., coaching staff, booster) wishing to provide a student-athlete or an entire team with an occasional meal during the upcoming winter break must receive approval from the OCS prior to providing the meal.

Holiday Gifts: It is not permissible to give gifts to student-athletes. A holiday gift would be considered an impermissible extra benefit.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Quiet Period: Dec. 1-31

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Evaluation Period: Dec. 1-23
Dead Period: Dec. 24-26
Evaluation Period: Dec. 27-31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Evaluation Period: Dec. 1-23
Dead Period: Dec. 24-26
Evaluation Period: Dec. 27-31

CROSS COUNTRY
TRACK & FIELD
Contact/Eval. Period: Dec. 1-12
Dead Period: Dec. 13-16
Quiet Period: Dec. 17-31

FOOTBALL
Contact Period: Dec. 1-18
Quiet Period: Dec. 19
Dead Period: Dec. 20-31

Junior College PSAs
Contact Period: Dec. 1-11
Quiet Period: Dec. 12
Dead Period: Dec. 13-16
Quiet Period: Dec. 17-19
Dead Period: Dec. 20-31

SOFTBALL
Quiet Period: Dec. 1-7
Dead Period: Dec. 8-11
Quiet Period: Dec. 12-31

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Dec. 1-5
Quiet Period: Dec. 6-14
Dead Period: Dec. 15-31

COMPLIANCE MADNESS!
Congratulations to coaches Heller, Boss, Travis, Godwin, Joseph, Orlando, Newton and Lane for advancing to the Elite 8! Competition will resume in February. Stay tuned!