

# NCAA may require NIL disclosure from pre-college athletes

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The NCAA is weighing a rule that would require incoming Division I athletes to disclose name, image and likeness (NIL) deals from high school or junior college to the NIL Go clearinghouse established under the \$2.8 billion House settlement.

Athletes would report all non-institutional deals dating to the first day of their junior year. Junior college transfers would report deals from the date of initial enrollment at a two-year college. All reporting of previous deals would be due to the College



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The NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis is seen on July 15.

Sports Commission upon enrollment. NIL compensation at the high school level has rapidly expanded in recent years. At least 40 states allow high school students to earn money off their celebrity status.

Alabama, Michigan and Ohio are among the states that have strict restrictions, including Texas, which prohibits athletes under 17 from pursuing deals. The proposed rule stems from the House settlement, which allows institutions effective July 1 to share millions with athletes directly but requires reporting of any third-party deal exceeding \$600. NIL Go, developed by Deloitte and overseen by the CSC, evaluates whether deals reflect fair market value and serve a valid business purpose, a topic of some controversy. The potential rule aims to prevent pay-for-play deals between prospective athletes

and boosters or school-affiliated entities. The exact consequences of failing to comply are still being determined, but lost eligibility is a possibility. "It's unclear what the discipline would be for athletes or third parties that violate these rules, just like it's just not entirely clear what the discipline will be for current college athletes," said Gabe Feldman, director of sports law at Tulane University. "The emphasis certainly seems to be on not unduly harming the athlete themselves and the team, whereas in the past, if an athlete had received an improper benefit, there could

be significant repercussions." A tidal wave of lawsuits could stem from a new rule, but according to Feldman, the NCAA tends to like its odds – a recurring theme leading up to the settlement approval. "The idea was that given how much money athletes would be making under these new rules, very few athletes would have incentive to sue," Feldman said. "Even though there is still the risk of antitrust litigation, the risk is much smaller because the athletes are getting such significant compensation. But there is no guarantee that athletes can't sue."

## SHIFTING

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finishers," veteran coach Tim Pennington said. "Zak Rigney-Ellis has a lot of potential and is coming off of a foot injury. We hope to get him to 100% soon."

Those three runners finished 13th (Ellis), 14th (Durham) and 15th (Ovesen in last year's regional meet. Pennington expects senior Ben Holbrook and sophomore Willis Edwards to be solid contributors. "Daniel Thomas has been a hard worker and I expect him to be making a spot on the varsity squad," Pennington said. "We have two talented middle schoolers who can contribute to the varsity in eighth-graders Thomas Cline and Tate Williford."

North Hardin coach Antonio Jackson will miss Ramyles Crittenden and Ray Brown but returns some of his top runners from the 2024 season, including sophomore Caleb Burjaski (eight place finish in the Class 3A Region 2 race) and senior Jesse Brewer who was one spot back.

"Thomas Stokes has been a standout at practice and I am also hoping Ehtan Gaines has a breakout senior season. "This is Nolan Crutcher's second season on the team and he is taking strides to step up this season."

Mike Ford of Meade County is one of three new coaches in the area and he has the task of replacing the venerable Larry Garner whose efforts had the Green Wave solidly placed among the top programs in the region.

"I had the privilege to serve as his assistant the past two seasons and I was able to experience first-hand his coaching style and expectations for his athletes," Ford said. "Having coached cross country at various grade levels myself, plus already knowing most of the student-athletes, it's been an easy transition. I do occasionally ask myself, 'What would Larry do in this situation.'"

He might be asking himself how Garner would replace the top seven runners from the 2024 region runner-up squad. Ford will be depending on four seniors to provide some leadership to a young squad.

One of those is Matthew Ingle. "He is a late comer to the sport but put in a lot of work in track this past spring followed by consistent base building this summer," Ford said. "He has risen to the next level of cross-country fitness."

Classmates Zane Rhodes, Thomas Hunter and Nathan Smith have meet experience and push one another to



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North Hardin's Jesse Brewer (737) and Caleb Burjaski (in North jersey) placed 76th and 78th, respectively, in the Class 3A race on the 2024 KHSAA state meet.

improve.

"Sophomore Landon Myrick and freshman Lane Priddy return and seem hungry to make a positive contribution to the varsity team," Ford said.

The coach is already hopeful for the future of Green Wave cross-country. "We have a large number of middle school students who have signed up to run this year," Ford said. "These are kids who themselves sent me a message or from their family asking, 'How do I sign up for cross-country.' I am encouraged by this."

LaRue County also has a new coach as 2021 Central Hardin graduate Marcus Abel takes over for longtime coach Jamie Hardin. He likes what he has seen from his team in the opening weeks of the sport.

