Tryouts for enrolled students are permissible, provided the student is eligible for practice (i.e., enrolled full-time) and the tryout involves activities that are permissible at the time they occur (e.g., practice in season, skill-related instruction or conditioning activities outside the season). The student must complete the Walk-On and Tryout Form located in the Office of Compliance Services. The form requires a signature from the head coach, the sport athletic trainer and the Office of Compliance Services. The student must have a physical administered by a physician within six months prior to the tryout including a sickle cell solubility test (unless documented results of a prior test are provided at the time of the tryout or the student declines the test and signs a written release). Tryouts may last a maximum of five days. After the tryout period the student must be added to the roster in order for the individual to continue to participate in countable athletically related activities.

Off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) is prohibited except for situations in which a competition involving a future opponent occurs on MSU’s campus. It is permissible for a coach to scout future opponents participating in the same event at the same site. In addition, coaches may attend a contest in the Big Ten’s conference championship or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates. It is not permissible for an institution to pay expenses for the institution’s team to scout a future opponent as entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition. However, it is permissible for an institution’s team to observe future opponents participating in the same event at the same site, even if there are expenses associated with the observation.

Prior to the start of the visit coaches must submit the Official Visit Pre-Approval Form, itinerary, transcript and test score (ACS). In addition, the prospect must register with the Eligibility Center.

An official visit cannot last longer than 48 hours. In general, the 48-hour period begins when the prospect arrives on campus.

Transportation expenses (to and from campus) may be provided to the prospect only. In basketball, MSU may pay round-trip transportation costs for a prospect’s parents or legal guardians (up to two people).

Personalized recruiting aids are not permissible. In addition, special additions to any location the prospect will visit are not permissible.

Prospects may participate in recreational activities; however, coaching and noncoaching staff members may not organize, observe or participate in the activity.

A prospect may receive three meals per day plus a snack during their visit. In football, MSU may provide meals for up to four family members.

The prospect’s visit may not be publicized via social media.

Prospect’s may not participate in game-day simulations (e.g., running on the field with the team, walk to stadium, etc.).

Prospects may not have contact with former student-athletes.

The prospect must sign the official visit recruitment policy prior to departing campus.

The annual Office of Admissions/Financial Aid/Housing presentation is Wednesday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the Smith Center room #220. All coaches are invited to attend.

Jousting is the official state sport of Maryland.