COMMENTING ON PROSPECTS VIA SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES
Prior to a prospect signing a National Letter of Intent institutions are prohibited from commenting on a prospect’s ability, the contribution the prospect might make to the team or the likelihood of the prospect signing a National Letter of Intent with the institution. This prohibition applies not only to the coaching staff but to current student-athletes as well. Please make sure to remind your athletes they should not post comments about prospects on their social networking websites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter).

ELIGIBILITY CENTER REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE
Effective September 1, 2010, the cost to register with the Eligibility Center will increase. The cost for domestic students will be $65 and the cost for international students will be $95.

RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL
Quiet Period: Sept. 1-9
Contact/Eval. Period: Sept. 10-30

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Quiet Period: Sept. 1-8
Contact Period: Sept. 9-30

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Quiet Period: Sept. 1-15
Contact Period: Sept. 16-30

CROSS COUNTRY
TRACK & FIELD
Contact/Eval. Period: Sept. 1-30

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

SOFTBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Sept. 1-30

VOLLEYBALL
Contact/Eval. Period: Sept. 1-30

ELIGIBILITY REMINDER
Incoming student-athletes (freshmen and transfers) must be certified prior to competing at MSU. A nonrecruited student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for 45 days while awaiting certification (from the Eligibility Center and/or MSU). If the student-athlete has not been certified by the end of the grace period he/she will be ineligible for practice and competition until certification is complete.

OFFICIAL VISIT REMINDERS
• A prospect may not take an official visit to campus until the first day of classes of his/her senior year in high school. In the state of Michigan most schools begin their fall semester on September 7. A majority of high school seniors from Michigan would not be able to take an official visit Labor Day weekend (MSU’s first home football game).
• Prospects must register with the Eligibility Center prior to taking an official visit. The Eligibility Center website is www.eligibilitycenter.org.
• Official visit preapproval forms, visit itinerary, test scores and high school transcript(s) should be submitted to the OCS at least five days prior to the start of the official visit.
• Student-athletes designated as the prospect’s student host must pick up the host money PRIOR to the start of the official visit. Host money will be available during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-noon, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.).
• RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING A RECRUITING VISIT
It is permissible for a prospect to participate in recreational activities (e.g., open gym) during official and unofficial visits to campus. The activity may not be organized or observed (e.g., in-person, via film) by a member of the coaching staff or designed to test the athletics ability of the prospect. In addition, prospects may not receive workout apparel to participate in a recreational activity. If the activity costs money (e.g., round of golf), the student host must use the host money to cover the expenses of both the prospect and the host. For those sports with a safety exception, it is important to note that the exception does not apply to prospects participating in recreational activities while visiting campus. Therefore, it is not permissible for a coaching staff member to be present during recreational activities as this would constitute an impermissible tryout. Finally, student-athletes may not report back to their coaching staff any information regarding the prospect’s participation in the recreational activity (e.g., skill level).

PARKING REMINDER
Student-athletes wishing to be reimbursed for the fall special parking permits must submit their parking receipt to Lisa Gorski no later than Friday, October 1.