NEW NCAA INTERPRETATIONS

- **Prospective Student-Athlete Observing Practices and Meetings.** NCAA legislation (Bylaw 13.1.5.9) prohibits coaches from engaging in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, film review) with a prospect. The NCAA recently issued an interpretation which states that a prospect may observe on-field or on-court practice sessions (including those sessions that are closed to the general public) regardless of whether the prospect has signed a NLI or a written offer of admission or has submitted a financial deposit in response to MSU’s offer of admission. Please note that a prospect may not observe off-field or off-court practice sessions (e.g., meetings, film review) that are closed to the general public if he or she has signed a NLI or a written offer of admission or financial aid (e.g., Big Ten Tender), or has submitted a financial deposit to MSU in response to an offer of admission. [1/14/11 Official Interpretation]

- **Alumna or Alumnus Participating in Occasional Practice Session with Former Institution’s Team.** It is permissible for a former student-athlete to participate in an occasional practice session with a team, provided MSU does not publicize the participation of the former student-athlete in the practice session. Please note that the Big Ten has defined “occasional” as twice per month. It remains impermissible for a former student-athlete to have contact with a prospect during the prospect’s visit to campus. [1/14/11 Official Interpretation]

TELEPHONE CALL REMINDERS

Please note the following reminders regarding telephone calls.

- Every time a phone number for a prospect (or parent) is dialed, it must be logged.
- Document if you left a message for the prospect. Keep in mind that if you reach the prospect’s parent, any conversation beyond leaving a brief message for the prospect is a countable call.
- Document dropped calls or things that occurred out of the ordinary (e.g., pocket dials).
- Once you have reached your countable call(s) for the week, it is NOT permissible to initiate additional calls to the prospect (or prospect’s parent) until the next permissible time period even if no direct conversation occurs (e.g., dial and hang up, leave a message).
- It is never permissible to dial a prospect’s number prior to the permissible time period to receive calls (excluding camp issues).
- Telephone calls (prior to the permissible time period) regarding camp/clinic logistical issues are permissible, provided no recruiting conversation occurs and you are not calling to solicit the prospect’s attendance at your camp/clinic.
- It is not permissible to make telephone calls to a prospect (or their parents) during the conduct of any MSU athletics competition. In addition, it is not permissible to make telephone calls to a prospect during the conduct of a competition they are participating in.

GAMBLING REMINDER

With the Super Bowl just around the corner, please keep in mind that it is not permissible for athletics department staff members to participate in any sports wagering activities involving the NFL. Staff members may not participate in sports wagering activities in which there is an entry fee required or there is an opportunity to win a prize (e.g., Fantasy Leagues, betting pools, Super Bowl Squares).

COMPLIANCE MEETING REMINDER

The first compliance meeting (for all sports other than MFB, MBB, WBB, MIH, WVB) for the spring semester is February 16 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Smith Center.