NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS GUIDEBOOK

FOR PARENTS, ALUMNI, FRIENDS, SEASON TICKET HOLDERS AND DONORS OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

FROM THE MICHIGAN TECH DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
To Student-Athlete’s Parents, Fans and Friends of Michigan Tech Athletics

Greetings Huskies fans! Thank you very much for your continued support of Michigan Tech athletics. Your support, by attending games and/or making donations to our programs is very much appreciated. No matter how great or small, your assistance puts you in a special category. You are a Michigan Tech booster. Because of that, it is critical that all of us do our part to learn and abide by NCAA rules and regulations that impact Michigan Tech recruits, students-athletes, coaches and boosters. Michigan Tech athletics has developed this NCAA Rules and Regulations Guidebook to educate our fans and friends about what it means to be in compliance. The following are the goals of the athletic department compliance program:

• Educate prospects/recruits, student-athletes, student-athlete’s parents, coaches and boosters on the NCAA and conference rules and regulations.

• Maintain institutional control and operate the athletics program in accordance with all applicable NCAA, conference, and institutional rules.

• Monitor all aspects of the University’s athletic programs to ensure compliance; identify and report to the NCAA all rule violations, and affirm that appropriate corrective actions are taken.

• Help all fans and friends of the Michigan Tech athletic program comply with all applicable NCAA, conference, and institutional rules.

We encourage all fans and friends of Michigan Tech athletics to read through this guide. Please feel free to contact the Athletic Department’s Compliance Office at 906-487-1915 or jdisaacs@mtu.edu with any questions about NCAA rules and regulations. Always remember – ask before you act!

GO Huskies!

Suzanne R. Sanregret
Director of Athletics
Introduction
Michigan Technological University is committed to operating its athletic program with the highest degree of integrity, and in compliance with all rules and regulations of our conferences and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). To that end, this guide is intended to provide alumni, student-athletes, student-athlete’s parents, friends and supporters of Michigan Technological University with a general understanding of those rules relative to their involvement.

This is not a comprehensive list of NCAA rules. Please contact the Athletic Department Compliance Office at 906-487-1915 or jdisaacs@mtu.edu if you have any questions regarding an NCAA rule or regulation. We appreciate your continued efforts to assist Michigan Technological University in its efforts to maintain an infraction free athletic program.

REMEMBER:
ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!

NCAA Principles
Institution Control – It is the responsibility of Michigan Technological University, and all other NCAA member institutions, to control its intercollegiate athletic program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

Responsibility – The University’s responsibility for the conduct of its program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletic interests of the institution.

Compliance – The University must monitor its program to assure compliance and to identify and report to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved. An institution found to have violated NCAA rules is subject to the disciplinary and corrective actions as determined by the Association.
NCAA Definitions

Prospective Student-Athlete
A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade or above, including students in prep schools and junior colleges, and individuals who have officially withdrawn from four-year schools. Any student not yet in the ninth grade becomes a prospect if an institution provides him or her with any financial aid and/or benefits that are not generally provided to prospective students.

A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after committing to or signing a National Letter of Intent with Michigan Technological University. Both the institution and the prospect continue to be governed by NCAA recruiting legislation until the prospect reports for regular squad practices or attends his or her first day of class in any regular term.

Contact
A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect, or the prospect’s parent or legal guardian, and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs.

Athletics Representatives
You are considered a representative of Michigan Technological University’s athletic interests if you:

• are, or have ever been, a member of any Michigan Technological University booster organization;
• have ever made donations to the University’s athletic program;
• are, or have ever been, involved in recruiting prospects or in providing benefits (e.g. summer jobs) to enrolled student-athletes;
• are, or have ever been, involved in promoting the University’s athletic program in any way;
• have ever purchased a game ticket;

Once an individual is identified as an athletic representative, the person retains that identity for life, even if you no longer contribute to the athletic program.

Michigan Technological University is ultimately responsible for the actions of all “representatives of athletic interests” as they relate to NCAA rules and regulations.

Recruiting
Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect’s family member (or guardian) by an institutional staff member or by an athletic representative of the institution, for the purpose of securing the prospect’s enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution’s intercollegiate athletic program.
Extra Benefit
An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or an athletic representative to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete’s relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Parents/guardians of Michigan Tech Student-Athletes:
As the Michigan Tech Athletics programs gear up for another successful season, we’d like to take a moment to ensure that you, as parents/guardians of Michigan Tech student-athletes, are aware of the ever-changing rules in intercollegiate athletics.

