In order to keep you, our Michigan State student-athlete, up-to-date and informed regarding NCAA and University regulations that pertain to you during the summer months and to provide a timely reminder to help you avoid any activities that may jeopardize your eligibility to participate and compete, the following rules materials have been put together for your benefit and information. It is important for you, your teammates and Michigan State University that you know and abide by all NCAA and Big Ten regulations. If you have any questions regarding this information or questions concerning whether an activity is permissible by NCAA, Big Ten or University rules and regulations, ask either your coach or an athletics administrator, or contact the Office of Compliance Services before doing something that may jeopardize your eligibility.

### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

It is permissible for student-athletes to work during the summer vacation period. There is no limit on the amount of money an athlete can earn during vacation periods. Please keep the following in mind regarding summer employment:

- All earnings from summer employment must be at a rate of pay that is comparable with the going rate, in that locale, for the type of work performed.
- You should be paid by check (not cash) for the hours that you actually worked. You must perform actual work duties in order to get paid.
- You cannot have transportation to and/or from work provided by your employer unless transportation is provided to all employees.
- Your employer cannot provide you with any benefit or privilege that is not provided to all employees (e.g., meals, cars, entertainment at home, vacation time, etc.).
- You can be employed by a community agency or club to teach sport skills as long as you have other duties and responsibilities as well (e.g., you could work at the MAC and give tennis lessons as long as you also have other duties such as answering the phone, filing, etc.).
- Please report any summer employment, including MSU camps & clinics to the Office of Compliance Services. The Summer Employment form can be found online on ACS Athletics.

### PRIVATE LESSONS

You may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques related to your sport; however, please remember:

- MSU facilities cannot be used to provide the lessons (e.g., Forest Akers, MSU Tennis Facility, IM West, etc.).
- You cannot be paid to play a “game” against an individual; you must provide a legitimate lesson.
- You must document and report each lesson provided to the Office of Compliance Services. Please use the Summer Employment form on ACS Athletics to document each lesson.
- Payment must be received from the recipient of the lesson or his/her family. Payment cannot be from an outside entity, organization, or individual who is not related to the recipient of the lesson.
- You may not use your name, picture or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of private lessons.
- If the lesson is for more than one person at the same time, each person must receive equal instruction time.

### CAMP/CLINIC EMPLOYMENT

1. Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in any MSU camp or clinic.
2. Student-athletes may be employed as counselors in camps or clinics. There is no limit on the number of student-athletes in a sport who may be employed in an institutional or non-institutional (privately owned) camp or clinic.
3. Student-athletes employed at sports camps must perform duties that are supervisory in nature in addition to any coaching or officiating assignments.
4. Student-athletes' pay must be comparable to the going rate for all of the camp's counselors of similar ability and experience.
5. A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic.
6. Student-athletes may NOT participate in any organized practice activities (e.g., scrimmages) during camps/clinics.
7. Transportation to and/or from a camp/clinic may not be provided unless it is provided to all employees.
8. Student-athletes may NOT operate their own camps and/or clinics.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. You are allowed **four seasons of eligibility within five calendar years** from the time you first enroll full-time in a collegiate institution. When you participate in any competition in your sport (including a scrimmage with outside competition), whether it is for one minute or an entire contest, you have used a season of competition and one of your four years of eligibility.
2. To be eligible for practice and competition you must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits each semester. **If you ever drop below 12 hours you are immediately ineligible to practice or compete with the team.** If you are on an athletic scholarship, your scholarship may be withdrawn.

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| **Freshman** (1st semester)                       | • Must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier  
• Must complete 12 credits per semester during the first year of enrollment  
• Must pass 6 credits each semester. |
| **Sophomore** (3rd semester)                      | • Must have earned at least 24 credit hours during the previous year with at least 18 earned during the regular academic year  
• Must have a cumulative GPA of 1.8 each semester  
• Must pass 6 credits each semester. |
| **Junior** (5th semester)                         | • Must have earned at least 48 credit hours during the previous two years with at least 18 earned during the previous regular academic year  
• Must have declared a major  
• Must have a cumulative GPA of 1.9 each semester  
• 40% of degree must be completed  
• Must pass 6 credits each semester. |
| **Senior** (7th semester)                         | • Must have earned at least 72 credit hours during the previous three years with at least 18 earned during the previous regular academic year  
• Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 each semester  
• 60% of degree must be completed  
• Must pass 6 credits each semester. |
| **5th-Year Senior** (9th semester)                | • Must have earned at least 96 credit hours during the previous four years with at least 18 earned during the previous regular academic year  
• Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 each semester  
• 80% of degree must be completed  
• Must pass 6 credits each semester. |

- During the first two years of enrollment, you may use credits acceptable toward any of MSU’s degree programs.
- By the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester), you are required to have designated a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree. From that point, the credits used to meet the progress toward degree requirements must be degree credit toward your designated degree program.
- If you are a transfer student from a two-year or four-year college, you are not eligible during your first academic year in residence at MSU unless you meet the provisions of one of the NCAA’s transfer exceptions.
Football Only

1. Must earn nine (9) credit hours in every fall term or be suspended for the first four games the following fall.
2. May earn all four games back (once in a career) if earned 27 credit hours by the end of the summer session.
3. For the remaining season, a player can only earn back two games if he earns the 27 credit hours by the end of the summer session.

