



Compliance Update

AUGUST 2007

OFFICIAL VISIT REMINDERS

- Effective August 1, 2007, MSU may NOT provide an official visit to a prospect until he/she registers with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. In addition, MSU must place the prospect on our institutional request list in the clearinghouse.
- A prospect's first opportunity to make an official visit to MSU is the first day of classes of the prospect's senior year in high school (NOT MSU's first day of classes). Please note the first home football game is scheduled for September 1, 2007. Depending on when the prospect starts classes his/her senior year, he/she may not be able to make an official visit the weekend of the first home football game.

TRYOUT REMINDERS

Coaches may not conduct tryouts outside the playing and practice season (e.g., as part of the permissible hours of skill instruction). Tryouts may only be conducted during the playing and practice season. If a coach wants to have an "unlimited" roster throughout the preseason workouts (having all interested players go through preseason conditioning, weight lifting and skill instruction) that would be permissible. However, limited tryouts cannot be conducted until the start of the regular season. The rationale to prohibiting tryouts as part of skill instruction is based on the intent of the skill instruction legislation. In short, the intent of skill instruction is to provide opportunities for improvement for existing student-athletes, not to provide a tryout opportunity for new players. Please note that once tryouts are permissible, prior to participating in any practice activities, the student must complete the new Walk-On and Try-Out Student-Athlete Authorization Form (see below).

FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

In order to be eligible for practice and competition, an incoming freshman must be certified as a qualifier by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. If a recruited prospect reports for athletics participation (including preseason) before his/her high school core-curriculum grade-point average, test score and amateur status have been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 14 days. A nonrecruited prospect who reports for athletics participation before his/her high school core-curriculum grade-point average, test score and amateur status have been certified may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days. After the grace period has expired, if the prospect has not been certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, he/she will be ineligible for practice and competition.

NCAA INTERPRETATION - TEXT MESSAGES

It is not permissible for institutional staff members to use a service or software that converts electronic mail (e.g., e-mail) sent by an institutional staff member into a text message when received by the prospect. [7/11/07 Official Interpretation]

OCS Website: <http://www.msu.edu/user/msuncaa/>

RECRUITING CALENDAR

BASEBALL

Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quiet Period: Aug. 1-31

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Quiet Period: Aug. 1-31

CROSS COUNTRY

TRACK & FIELD

Quiet Period: Aug. 1-11

Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 12-31

FOOTBALL

Quiet Period: Aug. 1-31

SOFTBALL

Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

VOLLEYBALL

Contact/Eval. Period: Aug. 1-31

AUGUST RULES EDUCATION MEETING REMINDER

**(All sports other than football,
basketball and ice hockey)**

The first compliance meeting for 2007-08 is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 7:45 a.m.** in the Smith Center Auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for all head and assistant coaches. If you are unable to attend, please contact Holly Baumgartner at 432-5622 or baumgarh@ath.msu.edu.

Updated Forms

The following new and updated forms are available on the Office of Compliance Services website:

- Official Visit Prior Approval Form (Updated)
- Walk-On & Try-Out Student-Athlete Authorization Form (New)