ACT/SAT REMINDERS
Prospects must have their ACT and SAT scores sent to the Eligibility Center and to MSU directly from the testing agency. NCAA Eligibility Center ACT and SAT Code: 9999
- MSU ACT Code: 2032
- MSU SAT Code: 1465

COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES REMINDER
A countable athletically related activity is defined as any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes held at the direction of, or supervised by one or more of an institution’s coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches). Coaches are required to keep track of the number of hours student-athletes spend participating in countable athletically related activities on a weekly basis. When recording countable athletically related activities, the activity officially begins when the coach requires the athlete(s) to be present and ready to go or when the coach (or strength and conditioning staff) has contact with the athlete(s), whichever happens first. The activity officially ends when the coach (or strength and conditioning staff) conclude the activity and dismiss the athlete(s). It is important to note that a voluntary activity is no longer considered voluntary if the coaching staff is present during the activity regardless of whether the athlete requests the additional instruction (e.g., film, skill instruction). The activity becomes countable once the coach either directs or supervises the activity.

COACHING LIMITATIONS REMINDER
Only those individuals designated as coaches [i.e., head, assistant, graduate assistant (football and women’s rowing only), student assistant, and volunteer (all sports other than football and basketball)] may participate in the coaching of student-athletes in practice, competition or organized activities directly related to the sport. Noncoaching staff members with sport specific responsibilities are prohibited from participating in instructional activities with student-athletes (e.g., film sessions) and any on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills), and are prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games).

Noncoaching staff members may not monitor and/or conduct practice activities. These activities include skill-development activities, assisting the strength and conditioning staff with flexibility and warm-up activities prior to practice or competition or watching game or practice film with student-athletes and providing advice or corrections to the athletes. Strength and conditioning staff do not have to count in the coaching limitations for a particular sport, provided the staff conducts only strength training and conditioning workouts with student-athletes and does not participate in any additional coaching activities with the team.

RECRUITING VISIT REMINDER
A New York Times article recently reported that a top rated prospect making an unofficial visit entered an athletics facility that contained several impermissible recruiting aids such as poster boards showing different displays, 77 index cards on tables citing different reasons the prospect should attend the institution and a life-size cardboard cutout of the prospect in the team’s uniform. Please note that during a prospect’s recruiting visit to campus it is not permissible to arrange personalized recruiting aids which include any decorative items and special additions to any location the prospect will visit regardless of whether the items include the prospect’s name or picture.