

2026-2027 Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses now available

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

The 2026-2027 Kentucky license year for fishing, hunting, boating and more began Sunday, March 1. Outdoor enthusiasts are able to purchase all the licenses, tags and permits they need to enjoy Kentucky's outdoors through the end of February 2027.

Licenses and permits are sold online through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource's License Sales portal and the

My Profile app, both searchable on the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agent locations by county is available on the department's website.

The 2026-2027 license and permit fees will remain the same as the current license year ending Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026. adjustments.

In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required when pursuing specific species, such as fishing

for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-type licenses include multiple species permits as well as basic hunting and fishing privileges.

For newcomers to all the great outdoor opportunities that Kentucky has to offer, a reduced-cost sportsman's license is now available for resident first-time buyers. Only individuals who have not purchased an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license—or a combination license that includes an annual license—since 1996 are eli-

gible. The \$37 license includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and waterfowl permit and statewide deer permit.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides a number of resources to assist avid outdoor enthusiasts and newcomers alike with information on waterbodies, public lands, fishing and hunting education and all the regulations to help anglers and hunters make the most of their time outdoors via its website and the hunting and fishing guides it produces

annually. This includes the new Fishing and Boating Guide available online and in print.

Another great resource is the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play, the app helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access from the palm of their hand. Users can also search by species of fish, store copies of their licenses, and much more using the smartphone app.

The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale

of hunting and fishing licenses and permits, as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment.

For questions, the public may refer to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage or type "Licenses" into the search bar on the agency website (fw.ky.gov), or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.

Teen girls most vulnerable to ACL tears; families urge action

BY MARC LEVY
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HARRISBURG, Pa. — Sofia Tepichin was about 30 minutes into her club soccer team practice in October when she spotted a fast-approaching defender. She tapped the ball away and hopped over the defender's outstretched foot, came down awkwardly, and heard a "pop."

She immediately fell to the ground, pain shooting through her left knee and knew it wasn't good. It was, she said, "heartbreaking." "And I knew personally that I tore my ACL," Tepichin said.

Tepichin joined the growing ranks of female high school athletes tearing their anterior cruciate ligament, a devastating knee injury that researchers are pressing the sports world to take more seriously.

Decades of research on prevention methods is available, but parents, researchers and trainers say that teams, coaches and leagues aren't doing enough to protect the girls and educate parents.

HIGH SCHOOL FEMALE ATHLETES ARE MOST VULNERABLE

Sports fans hear often about high-profile athletes like U.S. Olympic skier Lindsey Vonn tearing their ACLs, and many ACL injuries are chalked up to bad luck or a part of sports that will continue to happen at all competitive levels.

Still, high school-age female athletes suffer these injuries at much higher rates than their male counterparts — up to eight times

more likely, one study says — and adults, most often in noncontact situations in sports that require fast changes in direction, researchers say.

Biomechanics researchers, trainers and physical therapists say there are pre-workout warm ups and strengthening routines — such as FIFA 11+ or PEP — that can at least reduce the risk of an injury that takes such a high physical and mental toll on young athletes.

But, they say, most coaches lack training or expert help, and high school girls compete in settings with far fewer resources than the professional and collegiate levels. As a result, risk-reduction routines are rarely included in day-to-day coaching curricula and practices.

"The real crime in this is that the data has been out there for 25 years," said Holly Silvers-Granelli, a physical therapist and biomechanics researcher who advises athletes, professional teams and major sports leagues on injury prevention. "People are clamoring for answers, and the answers are largely there."

The trendline of ACL injuries isn't entirely clear, but the National ACL Injury Coalition — formed by the Aspen Institute and the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York — said its analysis of data from high school athletic trainers showed that the average annual ACL injury rate for high school athletes grew almost 26% from 2007 to 2022.

The rate for girls grew more than 32%, compared to 14.5% for boys, it said.

ON THEIR OWN TO RECOVER

When they get injured, high school athletes and their parents often find themselves on their own to deal with it. ACL injuries can require surgery and a year of rehab, physical therapy and strength training, which insurance may not fully cover.

Recovery changes their routine and identity: They miss out on the camaraderie of the team and stand on the sidelines, which can be as hard as the physical trauma, parents say.

Many high school athletes who tear their ACL never perform again at the same level, if they even return to the sport, the National ACL Injury Coalition says. And once injured, they carry a heightened risk of another ACL injury and long-term complications like degenerative joint disease, researchers say.

The coalition has urged the sports world to treat ACL injuries like brain injuries, now that professional and youth sports have tried to improve training, rules and equipment standards to prevent and detect concussions.

Sophia Gerardi, a sophomore at Pennsylvania's Apollo Ridge High School who tore her ACL during a basketball game in December, was told by her doctors that she'll forever have to wear a knee brace to play sports. She had surgery in January, will miss volleyball season and hopes to be back for next winter's

basketball season.

Like many girls who tore their ACL, she didn't recall getting any ACL injury-prevention training.

Surveys of coaches show that many don't know about risk-reduction programs, aren't trained to do them or aren't encouraged to learn about them, said Vince Minjares, who leads the Aspen Institute's ACL injury prevention project. Some coaches tell Minjares



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Plano East varsity soccer player Aliya Jacob, left, controls the ball against Rock Hill's Hanna Schinner during a soccer game, Jan. 30, in Murphy, Texas.

