MEALS DURING OFFICIAL VISITS
During an official visit a prospect may receive a maximum of three meals per day plus a snack. It is not permissible to provide a prospect with a fruit, candy, nut or cookie basket or any other type of food assortment unless the food is counted as one of the three meals per day or as the snack. Please keep in mind that any food assortment provided to a prospect may not include any item of value (e.g., coffee mug, container, vase) as that would be considered an impermissible extra benefit.

TEXT MESSAGING REMINDER
NCAA legislation prohibits institutions from sending text messages to prospects (and their parents or guardians) until the calendar day after a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent. Institutions may also send text messages to a prospect on or after May 1 of the prospect’s senior year, provided the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution’s offer of admission.

In January 2011, Texas Tech University became the 14th institution in three years to receive a major violation involving either telephone and/or text messaging violations. Over the course of the investigation involving Texas Tech, it was found that 926 impermissible text messages were sent by 16 members of the athletics department to 62 prospects and 25 impermissible text messages were sent to the parent of a prospect. The majority of the impermissible text messages were sent by the men’s golf, softball and football coaching staffs.

Please note the following reminders regarding text messages.
- Text messaging legislation applies to ALL prospects, even those that coaches are not actively recruiting.
- During time periods in which it is permissible for prospects to receive unlimited telephone calls, it is NOT permissible for coaches to send text messages in place of a telephone call.
- It is not permissible to send text messages to prospects or their parents for logistical or informational purposes, such as arranging campus visits, assisting with the application process, camp/clinic issues, etc.
- It is not permissible to send text messages to prospects (or their parents) who have verbally committed to attend MSU.
- It is not permissible to send text messages to prospects or their parents to arrange a time to telephone the prospect or his/her family.
- It is not permissible to initiate or respond to text messages involving congratulatory messages or holiday greetings.
- It is not permissible to send text messages to prospects or their parents when the coaching staff has reached its weekly/monthly call limitations.
- It is not permissible to respond to text messages sent by a prospect or their parents by texting that you cannot respond to text messages.
- Do not respond to text messages unless you are absolutely sure that you know the identity of the individual sending the message.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Mar. 1-31

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Evaluation Period: Mar. 1-15
Contact Period: Mar. 16-22
Evaluation Period: Mar. 23-30
Dead Period: Mar. 31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Contact Period: Mar. 1-31

CROSS COUNTRY
TRACK & FIELD
Contact/Eval. Period: Mar. 1-10
Dead Period: Mar. 11-12
Contact/Eval. Period: Mar. 13-31

FOOTBALL
Quiet Period: Mar. 1-31

SOFTBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Mar. 1-31

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Mar. 1-31

MARCH MADNESS GAMBLING REMINDER
With Big Ten and NCAA basketball tournaments just around the corner, please keep in mind that it is not permissible for athletics department staff members or student-athletes to participate in any sports wagering activities involving professional and intercollegiate men’s and women’s basketball competition.

COMPLIANCE MADNESS FINAL FOUR
Congratulations to the following coaches who advanced to the Final Four in Compliance Madness: Jake Boss, Shelley Godwin, Jacquie Joseph and Randy Lane.