If you have a question about your eligibility status, please contact your SASS advisor as soon as possible.

ACADEMIC FRAUD

The NCAA permits institutions to provide general academic counseling and tutoring services available to all student-athletes. Such counseling and tutor services may be provided by MSU’s athletics and nonathletic student support services. In addition MSU, the Big Ten Conference, or the NCAA may finance other academic support, career counseling or personal development services that support the success of student-athletes. The NCAA also strictly prohibits any institutional staff member, including tutors, to complete coursework for student-athletes. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, writing parts or whole papers for student-athletes, completing homework assignments, and/or providing answers to take-home exams.

In addition, the following is the Michigan State University institutional policy concerning plagiarism and cheating:

- No student shall claim or submit the academic work of another as one's own;
- No student shall procure, provide, accept or use any materials containing questions or answers to any examinations or assignments;
- No student shall allow any examination or assignment to be completed for oneself in part or in total, by another; alter, tamper with, appropriate, destroy or otherwise interfere with the research, resources or other academic work of another person; and
- No student shall fabricate or falsify data or results.

Any student-athlete who is found to have violated these principles of academic integrity will jeopardize his/her eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics indefinitely. Any institutional staff member that collaborates with student-athletes in violating these principles will jeopardize his/her employment at Michigan State University and future employment at any NCAA member institution. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Compliance Services at 517-432-5510 or Student-Athlete Support Services at 517-355-2204.

COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES

During the summer vacation period, in sports other than football and basketball coaches may not participate in any countable athletically related activities with student-athletes including practice, weight training and conditioning, film and scrimmages during camp. It is permissible for student-athletes to participate in weight training and conditioning activities conducted by the strength and conditioning staff, provided the student-athlete requests the instruction.

In football and basketball, coaches may participate in countable athletically related activities with student-athletes for eight weeks (weeks do not have to be consecutive or the same for each student-athlete) provided the student-athlete is enrolled in summer school or meets the NCAA academic requires. These activities include weight training, conditioning skill instruction (basketball only) and film review (football only). A maximum of two hours may be spent on skill instructions (basketball) and film review (football).

Student-athletes in individuals sports may participate in individual workout sessions with their coach(es) during the summer vacation period, provided the request for the assistance is initiated by the student-athlete(s). The following sports are considered individual sports:

- Cross Country
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Wrestling

In the sports of rowing, gymnastics, diving, track (field events, jumping hurdles or the jumping element of steeplechase) and wrestling, a coach may be present during voluntary individual workout sessions in MSU’s regular practice facilities. The coach may provide safety and skill instruction but may NOT conduct the student-athlete’s workout.
SUMMER COMPETITION

1. **All Sports**: You must have written permission from MSU’s Department of Athletics to participate in any official state games or to participate in any official try-outs and/or any competitions involving National teams, the Pan American Games, or the Olympic Games.

2. No more than the following number of MSU student-athletes with eligibility remaining may practice or compete out-of-season on the same outside amateur team for the sports noted:

   - **Baseball** – 4
   - **Basketball** – 2 (see #3)
   - **Crew** – no limit
   - **Cross Country** – no limit
   - **Field Hockey** – 5
   - **Football** – 0
   - **Golf** - no limit
   - **Gymnastics** - no limit
   - **Hockey** - no limit
   - **Soccer** – 5
   - **Softball** – 4
   - **Swimming** – no limit
   - **Tennis** – no limit
   - **Track & Field** – no limit
   - **Wrestling** – no limit
   - **Volleyball** – 2

   No member of the MSU Department of Athletics can be involved with any out-of-season team in any way (e.g., coach, official, player, etc.).

3. **Basketball League Play**: Student-athletes may compete on only one team in one approved summer league between June 1st and August 31st (or the first day of school).
   - THE LEAGUE MUST BE CERTIFIED WITH THE NCAA. Be sure to ask your coach about this before you participate in a summer league. Do not merely assume that the summer league is certified!
   - You must have written permission from MSU’s Department of Athletics prior to participation.
   - You may not play in any type of "All-Star" game.
   - No more than 2 student-athletes with eligibility remaining from any single 2- or 4-year college can play on the same league team.
   - The certified league that you choose to participate in must be within 100 air miles of your official residence or MSU. If a league does not exist within 100 air miles of MSU or your official residence, you may participate in the league located closest to your official residence.
   - You may not receive any type of payment for play or receive any expenses for participation.

