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I - General Questions
Q. What is the Izzone?
A. The Izzone is the largest and most intimidating student section in college basketball. With over 3,000 dedicated members, the Izzone is known throughout the country as a part of the rich tradition of Michigan State Basketball.

Q. How was the Izzone formed?
A. The Izzone was formed by a partnership between the Student Alumni Foundation (currently known as the Association of Future Alumni) and the Athletic Department along with Coach Tom Izzo. The goal was to create a student section that would support the basketball team while also representing the university in a positive manner. It has grown from a group of a few dozen students in the mid-nineties to over 3000! The Izzone has become a model for student sections around the country.

II - Student Admission Sale Information
Q. How does one buy an Izzone student admission?
A. Izzone student season basketball admission requests will be filled out with payment at www.msuspartans.com. Click on the link for “Tickets”.

Q. What is the cost of Izzone student season basketball admission and what games does it include?
A. $170. This season’s package includes games against The Master’s College, St. Cloud State, Loyola (Chicago), Santa Clara, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Northwestern, Penn State, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio State, Minnesota, and Purdue.

Q. Do season tickets include post-season games?
A. Tickets do not include post-season games. If available, tickets to post-season games will be sold separately.

Q. Will students have the same seat for each game, or are the tickets in the form of a voucher?
A. Vouchers will be imbedded on the student’s ID. When entering the gate, the ID will be scanned to be sure you are a ticket holder and then you will receive a wristband if you are in the lower bowl and a ticket if you are in the upper bowl. If a student wishes to sit by friends in their section, they must enter the gate at the same time.

III - Eligibility
Q. Who is eligible to be a member of the Izzone?
A. Students must be enrolled full-time in a degree-granting program at MSU’s East Lansing campus in order to be eligible to order student season basketball admission. Lifelong education students do not qualify as students enrolled in a degree granting program. College of Education students working towards their teaching certificate are allowed a one-year grace period (provided they are enrolled full-time).

Q. I am a married student at MSU. Is my spouse eligible for student basketball season admission?
A. Student Season Basketball Admission for the spouse of a student may be ordered by providing a copy of a marriage license to the ticket office. A spouse ID must be obtained from the Administration Building and the Spouse ID number communicated to the Spartan Ticket Office prior to the day of the first game.

Q. Am I eligible for the Izzone if I am a full time student for only one semester?
A. Members must be full time students for both semesters in order to be eligible. The only exceptions are students who will be graduating in May and only need a limited number of credits to graduate.
IV - Seating and Attendance

Q. Who is eligible for lower bowl priority access?
A. Admission to the lower bowl for the current season is determined by student’s attendance at the games during the previous year along with participation in this year’s Izzone Campout. Lower Bowl Priority Access is determined by ranking students on how many games they attended and their average arrival time along with attendance at the Izzone Campout (both upper & lower bowls). The top 1400 returning Izzone members that meet the outlined criteria will receive Lower Bowl Priority Access. For more info about the Campout, please see questions in the following section.

Q. How is our attendance taken at the games?
A. When entering the gate, your ID will be scanned. It will record your arrival time at the game.

Q. This will be my first year participating in the Izzone as I am either a freshmen or a returning student who has never been in the Izzone. Am I able to receive Lower Bowl Priority Access?
A. As a first year Izzone member, it is very difficult to receive full season lower bowl priority access. The Wildcard option allows those in the upper bowl to receive lower bowl priority access on a game-by-game basis. An Izzone “reseat” will also occur prior to the Northwestern game on January 11th. Please see the Izzone Seating Policy for specific details.

Q. Does it matter how many games I attend and when I arrive to the game?
A. YES – Attendance and arrival time will be recorded at every home game when your student ID is scanned at admission. Attendance and arrival time from the previous season will be a determining factor (along with completion of the campout) in deciding who receives lower bowl priority access for the current season. Attendance at the Izzone Campout will count towards your current year attendance.