"My men's team is led by sophomores Tyson Dennis and Matthew Benjamin," Abel said. "Both young men are overflowing with potential"

He also has some key veterans who will be key components of the team. Seniors Austin Harp and Bobby Newton and junior Tinden Nirenberg, a transfer

from North Hardin Christian.

"I also have two more very young men, Emmitt Miller and William Barnett, who have a bright future with us," Abel said.

Jarrid Hawkins is not just a first-year teacher at Elizabethtown but the Army veteran found himself drafted to be the school's cross-country coach. "I didn't run XC in high school and I hated running in the Army, but later I began to enjoy trail running and Spartan/Obstacle Course racing," Hawkins said. "The team needed a coach and I was asked to consider it based on my interest in endurance running now as an adult."

Junior Harris Springsteen is the team's top returnee and comes off an impressive eighth place finish in the 2024 region meet. Senior Ethan Cox and junior Caderyn Windmueller will be counted upon to provide leadership to a young Panther squad.

"All of our kids have been working smart and hard at practice," Hawkins said. "They're determined to continue getting better and better."

## TROJANS

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to be a perfect pass, but just up and playable."

Stevens was instrumental in the middle, recording six kills and four blocks. She collected two of her three kills on over passes in the fourth set as the Trojans used an 8-3 run to win going away.

"Scarlett had her most aggressive play I have seen," Mattingly said. "She executed really well on that first over pass and absolutely slammed the ball."

John Hardin wasn't without its moments.

The Bulldogs stormed back down the stretch in the first set, getting a kill from Abby Moore and an ace from Mckinley Leasor to win going away.

In the third set, John Hardin rallied again, using a 10-1 blitz to go up 21-16.

Danielle Ingram sandwiched two kills around two bullets from Moore off Trojan defenders to tie the set at 15 and Dalaejah Smith gave the Bulldogs the lead for good by stuffing down a block at the net.

"I'm proud of my girls," Hampton said. "We came back from that loss to a great E'town team last night and they showed no quit. They were a lot tougher and showed a lot of fight and heart."

North Hardin will host Central Hardin at 7:30 p.m. today for a third-straight 17th District matchup in only four season games.

The Bulldogs get a short break from district play, going on the road for two games Friday against Apollo and Adair County in the Apollo Summer Slam Down Tournament.

## BRUINS

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Tygret each tallied one.

Meade County's rotating goalies, Miah Corbin and Karla Thornsberry, did not have to make a single stop during the matchup.

Meade County faces Bryan Station at 11 a.m. Saturday in Elizabethtown for the E'town Varsity Soccer Cup.

**SUMMARY OF A ZONING ORDINANCE RE-ZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHANDLER AVENUE BETWEEN JONES STREET AND WATERFIELD STREET, RADCLIFF, KENTUCKY, DOGWOOD MANOR, LOT 16, PVA MAP #180-10-01-059**

FROM R-7 TO R-4 ZONE

0.275 ACRES

The City of Radcliff Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on a zone map amendment request on June 5, 2025 made by applicant John Whobrey for 0.275 acres of property located on the south side of Chandler Avenue between Jones Street and Waterfield Street, Radcliff, Kentucky, being Dogwood Manor, Lot 16, PVA MAP# 180-10-01-059 (see Deed Book 1567, Page 1393, Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk). The request was for a zone map amendment from Residential-7 zone to Residential-4 zone. The Planning Commission recommended the zone map amendment request be granted, as the request was supported by the evidence of record, the City's Comprehensive Zoning Plan, and applicable law, and the City Council is now enacting an ordinance to change the property's zoning. Please find the full ordinance on the website [www.radcliff.org](http://www.radcliff.org) or by contacting the City Clerk at [ashley.russo@radcliffky.gov](mailto:ashley.russo@radcliffky.gov) by email.

Read at a meeting of the Radcliff City Council on the 17th day of July, 2025; a second reading was held on the 15th day of July, 2025, and said ordinance was passed and approved on the 15th day of July, 2025.

JAMES S. DUVALL, JR.  
MAYOR, CITY OF RADCLIFF

ATTESTED:  
ASHLEY RUSSO  
CITY CLERK/TREASURER  
CERTIFICATION

I, Michael A. Pike, hereby certify pursuant to KRS 83A.060 that I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with the law firm of Pike Law, P.S.C., 1000 Johnstown Road, Suite 100, Elizabethtown, Kentucky; that I prepared the foregoing Summary of Ordinance of the City of Radcliff, Kentucky; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate summary of the contents of said Ordinance. Said Ordinance can be examined in its entirety at Radcliff City Hall, Radcliff, Kentucky.

/MICHAEL A. PIKE/

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