4. A student-athlete may not receive any pay for athletic participation. “Pay” includes any type of salary or compensation (including cash prizes). **A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses, and apparel and equipment for practice and competition.** These expenses may be received only from someone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent, a non-Michigan State University team, an amateur organization or a local sports club. **Such expenses cannot be based upon the outcome of the competition.**

5. Awards or prizes you may receive must conform to the regulations of the amateur governing body in your sport. All awards or cash prizes that student-athletes are not allowed to receive under NCAA regulations cannot be given in the student-athlete’s name to another individual or agency. **At no time, under any circumstance, are you to receive cash.** Any questions about permissible prizes should be directed to your coach in advance of the competition, so as not to jeopardize your eligibility.

SUMMER DRUG TESTING

The NCAA conducts year round drug testing, including the summer. The testing will occur both on- and off-campus (e.g., at home, at work, etc.). Procedures, penalties and appeals will be the same as during the academic year. A student-athlete who is chosen for drug testing during the summer and fails to report to the test will be considered to have tested positive.

WHAT IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF MSU’S ATHLETICS INTERESTS (A SPARTAN BOOSTER)?

A representative of MSU’s athletics interests (an athletics booster) is an individual or a business that:

- Is or ever has been a contributor to the Spartan Fund or any of the sport-specific support groups under the MSU umbrella (e.g., Downtown Coaches Club, Blueline Club, etc.).
- Has ever provided benefits to student-athletes.
- Has ever made a donation of any kind to the Spartan men’s or women’s athletics programs.
- Has ever purchased season tickets for any of MSU’s athletics programs.
- Is the spouse of an employee of the athletics department (e.g., husband or wife of a Spartan coach).
- Has ever been involved in any way with any of MSU’s athletics programs.
EXTRA BENEFITS – WHAT IS AN “EXTRA BENEFIT”?

The NCAA defines an extra benefit as any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests (a booster) to provide a student-athlete (or a student-athlete's relative or friend) a benefit that is not generally available to Michigan State University students and their relatives and/or friends or is not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Please be aware of the following:

1. You cannot accept anything from an employee of MSU or a Spartan athletics booster (e.g., use of a car, clothing, gifts, money, tickets for any kind of entertainment, payment of long distance telephone calls, etc.).
2. You cannot accept free or reduced cost room and/or board from any MSU employee or booster of MSU’s athletics programs. This includes in Michigan, in your home city or any other location.
3. You cannot accept free or reduced cost merchandise or services from any merchant unless that free or reduced cost item is also available to the general public.
4. You cannot eat at a restaurant as the guest of an athletics booster. You CAN have an occasional meal with a MSU employee (coach, etc.) at a local restaurant. This MUST be approved by the Office of Compliance Services PRIOR to the meal.
5. On infrequent, special occasions (e.g., a birthday, Thanksgiving, etc.), you may accept an invitation to the home of an employee of MSU or an athletics booster for a meal. This MUST be approved by the Office of Compliance Services PRIOR to the meal.
6. You cannot use a Department of Athletics copy machine, fax machine or make long distance phone calls using departmental equipment or the long distance access code of an employee of MSU.
7. You cannot receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing) or service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning) from an employee of MSU or an athletics booster.
8. A MSU employee or booster cannot provide you with a loan of money, a guarantee of bond, or the signing or co-signing of a note to arrange a loan.
9. A MSU employee may provide you only reasonable and occasional local (i.e., within a 30-mile radius of the MSU campus) transportation.

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ME?

During your enrollment at MSU, you may befriend individuals or families in the community who might wish to provide you with a more “home-like” atmosphere. Please be aware that becoming "friends" with a representative (“athletics booster”) and/or an employee of MSU does not change their status as far as NCAA regulations are concerned.

A representative may not provide any extra benefit(s) to a currently enrolled student-athlete (or the student-athlete’s family or friends). The acceptance by a student-athlete of any extra benefit is a violation of NCAA regulations and places the student-athlete's eligibility for intercollegiate competition in immediate jeopardy.

The University is responsible for ensuring that all student-athletes and representatives of the University’s athletics interests abide by NCAA rules and regulations. Any inappropriate, even inadvertent, activity on your part could result in:

• A currently enrolled student-athlete being declared ineligible to participate for MSU.
• The eligibility of a prospective student-athlete being jeopardized.
• Violations of NCAA regulations and sanctions placed on the University and the athletics programs.
• Restrictions placed upon your involvement with MSU’s athletics program.

