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To: Prospective MIT Student Athletes

Thank you for your interest in MIT. We are sending this letter to all prospective students who have expressed an interest in participating on an intercollegiate varsity athletic team at MIT and have been in contact with a member of the MIT coaching staff.

Because schools have different approaches to student athlete recruitment and being recruited can sometimes be both exciting and confusing, we think it is important to make clear the process for MIT.

MIT holds the highest ideals of college athletics, recognizing that participating on an intercollegiate varsity athletic team can significantly enhance a full and enriching academic experience. MIT is a place for serious athletes who also want to be serious students. The admissions process is designed to reflect these ideals.

These are the key principles of the MIT admissions process:

- The admissions committee recognizes the commitment, dedication, and work ethic that talented student athletes have demonstrated in their high school careers, and greatly values the potential contribution student athletes may make to a strong campus community. These factors are considered in the overall review and evaluation of recruited athletes, as they are for all candidates.
- The admissions office makes all decisions on candidates' applications. We do not reserve "slots" for student athletes. No student is guaranteed an admission offer until they receive an official notice from the admissions office. These notices take place at the normal decision notification time: mid-December for early action candidates and mid-March for regular action candidates.
- After careful review of a student's academic and personal record, the admissions committee will only admit student athletes who are a strong academic and personal fit with MIT.
- MIT admits all students based on academic and personal merit, without regard for a family's financial situation.
- All financial aid awarded by MIT is based on need. We do not offer athletic scholarships or merit scholarships of any kind. Our financial aid is generous, and we ensure that all students who attend MIT will be able to afford it.
- Our admission offers are not binding, and all candidates will have until May 1 to accept our offer.



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We appreciate the value that a committed athletic experience can have on your overall educational experience. We wish you much success in your high school career, and all the best in the future, whether that future is at MIT or elsewhere.

Sincerely,

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