Q. I am a returning Izzone member that had lower bowl admissions in 2012-13. Am I guaranteed lower bowl priority access for the 2013-14 season?
A. If you are a returning Izzone member that had lower bowl admission in 2013-14, you will receive lower bowl priority access only if your attendance and time of arrival is ranked in the top 1400 of the entire section (upper & lower) and you successfully complete the 2014-15 Izzone Campout. Students that do not meet these qualifications will receive upper bowl admissions.

V - Izzone Campout

Q. When is the Izzone Campout?
A. This year, the Izzone Campout will be the weekend of Friday, October 17th, 2014 until Saturday, October 18th, 2014. Registration for the campout will take place at the Berkowitz Center on Thursday, October 16th, 2014. The campout begins Friday afternoon and ends Saturday morning.

Q. Who is eligible to campout and when will we know if we are eligible?
A. All members are eligible and highly encouraged to participate in the campout as it counts towards your 2014-15 attendance. You must attend the Izzone Campout in order to receive Lower Bowl Priority!

Q. This is my first year with student season basketball admissions. Does the campout matter to me?
A. YES – the campout counts towards all Izzone members’ attendance for 2014-15 season. Attendance and arrival time ranking will determine lower bowl priority access for the 2015-16 season. For example: If you are a freshman this year (14-15), attend this year’s campout, attend every home game, and arrive 1.5 hours prior to tipoff (doors open), it is almost a guarantee that you will receive lower bowl priority access in 2015-16.

Q. What takes place at the Izzone campout?
A. The campout itself is normally one of the most memorable events of the year! Students set up tents (or sometimes have simply a blanket), play football and Frisbee, cookout on grills, order food, visit with friends, play cards, and take advantage of some of the events Future Alumni has planned for the evening. Tom Izzo has camped out for the past few years and members of the basketball team often stop by to hang out with the fans. Overall, it is a great time!

Q. How does one complete the campout?
A. Random attendance checks occur throughout the campout. You must be present at your campsite during all checks to complete the campout. Announcements will be made as to when the attendance checks will take place.

VI - Student Involvement

Q. How do I get more involved in the Izzone?
A. Each year, the directors select Izzone section leaders. These dedicated individuals volunteer their time to assist the directors prior to games and during other Izzone activities. During the season, section leaders arrive two and a
half hours prior to tip off (an hour prior to the normal gates opening 90 minutes prior to tip) to help the directors pass out newspapers/paper bags/newsletters. Once the gates open, they will assist in the entry process. As compensation, section leaders get a behind the scenes look at the Izzone and MSU basketball. They will often receive free meals, along with being invited to exclusive activities. While being a section leader is often somewhat time consuming, most notably on game days, section leaders in the past will tell you that it is well worth the commitment. This is also a great way to be more involved in the Association of Future Alumni in general, as many section leaders have gone on to become part of the Future Alumni Board of Directors.

Q. If I cannot commit to being an Izzone section leader, how else can I help?
A. This year the Izzone will be completing service projects, including the Izzone Day of Service. Announcements will be made with more information. Students are always welcome to offer to help the directors with various tasks. Feel free to email us at Izzone@msu.edu.

Q. How can I become more involved in the Association of Future Alumni?
A. The best place to start is by looking at the Future Alumni website www.futurealumni.msu.edu, calling us at (517)355-4458, or visiting the Future Alumni Office at 333 Union Building. There you will find information on all of the Future Alumni programs along with information on how to volunteer for each. Each spring, applications are available for students who would like to apply to be on the Future Alumni Board of Directors. Being a part of the Association of Future Alumni is a great way to get involved on campus, with MSU alumni, in the community, and meet many new people along the way.

VII - Road Trips

Q. Does the Izzone travel to away games?
A. Each year the Izzone travels to at least one away game. A limited number of tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. This year, we have confirmed that the Izzone will be traveling to the 2014 Champions Classic game against the Duke Blue Devils in Indianapolis, IN.

Q. What is the average cost of road trips?
A. Cost is determined by several factors – ticket cost, transportation costs, and accommodations. Information will be sent out to students as soon as it is available.