**Compliance Update**

**NOVEMBER 2014**

**NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT REMINDERS**
The National Letter of Intent (NLI) initial signing date for all sports (other than football and soccer) is Wednesday, November 12.

- The NLI early signing period is November 12-19. The prospect and the prospect’s parent/legal guardian must sign the NLI within seven days from the date of issuance in order for it to be valid.
- The dead period surrounding the signing date is November 10-13.
- A prospect may not be provided an NLI until he/she registers with the Eligibility Center AND completes the amateurism certification questionnaire.
- Coaches may not hand deliver the NLI off-campus or be present off-campus at the time the prospect signs the NLI.
- It is not permissible to post (or repost) information on social media regarding a prospect’s commitment to attend MSU until the compliance office has verified the prospect’s signed NLI and Big Ten Tender.

**RECRUITING CALENDAR**

**BASEBALL**
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 1-9
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13
- Quiet Period: Nov. 14-30

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**
- Recruiting Period: Nov. 1-9
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13
- Recruiting Period: Nov. 14-30

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**
- Evaluation Period: Nov. 1-9
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13
- Evaluation Period: Nov. 14-30

**CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD**
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 1-9
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 14-21
- Dead Period: Nov. 22
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 23-30

**FOOTBALL**
- Evaluation Period: Nov. 1-30
- 42 evaluation days Sept.—Nov.

**SOFTBALL**
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 1-9
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 14-26
- Quiet Period: Nov. 27-30

**VOLLEYBALL**
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 1-9
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13
- Contact/Eval. Period: Nov. 14-30

**FIELD HOCKEY**
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13, 19-24 (noon)

**MGO, WGO, WGY, MIH, WCW, SWM, MTE, WTE, WVB, MWR**
- Dead Period: Nov. 10-13

**NCAA INTERPRETATIONS**

- **Providing Items to Visiting Teams.** It is permissible to provide all teams participating in an institutionally sponsored competition with a goodwill package containing various mementos (e.g., coffee mugs, candy) of nominal value. [8/26/13 Staff Interpretation]

- **Nutritional Supplements.** It is not permissible to provide a nutritional supplement that is not otherwise permissible by characterizing it as a snack or a meal incidental to participation. [10/8/14 Staff Interpretation]

**CARA REMINDER - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Thanksgiving break is November 27-28. For those teams out-of-season, student-athletes may not participate in any countable athletically related activities. Classes are in session the weekend following Thanksgiving (November 29-30); therefore, daily/weekly hour limitations apply to those days.

**INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS BANQUETS**

MSU may provide complimentary admissions to an institutional awards banquet (i.e., end-of-season banquet) for the family members of any student-athlete being honored at the banquet. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. Prospects may not receive free admission to an awards banquet; however, if the prospect is on an official visit the meal may count as one of the three permissible meals per day. Please note if the cost to attend the banquet includes more than just the meal the additional charge must come out of student host money.

**RANDOM TRIVIA**

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.