RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: March 1-31

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Recruiting Period: March 1-31

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Contact Period: March 1-31

CROSS COUNTRY
TRACK & FIELD
Contact/Eval. Period: March 1-13
Dead Period: March 14-15
Contact/Eval. Period: March 16-31

FOOTBALL
Quiet Period: March 1-31

SOFTBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: March 1-31

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: March 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 amateur, professional and intercollegiate practice and competition.

BONUS POINTS
E-mail the following phrase to Holly to earn a bonus point for your team for the March Compliance Madness Quiz: Don’t Bet On It!

RANDOM TRIVIA
The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.

RECENT NCAA INTERPRETATIONS

- Subscription to Recruiting or Scouting Services that Provide Information Beyond Standardized Information Provided to All Subscribers: An institution is not permitted to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service that provides information in any form (e.g., oral reports, electronic messages, etc.) about prospects beyond the standardized, consistent information that is provided to all subscribers of the service. [1/15/14 Official Interp.]

- Use of an Institution’s Facilities for Physical Activities by a Group that Includes Prospects: Noncoaching staff members without sport-specific responsibilities and representatives of an institution's athletics interests may perform their regular job responsibilities incidental to supervising the use of the institution's facilities while the facilities are in use for physical activities by a group that includes prospects (e.g., security, operating the scoreboard, third-party vendors staffing ticket booth or concession stands, field maintenance). However, a countable coach or noncoaching staff member with sport specific responsibilities may not be involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the event, including supervising the use of the institution's facilities, regardless of the nature of his or her regular job responsibilities. [2/28/14 Staff Interp.]

- Contact with a Committed Prospect at His/Her Educational Institution: A coaching staff member may not have contact with a prospect who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission at his or her educational institution outside of a contact or evaluation period (or a recruiting period in men's basketball). In addition, if a coaching staff member visits a prospect’s educational institution and has contact with no prospects other than a committed prospect, then the visit counts as an evaluation for all prospects in that sport at that educational institution. The staff noted that, in football, any visit to a prospect’s educational institution during a contact period counts as a contact for all prospects in that sport at the educational institution. [3/6/14 Staff Interp.]

- Leadership Training and Teambuilding Activities with Physical Components: Bona fide leadership training and/or teambuilding activities, conducted as part of life skills programming, that include physical components incidental to the leadership/teambuilding exercise (e.g., carrying a teammate) may occur at any time (in season or out of season). Such physical activities are not countable athletically related activities as long as they are separate and distinguishable from normal practice or strength and conditioning activities, occur only on an infrequent basis and neither tactical nor technical instruction related to the student-athletes' sport is provided. The NCAA issued a FAQ document regarding leadership training and teambuilding activities with physical components. For more information CLICK HERE. [3/6/14 Staff Interp., 3/7/14 Educational Column]