This guide will deal with NCAA, GLIAC, CCSA and WCHA rules that apply to you and your son or daughter. While this guidebook is not all-inclusive, it will provide a sample of the type of compliance issues you and your son/daughter may encounter this season and beyond.

If you have a question about NCAA, GLIAC, CCSA and WCHA rules, please contact the Compliance Office at 906-487-1915 or jdisaacs@mtu.edu.

Consequences of NCAA Rules Violations
A violation of NCAA rules by a student-athlete will immediately put his/her eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics in jeopardy. In addition, a violation of NCAA rules by the parents, relatives and/or friends of a student-athlete will have a similar effect.

As a result, the eligibility status of a Michigan Tech student-athlete may be adversely impacted by the actions of their parents or others (e.g., boosters), even if the student-athlete did not have any knowledge of the events and circumstances that led to the violation of NCAA rules. Please be aware that your actions, regardless of your son’s/daughter’s knowledge or approval, may have eligibility ramifications for him or her.

Complimentary Admissions
Michigan Tech may provide a student-athlete with complimentary admissions for regular season and postseason home and away competitions (hockey only), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest. Student-athletes may not receive “hard” tickets, as complimentary admissions may be provided only through a pass list for individuals designated by the student-athlete. The individual receiving the complimentary admission must present identification at the admission gate in order to receive the complimentary admission. Neither the student-athlete, nor the individual designated to receive the ticket may exchange the ticket for money or any item.
of value. Doing so would result in a violation of NCAA legislation. The number of tickets allocated during postseason play is based upon availability. It is the student-athlete’s responsibility to complete paperwork before each competition to reserve complimentary admissions.

Outside competition
Almost all participation with outside teams, during the academic year, will make your son or daughter ineligible for intercollegiate competition; check with the Compliance Office prior to any outside competition.

Extra Benefits
One area that causes concern and raises the greatest number of questions involves a student-athlete or his family member’s receipt of an “extra benefit.” An extra benefit is defined as any special arrangement by an institutional employee or booster to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relatives or friends a benefit not authorized by the NCAA. The receipt of a benefit not authorized by NCAA regulations by a student-athlete or his parents, relatives or friends will immediately place the student-athlete’s eligibility for intercollegiate athletics competition in jeopardy. A parent may not sell memorabilia from their student-athlete’s athletic accomplishments at Michigan Tech. Parents or student-athletes selling memorabilia can jeopardize eligibility. Extra benefit rules apply to both student-athletes and parents.

Examples of extra benefits include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A loan of money, regardless of temporary nature of loan, intent to pay back the value, or whom the loan is from (i.e. parents of teammates are not appropriate persons to offer loans to student athletes.)
- A special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or service (e.g., dry cleaning, legal representation);
- Free or reduced-cost housing;
- Transportation, an automobile or use of an automobile;
- Services (e.g., movie tickets, dinners, use of a car) from commercial agencies (e.g., movie theaters, restaurants, car dealers) without charge or at reduced rates; and
- Cash, gift certificates or other items with value.

Please contact the Compliance Office at 906-487-1915 or jdisaacs@mtu.edu should you have any questions regarding extra benefits!
Boosters
As the parent of a Michigan Tech student-athlete, you should be aware that the NCAA has imposed limitations and boundaries on the kinds of interactions you may have with people whom the NCAA defines as “representatives of the Michigan Tech’s athletics interests” or boosters. It should be repeated that the NCAA considers parents of student-athletes as boosters. A booster is an individual who is a member of an organization that supports and promotes Michigan Tech Athletics; made any financial contributions to the athletics department; been involved in promoting Michigan Tech’s athletics program; been a season ticket holder, or provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their relatives or friends.

Once an individual has been identified as a booster, he/she retains that status forever. This is true even if the person no longer contributes to Michigan Tech’s athletics program. While your son/daughter is enrolled at Michigan Tech, it is a possibility that you may befriend a person who is defined per NCAA regulations as a booster. If this occurs, please be aware that your friendship with a booster does not change their status and your responsibility as far as maintaining compliance with NCAA rules is concerned. In general, these individuals may not provide benefits to you or your son/daughter.