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CHILD FIND FOR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Williamstown Independent School District
707 KAR 1:002 – 707 KAR 1:380 (ages 3-21)

Preschool Partnership
Head Start/Preschool Registration
For the 2026-2027 school year

CALL TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

The Williamstown Independent School District's Head Start/Preschool partnership program provides comprehensive services to all qualifying children in Grant County. The child must be 3 or 4 years old by August 1, 2026. The Head Start/Preschool program will be hosting a county wide universal screening. The school district provides this service in accordance with state law and no fee is attached. The Head Start/Preschool program is income based with spots available for all children due to developmental concerns or disabilities.

- Children whose family meets the federal and/or state income guidelines.
- Children with an identified disability/delay that meets the federal and/or state guidelines.
- Children with at-risk circumstances may be accepted as over-income.

Income eligible three year olds and over-income applicants are considered for placement as space is available. Secure a spot for your child now! The new age cut off is August 1st.

Options for both Full Day and Partial Day!
Limited Bus Transportation Available

Please call for a registration appointment at 859-824-4174.
Please leave a message if we are not in the office, we will return calls as soon as possible.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
Case No. 17-CI-079
"Electronically Filed"

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF

VS. **NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

LINDA SAMMONS, ET AL DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on February 25, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Walter O. Halfhill and Linda Halfhill, husband and wife, from Raymond Pickett, Jr., single, by Deed dated October 25, 1988 and recorded in Deed Book 171, Page 32 in the Grant County Clerk's Office. Walter O. Halfhill died in 1988, leaving all of his interest vesting in Linda Halfhill pursuant to survivorship clause in said Deed.

Property is subject to a Land Contract between Linda Sammons (formerly Linda Halfhill) and Charles Sammons, her husband, and James Davis and Allie Davis, his wife, dated March 11, 1998 and recorded in Book 242, Page 291 and filed in the Grant County Clerk's Office. Allie Davis died on January 17, 2026, no Will or Affidavit of Descent of record, her interest passing to the Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of Allie Davis.

Property is also subject to a Land Contract between Linda M. Sammons, single, and Jason L. Hawkins dated May 20, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 390, Page 365 and filed in Grant County Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 505 Ragtown Road, Corinth, KY 41010
Map ID: 062-00-00-093.00

There is a mobile home located on the property, but it is **NOT** included in the sale. Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale for tax year 2012 is the principal sum of \$387.57, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$574.24 through December 2025, for tax year 2013, the sum of \$403.43, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$548.08 through December 2025, for tax year 2014, \$354.46, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$438.96 through December 2025, adjudged plaintiff on its first lien plus administrative fees, interest and attorney fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Meeting Notice (26001-PMN)

Owen County Public Transit will be conducting a public meeting to recommend and update its passenger fare schedule and operating hours, the first proposed fare adjustment since 2016.

To facilitate public comment in this process, OCPT is providing two (2) avenues of participation for the public meeting to be held on Monday, March 19, 2026, at 10 AM EST.

1. In-Person: Owen County Courthouse, Second Floor, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky 40359
2. Virtual Zoom meeting:
Topic: Public Hearing - Owen County Public Transit
Time: Mar 19, 2026, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96916313630?pwd=sCY2sYek0PTILaAYYDEIE8kAGyi5OF.1>
View meeting insights with Zoom AI Companion <https://zoom.us/launch/edl?muid=051880a0-c7fe-4124-b5e7-0a9c3b3abf09>
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Passcode: 950532

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In addition to attending the meetings listed above, comments may be submitted via email to ptcoment@owencountyky.us, via the customer care line at 502.750-2828. No final decisions have been made. As required by federal regulations, OCPT will conduct an analysis and gather public input through meetings and multiple feedback channels before any fare changes are considered.

If approved, the new fare structure will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

1. **Operational Hours:**
 - a. Proposed operational hours change:

Current Hours		SFY27 New Hours	
Hours	Days	Hours	Days
6am – 4pm EST	Monday-Friday	6am – 6pm EST	Monday-Friday
		6am – 12pm EST	Saturday
2. **Fare Rate Change:**
 - a. Proposed fare rate change:

Current Fare Rate Structure	SFY27 Fare Rate Structure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trips up to 10 miles one way \$3.00 • All trips over 10 miles one way \$3.00 + \$.40/mile • Dialysis and Cancer Treatments \$10.00/round trip (up to 85 miles round trip) • Any trips over 85 miles \$10 + \$.40/mile after the 85 miles maximum \$40/week • Multiple out of town trips for work \$10/round trip (up to 85 miles round trip) • (Must not have a car or may not have a valid driver's license; unless prior approval by administration) • Any trips over 85 miles \$10 + \$.40/mile after the 85 miles maximum \$40/week • Veteran medical appointments 1/2 off regular price (If OCPT receives grant money from the State of KY for Veterans, the fare will be free. If we do not have grant money the fares will be 1/2 off the regular rate.) • Any appointments out of the State of Kentucky \$3.00 + \$.40/mile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trips \$1.00/mile