NCAA INTERPRETATION

Coach Traveling with PSA’s Parents to Campus for an Official Visit - If a prospect flies to an institution for an official visit and his/her parents or legal guardians drive to the institution’s campus to accompany the prospect on the official visit, it is permissible for a member institution’s coach to ride with the prospect’s parents or legal guardians from their home to the institution and back to their home. The 48-hour period for the official visit is initiated when the prospect’s parents or legal guardians begin transporting the coach to campus. Any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting with the prospect’s parents or legal guardians prior to the trip to campus is a countable contact. Therefore, such contact may only occur during a permissible contact period (recruiting period in men’s basketball). [1/11/13 Official Interpretation]

OUTSIDE COMPETITION DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

In sports other than basketball, student-athletes may not participate as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate amateur competition during the academic year. Student-athletes may compete outside of their team’s playing and practice season as a member of an outside team during any official vacation period. In wrestling, student-athletes may not compete in outside competition between the beginning of the fall semester and November 1.

In soccer, volleyball and field hockey, a student-athlete may compete outside of their team’s playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided:

- Participation does not occur earlier than May 1;
- The number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed the applicable limits;
- The competition is approved by the director of athletics;
- No class time is missed for practice activities or competition; and
- In volleyball, practice and competition is confined to doubles tournaments in outdoor volleyball, either on sand or grass.

Exceptions do exist for participation in Olympic Games, official Pan American Games tryouts and competition, U.S. National Teams, official World Championships, World University Games, World University Championships and World Cup tryouts and competition.

In basketball, student-athletes may not participate in any organized basketball competition at any time except while representing MSU in intercollegiate competition.

Prior to competing in any outside competition during the academic year, student-athletes must receive approval from OCS.

DEAD PERIOD REMINDER - MFB, MSO, WSO, WFH, TRK/XC
February 4-7, 2013—Dead period surrounds the NLI signing date (Feb. 6).