There may be circumstances when someone other than a parent or legal guardian may provide a student-athlete with a benefit or service. Student-athletes are able to receive an occasional meal from a booster or representative of athletics interest. Occasional meals are defined as once per month or during major holidays. The NCAA uses the following four questions as an objective guideline in determining whether to permit a student-athlete’s receipt of such benefits.

1. Did the relationship between the student-athlete (or the athlete’s parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) develop as a result of the student-athlete’s participation in athletics or notoriety related thereto?
2. Did the relationship between the student-athlete (or the athlete’s parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) predate the athlete’s status as a prospective student-athlete?
3. Did the relationship between the student-athlete (or the athlete’s parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) predate the student-athlete’s status achieved as a result of his athletics ability or reputation?
4. Was the pattern of benefits provided by the individual to the student-athlete (or the athlete’s parents) prior to the student-athlete attaining
notoriety as a skilled athlete similar in nature to those provided after attaining such stature?

In summary, NCAA rules would not allow a student-athlete to receive benefits from persons who have come to know the athlete as a result of his achieved status, reputation or participation as an athlete. Please contact the Compliance Office prior to accepting anything from a booster.

**Promotional Activities**

Each year the athletics department receives many requests from the community for our student-athletes to make public appearances or autographed memorabilia. It is permissible for student-athletes to participate in promotional activities, provided certain criteria are met.

- Student-athletes MAY NOT allow their name, picture or personal appearance to advertise, recommend or promote the sale or use of any commercial products, services or businesses.
- Student-athletes must receive written approval from the Compliance Office PRIOR to participating in any promotional activities.
- The student-athlete may not miss class.
- The student-athlete may not receive payment for their appearance at a promotional activity.

In order to protect a student-athlete’s eligibility, it is important to check with the Compliance Office before the student-athlete participates in any promotional activity with an outside organization. It is a violation for any student-athlete to make an appearance without obtaining written permission from the Athletics Director PRIOR to the appearance.

**Gambling**

The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering. Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and/or there is an opportunity to win a prize. The prohibition against sports wagering applies to Michigan Tech athletics department staff members and student-athletes.

This means that student-athletes are prohibited from participating in the following activities:

- No wagers for any item (e.g., cash, dinner, clothing) on any Michigan Tech practice or intercollegiate, amateur, professional competition on sports that the NCAA sponsors at the collegiate
level. (i.e. NHL, high school hockey, NBA, MLB, Olympics, etc.).

- No sports “pools”.
- No Internet gambling on sports events – Internet gambling is a federal crime.
- No fantasy leagues that award a prize or require a fee to participate.
- No exchange of information about a Michigan Tech team and/or student-athlete with anyone who gambles including information about injuries, new plays, team morale, discipline problems, etc.

A student-athlete who participates in any sports wagering activity involving Michigan Tech or who engages in activities designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest or in an effort to affect win-loss margins (“point shaving”) shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

**Family Advisors, Agents, and Amateurism**
Per NCAA legislation, only an amateur student-athlete is eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation. A student-athlete may jeopardize his amateur status if he/she has inappropriate contact with an agent or their representatives. Please keep the following in mind if an agent or their representatives contact you or your son in an attempt to persuade you to allow them to represent your child’s athletics interests.

It is quite common for Men’s Ice Hockey student-athletes to have family advisors. It is permissible for your son to have an advisor but not an “agent” without jeopardizing his eligibility at Michigan Tech. Under NCAA regulations, you and your son are permitted to receive advice from a “family advisor”, provided that the advisor does not represent your son directly in negotiations for a contract.
• It is permissible for an advisor to discuss with your son the merits of a proposed contract and give your son suggestions about the type of offer he should consider.

• If you use the advisor as a direct contact with a professional team, the advisor shall be considered an agent, and you will have jeopardized your eligibility at Michigan Tech.

• For example, an advisor may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional team or have direct contact (i.e., in person, by telephone, email or mail) with the professional sports team on your behalf.

Finally, it is important to note that in order to maintain your eligibility at the NCAA school, if you receive assistance from an advisor, you will be required to pay that advisor at his or her normal rate for such services.

