

## House Settlement Q&A

### *Roster Limits & Scholarships*

Q: Did the *House* settlement create roster limits?

A: Yes (see below)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Limit</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Limit</u>
<u>Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>Women's Rowing</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>Baseball</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>Women's Rugby</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>Men's Basketball</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Men's Skiing</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Women's Basketball</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Women's Skiing</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Women's Beach Volleyball</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Men's Soccer</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Women's Bowling</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Women's Soccer</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Men's Cross Country</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Softball</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Women's Cross Country</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Women's Stunt</u>	<u>65</u>
<u>Women's Equestrian</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Men's Swimming and Diving</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Men's Fencing</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Women's Swimming and Diving</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Women's Fencing</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>Men's Tennis</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Field Hockey</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>Women's Tennis</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Football</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>Men's Indoor Track and Field</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Men's Golf</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Men's Outdoor Track and Field</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Women's Golf</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Women's Indoor Track and Field</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Men's Gymnastics</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Women's Outdoor Track and Field</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Women's Gymnastics</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Women's Triathlon</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>Men's Ice Hockey</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Men's Volleyball</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>Women's Ice Hockey</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Women's Volleyball</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>Men's Lacrosse</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>Men's Water Polo</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Women's Lacrosse</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>Women's Water Polo</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Men's and Women's Rifle</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Men's Wrestling</u>	<u>30</u>
		<u>Women's Wrestling</u>	<u>30</u>

Q: When do roster limits become effective?

A: The 2025-26 academic year.

Q: Is a student-athlete guaranteed a roster spot?

A: No, each head coach decides who is on a roster.

Q: Are there exceptions to roster limits?

A: Yes, a student-athlete may be identified as a “Designated Student-Athlete” and be exempt from roster limits.

Q: Why would an individual be identified as a “Designated Student-Athlete”?

A: A current or incoming student-athlete may be identified as a “Designated Student-Athlete”, if they were removed from the roster, or would’ve been removed, for the 2025-26 academic year, due to the implementation of roster limits.

Q: When does an individual have to be identified as a “Designated Student-Athlete”?

A: Each institution must identify each “Designated Student-Athlete” within 30-days of June 6, 2025.

Q: Is the “Designated Student-Athlete” status only applicable to one institution?

A: No, if a student-athlete is identified as a “Designated Student-Athlete”, they will be exempt from roster limits at any institution.

Q: Did the *House* settlement eliminate scholarship limits?

A: Yes, NCAA scholarship maximums have been eliminated. Institutions now have discretion to provide a scholarship (up to the cost of attendance) to any student-athlete on the roster.

### *Name, Image & Likeness (“NIL”)*

Q: Can a student-athlete sign an NIL deal directly with an institution?

A: Yes.

Q: Did the *House* settlement establish a maximum amount of benefits/revenue an institution can share with student-athletes?

A: Yes, each institution has discretion to share up to \$20.5 million with student-athletes in 2025-26. The amount increases annually, for 10 years, based on an agreed upon formula.

Q: Can a student-athlete still sign an NIL deal with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party entity?

A: Yes.

Q: Did the *House* settlement create a requirement that 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL deals must be disclosed?

A: Yes, student-athletes are now required to report any 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL deal over \$600 to an independent NIL clearinghouse (NIL Go).

Q: When do student-athletes have to start reporting 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL deals to NIL Go?

A: Student-athletes have to submit 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL deals within 5 days of execution. Student-athletes will work with the Athletics Compliance Office to review deals prior to submission.

Q: What 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL deals have to be submitted to NIL Go?

A: Any 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL deal signed after June 6, 2025, must be reported to NIL Go. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL deal signed before June 6, 2025, but has payments on or after July 1, 2025, must be reported to NIL Go.

Q: What does NIL Go review?

A: NIL Go reviews whether: (1) the “Payor” of the NIL deal is an “Associated Entity” or “Associated Individual”; (2) the compensation is within an acceptable range of compensation; and (3) whether the NIL activity is for a valid business purpose to promote goods or services that are available to the general public (for profit).

Q: What is an “Associated Entity”?

A: An “Associated Entity” is an entity that exists, in significant part, for the purpose of promoting or supporting a particular institution, or their student-athletes (e.g., VAF); creates or identifies NIL opportunities solely for a particular institution’s student-athletes (e.g., Cav Futures); has been directed or requested by an institution to assist in the recruitment or retention of current or prospective student-athletes (or otherwise assist in the recruitment or retention); or an any entity owned, controlled, or operated by, or otherwise affiliated with, an “Associated Individual” or “Associated Entity”, other than other than a publicly traded corporation.

Q: What is an “Associated Individual”?

A: An individual who is or was a member, employee, director, officer, owner, or agent of an “Associated Entity”; an individual (or their family members) who directly or indirectly has contributed more than \$50,000 over their lifetime to an institution or “Associated Entity”; or an individual who has been directed or requested

by an institution to assist in the recruitment or retention of current or prospective student-athletes (or otherwise assists in the recruitment or retention).

Q: Can a student-athlete receive an athletic scholarship and sign an NIL deal with an institution?

A: Yes

### *Enforcement*

Q: Has a new enforcement entity been created?

A: The College Sports Commission has been established to monitor and enforce new rules and regulations related to the *House* settlement. The College Sports Commission will address issues related to 3<sup>rd</sup> party NIL, revenue sharing, roster limits and violations associated therewith.

Q: What is the purpose of the College Sports Commission?

A: The College Sports Commission is committed to ensuring fairness, transparency, and integrity in college sports, while supporting the success of student-athletes and institutions.

Q: How can I learn more the College Sports Commission?

A: Please see: <https://www.collegesportscommission.org/>