



Question and Answer: Impact of the Proposed Settlement on Division I Institutions

The NCAA, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC, ACC and Pac-12 entered into a proposed settlement with the plaintiffs in the *House*, *Hubbard* and *Carter* cases which has been preliminarily approved. This document was developed to provide guidance to the Division I membership on the status of the proposed settlement and its potential impact on and enforcement of Division I bylaws.

This document is not exhaustive. NCAA staff have a complete inventory of the questions submitted and are prepared to release additional versions of the Q&A when circumstances are appropriate.

Question No. 1: Will it be permissible for any school in Division I to provide the additional benefits contemplated in the proposed settlement?

Answer: Any Division I institution may provide benefits to student-athletes permitted by the proposed settlement. If an institution provides Pool payments or additional benefits (e.g., scholarships) to student-athletes beyond what was permissible in Division I before the settlement, the institution is subject to all obligations and limitations of the settlement.

Question No. 2: Is an institution that provides direct name, image and likeness (NIL) payments to a student-athlete subject to the terms of the settlement?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 3: Under the proposed settlement, does every Division I institution have to provide additional benefits to student-athletes?

Answer: No. Each Division I institution may decide whether and how much of any new benefit to provide to student-athletes, up to the Pool limitations. Additionally, each Division I conference may set rules or guidelines for its members on the provision of additional benefits as long as those rules or guidelines are set independently and not by agreement with any other conference.

However, if a Division I institution provides additional payments or benefits to student-athletes beyond what is currently permitted, the institution is subject to all obligations and limitations of the settlement including, but not limited to roster limits, reporting and the Pool.

Question No. 4: Can an institution opt into the settlement on a team-by-team basis?

Answer: No. For institutions providing additional payments or benefits to student-athletes beyond what is currently permitted, the terms of the settlement apply to all programs at an institution and may not apply on a team-by-team basis.

Question No. 5: Will all student-athletes in Division I be required to disclose third-party NIL agreements in excess of \$600 or only student-athletes enrolled at institutions that provide or facilitate payments or benefits pursuant to the settlement?

Answer: All Division I student-athletes will be required to report to (a) the member institution in which they are enrolled and/or (b) the designated reporting entity any and all third-party NIL contracts or payments with a total value of \$600 or more.

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Question No. 6: Will Division I institutions be required to provide full athletics scholarships in any particular sport after final approval of the settlement?

Answer: No. All Division I athletics scholarships will be equivalency awards and institutions may provide any portion of a scholarship.

Question No. 7: Will Division I adopt legislation that establishes a roster limit for each Division I sport for institutions awarding benefits afforded by the proposed settlement?

Answer: Yes. Division I will adopt legislation that establishes roster limits consistent with those reported to the Court as part of the settlement.

Question No. 8: Does the proposed settlement impact access to qualification for Division I championships and existing revenue distribution formulas?

Answer: No.

Question No. 9: What steps are remaining before the proposed settlement is finalized?

Answer:

EVENT	DEADLINE
Notice Campaign and Claims Period Begins ("Notice Date").	October 18, 2024.
Allocation Estimate Available.	December 17, 2024 (60 Days after Notice Date).
Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Service Awards.	December 17, 2024 (60 Days after Notice Date).
Exclusion and Objection Deadline.	January 31, 2025 (105 Days after Notice Date).
Claims Period Closes.	January 31, 2025 (105 Days after Notice Date).
Motion for Final Approval and Response to Objections.	March 3, 2025 (135 Days after Notice Date).
Final Approval Hearing.	April 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (to be held remotely and in person).

Question No. 10: Where should I go if I have questions about the proposed settlement and its impact on my campus?

Answer: This Q&A is intended to provide guidance on national issues. Issues that are campus-specific or conference-specific should be addressed at a local level. Questions about the application of the settlement to existing legislation may be submitted to settlementquestions@ncaa.org.

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Question No. 11: Where should institutions or conferences direct student-athletes who have questions about participation in the settlement?

Answer: Student-athletes with questions about the settlement should visit www.collegeathletecompensation.com.