AMATEURISM/AGENTS

A student-athlete loses amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if, prior to the completion of your eligibility, you:

1. Use your athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport or you are involved in any commercial endorsements for a product, service or establishment.
2. Accept a promise of pay, even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation.
3. Negotiate, sign or enter into any kind of agreement or commitment of any kind, either orally or written, to be represented by an agent for the purposes of marketing your athletic ability or reputation in a sport, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received. You will lose your eligibility even if you (a) do not date the agreement; (b) date the agreement as of a date after you have completed your eligibility in that sport; or (c) agree that the agent will only represent you in future negotiations after you have completed your eligibility in that sport.
4. Accept (or allow a family member or friend to accept) money, transportation or any other benefits from anyone who wishes to represent you to market your athletic ability.
5. Receive any preferential treatment, benefits or services, including loans that you do not have to begin to pay back immediately, because of your athletic reputation or money you may make as a pro athlete.
6. Receive, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based upon athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations.

7. Compete on any professional athletics team and know (or had reason to know) that the team is a professional athletics team, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received.

8. Enter into a professional draft (except as provided by NCAA rules).

Note: You may receive advice about a future professional sports career from the MSU Career Counseling Panel. This panel may also meet with representatives of professional teams or organizations on your behalf. For more information about the MSU Career Counseling Panel, see either your coach or contact the Office of Compliance Services.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Regardless of whether compensation is received, you cannot allow your name, picture or personal appearance to be used to advertise or promote any commercial products, services, jobs or employers.

2. You may be involved in a promotional activity and utilize your athletic ability to receive a prize as part of a promotional activity, provided you are selected through a random drawing open to the general public or the student-body, and the activity is conducted by MSU or held on MSU’s campus.

3. Charitable organizations and educational institutions often request the assistance of student-athletes in fund-raising and educational activities. Permission to participate in such activities must be obtained from the Office of Compliance Services through your coach or the person in charge of the charitable organization or educational institution. Any questions about permissible activities should be directed to your coach in advance of the activity so that the proper paperwork may be completed to ensure that you do not jeopardize your eligibility.

4. Any approved charitable or educational appearances must occur without missing any classes.

5. You must receive permission from the Office of Compliance Services BEFORE you participate in any promotional activity for an entity other than MSU.

GAMBLING PROHIBITION

NCAA legislation prohibiting gambling applies to the summer vacation period as well as during the academic year. Please keep in mind that it is impermissible for you to participate in ANY of the following gambling activities:

- Provide information (e.g., status of injuries, team morale, discipline problems) about your team with anyone who gambles;
- Solicit a bet on ANY intercollegiate athletics team;
- Accept a bet on any team representing MSU;
- Solicit or accept a bet on ANY intercollegiate competition in exchange for any item of value (i.e., cash, shirt, dinner); or
- Participate in ANY gambling activity that involves institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional).

This means:

Ø NO wagers for any item on ANY MSU practice or intercollegiate, amateur or professional competition.
Ø NO sports “pools”.
Ø NO Internet gambling on sports events.
Ø NO fantasy leagues that award a prize or require a fee to participate.
Ø NO sports wagering using “800” numbers.
Ø NO exchange of information about a MSU team and/or student-athlete with anyone who gambles including information about injuries, new plays, team moral, discipline problems, etc.

A student-athlete who participates in any sports wagering activity involving MSU or who engages in activities designed to influence the outcome of a competition (i.e., “point shaving”) will be permanently ineligible for all sports at MSU!

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

1. You cannot provide any material assistance (e.g., a place to stay, rides, meals, etc.) to any prospective student-athlete, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend MSU. These student-athletes are all considered to be prospects by the NCAA until the first day of fall classes or the first day of fall practice, whichever comes first.

2. Current student-athletes and recruited prospective student-athletes who are in the MSU area during the summer cannot participate jointly in recreational activities at the direction of, organized by, or observed by an MSU coaching staff member.
It is permissible for a prospect to arrange a “pick-up” game with a currently enrolled student-athlete, provided the prospect initiates all of the arrangements, the facilities are open to the general public (if MSU facilities are used), and no recruitment activities take place.

3. You may be invited by your high school coach or a program planner for a local organization to speak to a group. You may do so, talking about your experiences as a student-athlete (if appropriate). However, please be aware of the following:

- You may **NOT** make a recruiting "pitch" for Michigan State University.
- You may **NOT** talk one-on-one with any student who is in grades 9-12, other than casual civil conversation not involving recruitment.
- You may **NOT** comment publicly about any prospective student-athlete that Michigan State University is recruiting. This includes prospective student-athletes that have made “verbal commitments” to MSU.
- You may **NOT** comment publicly, including through social media (e.g. Facebook or Twitter), about any prospective student-athlete’s visit to campus.