• A student-athlete MAY NOT agree, either orally or in writing, to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his athletics ability or reputation in a sport. In addition, it is not permissible for a student-athlete to enter into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations once his collegiate eligibility has expired in that sport.

• Student-athletes (or their relatives or friends) MAY NOT accept transportation or other benefits (e.g., dinner, lodging) from anyone who wishes to represent their athletic interests, including family advisors.

• A student-athlete MAY NOT enter into any kind of agreement to compete in professional athletics, either orally or in writing, regardless of the legal enforceability of that agreement.

• Student-athletes MAY NOT receive any type of pay or compensation for play (either directly or indirectly).

• Student-athletes MAY NOT be involved in any commercial endorsements for a product, service or establishment. It is permissible for a student-athlete to secure legal advice from a lawyer concerning a proposed, professional sports contract, provided the lawyer DOES NOT represent the student-athlete in negotiations for such a contract. A lawyer may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional organization or have any direct contact (in person, by telephone or by mail) with a professional sports organization on behalf of the student-athlete. A lawyer’s presence during such discussions is considered representation by an agent.
A student-athlete may inquire of a professional sports organization about eligibility for a professional-league player draft or request information about his market value without affecting his amateur status.

NCAA Recruiting Rules for Athletics Representatives

Please DO NOT

• become directly or indirectly involved in making arrangements for a prospect, or the prospect’s relatives or friends, to receive money or financial aid of any kind.

• provide anything to or for a prospect, or the prospect’s relatives or friends, without first checking with the Athletic Department Compliance Office.

• write to, telephone or contact in person, a prospect or the prospect’s family, on or off campus. If a coach has a recruit at an athletic event, you should not approach the coach until the prospect and family have gone elsewhere. If a prospect approaches you off campus regarding the athletic program, explain that NCAA rules do not permit you to discuss the program. Suggest that the prospect contact the head coach of the sport for information.

• transport, pay or arrange for payment of transportation costs for a prospect, or the prospect’s relatives or friends to visit campus or elsewhere. While it is permissible for a friend or neighbor to transport a high school or two-year college student who is NOT an athlete to the campus, NCAA regulations prohibit that activity for a prospective student-athlete.

• provide room, board, transportation of any kind, or any other benefit to a recruited student-athlete or their family during the summer prior to enrollment for fall classes at Michigan Tech.

• entertain high school, prep school, two-year or four-year college coaches at any location.

• contact the prospect’s coach, principal or counselor for the purpose of evaluation of the prospect. You are not permitted to pick up films or transcripts from the prospect’s educational institution.

• invite SELECTED junior or senior high school or two-year college prospective student-athletes to alumni events. Since the NCAA prohibits contact between prospects and athletic representatives, care must be taken to invited, for instance, all high school seniors who have received academic and athletic awards.
Please feel free to do the following…

- Attend high school and community college athletic events. You simply cannot have any contact the prospective student-athletes or their relatives. Should you find yourself seated next to parents or a prospect, DO NOT initiate conversation. If conversation is initiated with you, respond in a courteous manner but DO NOT discuss Michigan Tech athletic program with them. If they raise questions about the program, remind them that the NCAA prohibits you from discussing the program with them. Direct their questions to the Michigan Tech Athletic Department.

- Continue established family relationships with friends and neighbors. Contacts with sons or daughters of these families certainly are permitted as long as they are not made for recruiting purposes and are not initiated by members of the Michigan Tech coaching staff. You are permitted to play “pick up” basketball or softball games, continue neighborhood picnics or backyard barbecues and engage in your normal activities with prospects and their parents who are family friends. Again, you simply are not permitted to attempt to recruit the prospect or discuss the athletic program.

- Attend a public event (e.g. high school awards banquet or dinner) at which prospects are in attendance. NO attempt should be made to recruit the prospect.

- Send the Michigan Tech coaching staff newspaper clippings or other information about prospects which you think would be of interest. Your assistance in this way is very helpful. The coaching staff will then make the contact with the prospect.

Remember…

Only coaches and athletic department staff members can be involved in the recruiting process. All “athletic representatives” who are not employed by the University are prohibited from contacting a prospective student-athlete or member of the prospect’s family by telephone, letter, email, or in person on or off campus for the purpose of encouraging participation in Michigan Tech’s athletic program.

