AWARD LEGISLATION

Effective August 1, 2011 the maximum value of the annual participation award for a senior will increase by $100 and the maximum value for all other participation awards will increase by $50. Any item a student-athlete receives for his/her participation in intercollegiate athletics must be accounted for and fit within the award legislation. When determining the value of an award the normal retail value must be used, even when MSU receives that award from the vendor free of charge or at a special reduced rate. It is not permissible to combine the value limits of awards in order to provide a student-athlete with an award more expensive than the permissible limit. In addition, a student-athlete may not contribute to the purchase of an award to in order to provide the student-athlete with a more expensive award.

Participation awards (e.g., varsity letter award) may not be provided to student-athletes until the conclusion of the team’s championship segment. Awards for participation in special events (e.g., tournaments) may be provided at the conclusion of the event and may only be given to those student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition. Awards received for intercollegiate participation (e.g., varsity awards, tournament gifts, conference tournaments, NCAA competition, bowl gifts) may not be sold, exchanged or assigned for another item of value by a student-athlete.

NCAA award limitations apply to enrolled student-athletes who have exhausted their collegiate athletics eligibility. Awards to graduating seniors may not include cash, gift certificates, gift cards that are redeemable for cash, a cash-equivalent award (an item that is negotiable for cash or trade or other services, benefits or merchandise) for athletics participation or country club or sports club membership. This prohibition includes awards from MSU, as well as from boosters.

SUMMER ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES

During the summer, athletes may not participate in ANY countable athletically related activities. The strength and conditioning staff may conduct workouts, provided the workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the athlete. Coaches and noncoaching staff members may not request to see the results of strength and conditioning workouts, watch athletes participate in strength and conditioning workouts or other voluntary activities (e.g., open gym), request information from the athletes regarding voluntary workouts, punish athletes for choosing not to participate in summer workout sessions or provide any athletically related instruction to athletes, regardless of whether the athlete requests the instruction. In individual sports, a coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with athletes, provided the request for assistance is initiated by the athlete. For those sports with a safety exception, the coach may provide safety and skill instruction but may not conduct the athlete's workout.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: July 1-31

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Quiet Period: July 1-5
Evaluation Period: July 6-15
Dead Period: July 16-21
Evaluation Period: July 22-31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Quiet Period: July 1-5
Evaluation Period: July 6-15
Dead Period: July 16-21
Evaluation Period: July 22-31

CROSS COUNTRY

TRACK & FIELD
Contact/Eval. Period: July 1-31

FOOTBALL
Quiet Period: July 1-31

SOFTBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: July 1-31

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: July 1-31

COACHES CERTIFICATION EXAM - PERFECT SCORE
Congratulations to those coaches who scored 100% on the coaches certification exam (as of July 1).
* Mike Gawlik * Mark Van Ameyde
* Tom Izzo * DJ Stephens * Suzy Merchant
* Shane Clipfell * Pat Narduzzi * Dan Roushar
* Brad Salem * Mike Tressel * Lorne Don
* Kathie Klages * Russ Carney
* Damon Rensing * Chris Bostwick
* Lisa Senakiewich

RANDOM TRIVIA
Ears of corn always have an even number of rows of kernels.

COMPLIANCE TRIVIA
True or False. It is permissible for student-athletes to participate in scrimmages with and/or against campers during summer camp.