RULES WORKING GROUP UPDATE - SCOUTING PROHIBITION

An override vote was held for RWG-11-3-B on June 21. The membership voted to uphold the legislation; therefore, the legislation will go into effect as adopted on August 1, 2013. The legislation prohibits off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) except for scouting future opponents participating in the same tournament at the same site or the same double header event at the same site.

TRANSPORTATION FOR INCOMING PROSPECTS

As your incoming student-athletes begin to arrive on campus, remember that we may only provide transportation to prospects in the following situations:

- From the nearest bus station, train station or airport (Lansing and Detroit) upon the prospect’s initial arrival for fall semester or for classes for summer session (but not both), provided the prospect has been awarded athletically related aid for summer school; and
- Transportation to and from the nearest bus station, train station or airport (Lansing and Detroit) on the occasion of the prospect’s arrival and departure from campus to attend orientation, provided the prospect has been admitted to MSU.

It is not permissible for MSU to pay for a prospect’s, or their parent(s), transportation expenses to campus (e.g., gas mileage, plane ticket).

SOCIAL MEDIA - VIDEO AND PICTURE APPS

In all sports other than men’s and women’s basketball, electronic correspondence with a prospect (or the prospect’s parents or legal guardians) is limited to e-mail and fax. There is no limit on the forms of electronic correspondence (e.g., text message, Instant Messenger) the calendar day after the prospect signs a National Letter of Intent or MSU receives the prospect’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid. In men’s and women’s basketball there is no limit on the forms of electronic correspondence once it is permissible to send correspondence to a prospect (effective September 1, 2013 in women’s basketball).

Video and picture apps (Instagram, Vine, Glide, SnapChat, etc.) are not considered an e-mail or a fax; therefore, coaches may not communicate with a prospect through these apps until there is no limit on the forms of electronic correspondence with a prospect (as stated above). Photographs sent to a prospect using an app may not be altered or staged for recruiting purposes. In addition, any audio or video material sent to a prospect may include only general information related to MSU and the athletics department and is not created for recruiting purposes.

The use of videoconferencing and videophones (e.g., Skype) is considered a telephone call and must be recorded on your telephone logs.

The use of a service or software that converts an e-mail into a text message when received by the prospect is not permissible.