You Can Help…

- Send recommendation letters, newspaper clippings or similar information about prospective student-athletes to Michigan Tech coaches or to the Director of Athletics.

- Attend high school athletic events without contacting athletes.

- Notify coaches of any employment opportunities
you may have for student-athletes during summer and vacation periods.

- Make tax deductible contributions to Michigan Technological University Athletic Program through the Michigan Tech Fund.
- Remember to ask before you act. Call the Athletic Department Compliance Office at 906-487-1915 or jdisaacs@mtu.edu for answers to any questions you may have about NCAA rules and regulations.

**NCAA Extra Benefit Rules for Athletics Representatives**

Michigan Technological University athletic representatives cannot provide an extra benefit or special arrangement to a prospect or to an enrolled student-athlete.

**Examples of Extra Benefits**

- Giving cash or loans in any amount.
- Signing or co-signing a note with an outside agency or arrange a loan.
- Employing relatives or friends or a student-athlete.
- Giving gifts of any kind (e.g. clothing, airline tickets, laundry, car repair, hair cuts, and meals in restaurants).
- Providing special discounts for goods or services.
- Providing use of an automobile.
- Providing use of your summer home to go water skiing, hunting, etc.
- Providing transportation for any purpose.
- Providing rent free or reduced rent housing.
- Providing a benefit connected with on or off campus housing (e.g. television set or stereo equipment)
- Providing tickets to an athletic, institutional or community event.
- Providing a guarantee of a bond.
- Providing promise of financial aid for post graduate education.
- Promising employment after college graduation.
- A student-athlete or the entire team MAY receive an occasional family home meal (once per month).

**Please DO NOT…**

- expend funds to entertain student-athletes, their friends or relatives. You are not even permitted to buy a soda or cup of coffee for them.
- provide awards or gifts to a student-athlete for his or her athletic performances. All awards must conform to NCAA regulations and must be approved by Michigan Technological University.
• allow a student-athlete, his or her friends or relatives to use your telephone to make free long distance calls.
• provide an honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement. Only necessary travel expenses can be given when speaking to educational or charitable groups. All speaking engagements must be approved in advance by the Athletic Department.
• use the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to directly advertise, recommend or promote sales or use of a commercial product or service of any kind. Even the sales of a picture of an enrolled student-athlete would jeopardize eligibility.
• provide room, board, or transportation to friends or family of an enrolled student-athlete to enable them to visit campus or attend an athletic contest.

Please feel free to do the following...
• invite a student-athlete to your home for a home-cooked meal, but only for a special occasion. Meals at restaurants are prohibited.
• invite a team for dinner or to meet with a group of alumni in a city where they are competing. Arrangements for such events must be made in advance with the head coach.

Remember...
Any individual engaging in conduct that is determined to be a violation on NCAA legislation can lose the benefits and privileges they receive from their association with Michigan Technological University.

NCAA Employment Rules

Employment Limitations
Please contact the Athletic Department Compliance Office if you are planning to hire a Michigan Tech student-athlete during the academic year. There are several rules for Division I and II that need to be followed.

Employing Prospective Student-Athletes
Athletic representatives may not contact a prospect regarding summer employment until the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent with Michigan Tech. Employment may not begin until the prospect has graduated from high school. In addition, athletic representatives may not employ or arrange for employment of a two-year college prospect until the prospect has officially withdrawn from the two-year college or completes requirements for graduation at the two-year college.
Employing Current Student-Athletes
It is permissible for athletic representatives to employ current student-athletes. Please note the following restrictions regarding the employment of student-athletes:

- Employers may not advertise a student-athlete’s employment to generate extra business, nor may they use a student-athlete’s name or picture to advertise, promote, or recommend the sale or use of any commercial product or service;
- A student-athlete cannot endorse a company or employer through public advertising mediums; and
- Student-athletes cannot be provided with any benefits not provided to other employees. This includes the use of vehicles, transportation to or from work, meals, loans, advances or time-off with pay.

Remember...
Compensation must be based on work actually performed and at a rate similar to like services in the area. Earnings may not be based on the publicity, reputation, or fame the student-athlete has obtained because of athletics ability. This pertains to employing both current and prospective student-athletes.

Student-Athlete Participation in Promotional Activities
Student-athletes are not permitted to be involved in the advertisement, recommendation or promotion of a commercial organization or a commercial product or service of any kind. Use of a student-athlete’s name, picture or appearance to support any charitable, educational or nonprofit promotional activities requires prior approval from the athletics department. Subsequent to becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual:

Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend, or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind

or

Receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the individual's use of such product or service.

If you have questions regarding such activities, please contact the Compliance Office.
Consequences for NCAA Violations

Michigan Tech is responsible for the actions of its athletic representatives. When a violation occurs, regardless of intention, it can:

- Jeopardize the eligibility of our current and prospective student-athletes
- Result in the Michigan Tech athletics program being penalized by the NCAA; and
- Cause you to lose benefits or privileges associated with the athletics department (i.e., booster club membership, ticket privileges).

Commonly Asked Questions

May I contact high school coaches or guidance counselors directly regarding a prospect?

No. Such contact would constitute recruiting on your part and would jeopardize the eligibility of the prospect.

If a Michigan Tech coach has a recruit at an event, can I approach the prospect?

No. You cannot make any contact with the prospect or the prospect’s family. Approach the coach only after the prospect and the prospect’s parents or guardians depart.

What should I do if a prospect calls me?

Athletic representatives may have a telephone conversation with a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call. The telephone call may not be prearranged by a Michigan Tech staff member. In addition, the booster is not permitted to have a recruiting conversation with the prospect. It is permissible to discuss Michigan Tech’s educational programs but NOT the athletic department. The booster must refer any questions about Michigan Tech’s athletic program to the athletic department staff.

If my neighbor happens to be a prospective student-athlete and I want him/her to attend Michigan Tech, what should I do?

Continue your relationship with normal civility and notify Michigan Tech’s coaching staff of noteworthy prospects in the area. You should not make any kind of recruiting presentation to that prospect.

What should I do if I become aware of a rules violation?

Contact the Athletic Director or the Compliance Office to report the information pertinent to the violation. You may remain anonymous if you wish.
Is it permissible for a student-athlete to sell his or her complimentary admissions?
No. A student-athlete may not receive payment for his or her complimentary admissions and may not exchange them for any item of value. This action would jeopardize the student-athlete’s eligibility.

As a representative of the institution’s athletic interests, am I permitted to approach a student-athlete to ask for an autograph for my child?
Yes, we encourage it. However, you should not offer anything of value to the student-athlete in return for the autograph.

I purchase season tickets every year, but have not made financial donations to the athletic department or been involved with a friends’ organization. Am I considered an Athletic Representative of Michigan Tech?
By strict definition, you would not be considered a representative just by purchasing tickets. If you were to do anything to promote the athletic program to your friends or anyone, then you become a representative.

How do I request Donations from the Athletics Department?
Contact the Athletic Director’s office at 906-487-3070, and complete the Donations Request Form.

Let Us Know...
If you have knowledge of improprieties, intentional or unintentional, please inform the Michigan Tech Athletic Department immediately so that we can take corrective action.

Six Points to Remember
• Do not do anything for a prospective or enrolled student-athlete without specific authorization from Michigan Tech’s Athletic Department.
• Only coaches and athletics department staff members may be involved in the recruiting process.
• A prospect remains a prospect even after he or she signs a National Letter of Intent or financial aid agreement to attend Michigan Tech.
• The prohibition of contact with a prospect is not intended to relate to unavoidable incidental contacts between a prospect and a booster. Such contact is permissible so long as it is not prearranged by the booster or an athletic department staff member, does not take place on
the grounds of the prospect’s educational institution or at the prospect’s practice or competition site, is not made for the purpose of recruitment, and involves only normal civility. In other words, if you meet a prospect during your normal course of business or social activity, there is no violation as long as you do not discuss Michigan Tech Athletics. Politely inform the prospect that all questions and discussion about Michigan Tech Athletics should be directed at the coaches.

- If a student-athlete accepts any benefit based on his or her special consideration as an athlete or because of athletics skill, the student-athlete may lose eligibility for intercollegiate athletic participation.
- NCAA rules regarding student-athletes remain in effect throughout the entire year, including summer vacation.
Michigan Technological University Athletic Department

Important Telephone Numbers
All Area Codes 906

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