



United States District Court
In re: College Athlete NIL Litigation
Case No. 4:20-cv-03919

Class Action Notice

Authorized by the U.S. District Court

Were you a Division I college athlete at any time between 2016 and 2024 who was subject to NCAA scholarship and compensation rules?

There is a \$2,576,000,000 settlement of a lawsuit.
You may be entitled to money.
The settlement also changes NCAA compensation rules in the future.

To see how much money you may get, visit www.collegeathletecompensation.com on December 17, 2024.
Read this notice.
Respond by January 31, 2025, if needed.

Important things to know:

- If you take no action, you will still be bound by the settlement, and your rights will be affected.
- If you would like to understand how NCAA compensation rule changes may give you more compensation opportunities in the future, please go to pg. 6.
- You can learn more at: www.collegeathletecompensation.com.

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About This Notice

Why did I get this notice?

This notice is to tell you about the settlement of a class action lawsuit, *In re: College Athlete NIL Litigation*, brought on behalf of current and former college athletes who competed on a Division I athletic team any time between June 15, 2016 and September 15, 2024, and college athletes who will compete on a Division I athletic team any time between the fall of 2025 and ten years thereafter. **You may be a member of the group of people affected, called the “class.”** This notice gives you a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement, explains what rights class members have, and helps class members make informed decisions about what action to take.

What do I do next?

Read this notice to understand the settlement and to determine if you are a class member. Then, decide if you want to:

Options	More information about each option
Do Nothing	Likely get no money, and give up your right to bring a lawsuit against the NCAA, and the Power Five Conferences (the ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-12, SEC), including their member institutions, about the same issues.
Participate in Settlement	Potentially receive one or more payments, if you qualify. Update your contact information/payment method, and/or submit a Claim Form to receive payments. See pages 10-11. Give up your right to bring a lawsuit against the NCAA and the Power Five Conferences (the ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-12, SEC), including their member institutions, about the same issues.
Opt Out	Get no payment. Allows you to bring another lawsuit against the NCAA, ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-12, SEC and/or their member institutions about the same issues. You cannot opt out of the future changes to NCAA compensation rules (this is called the Injunctive Relief settlement).
Object	Tell the Court why you don't like the settlement.

Read on to understand the specifics of the settlement and what each choice would mean for you.

What are the most important dates?

Your deadline to object or opt out: **January 31, 2025**

Settlement Final Approval Hearing: **April 7, 2025**. The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing may change without further notice. You should check www.collegeathletecompensation.com or the Court's PACER site at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov> to confirm that the date has not changed.

Your deadline to submit a Claim Form, if applicable to you, and select a preferred payment method for direct payment is: **January 31, 2025**

Learning About the Lawsuit

What is this lawsuit about?

Several college athletes sued the NCAA and Power Five Conferences in a class action lawsuit. The lawsuit alleges that the NCAA and Power Five Conferences broke the law by agreeing not to pay college athletes for their participation in college sports or for the use of their NIL (Name, Image, and Likeness), and limiting scholarships available to college athletes.

The NCAA and Power Five Conferences deny that they did anything wrong.

Where can I learn more?

You can get a complete copy of the Complaint, Settlement Agreement, and the Court's Orders at: collegeathletecompensation.com

Why is there a settlement in this lawsuit?

The parties agreed to settle, which means they have reached an agreement to resolve the lawsuit. Both sides want to avoid the risk and expense of further litigation.

The settlement is on behalf of college athletes who competed on a Division I athletic team between June 15, 2016 and September 15, 2024, and college athletes who will compete on a Division I athletic team any time between the fall of 2025 and ten years thereafter. The Court has not decided this case in favor of either side.

The settlement also requires changes to NCAA rules on compensation for athletes going forward. Schools may increase compensation opportunities that may affect you going forward because of these rule changes.

What is a class action settlement?

A class action settlement is an agreement between the parties to resolve and end the case. Settlements can provide money to class members and changes to the practices that caused the alleged harm.

What happens next in this lawsuit?

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement. The hearing will be held both in person and remotely. Instructions for remote access will be available on the Court's PACER site at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov> and at www.collegeathletecompensation.com. The hearing will be held in person at:

Where: Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building & United States Courthouse, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612

When: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing may change without further notice to the class. You should check the settlement website or the Court's PACER site at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov> to confirm that the date has not changed.

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Judge: Claudia A. Wilken

The Court has directed the parties to provide this notice about the proposed settlement. Because the settlement of a class action decides the rights of all members of the proposed classes, the Court must give final approval to the settlement before it can take effect. Payments will be made only if the Court approves the settlement.

You don't have to attend the hearing, but you may do so at your own expense. You may also ask the Court for permission to speak and express your opinion about the settlement. If you wish to speak at the hearing, you must file a written objection that states that you would like to speak at the hearing. More information about how to file an objection is below and at www.collegeathletecompensation.com. If the Court does not approve the settlement or the parties decide to end it, the settlement will be void and the lawsuit will continue.

Important Facts About How The Settlement Might Affect You

What does the settlement provide?

The Defendants (NCAA and Power Five Conferences) have agreed to pay \$2,576,000,000 into a settlement fund ("damages settlement"). This money will be divided among eligible class members (according to a Distribution Plan) and will also be used to pay for costs and fees approved by the Court, including the cost of administering this settlement and awards to the Class Representatives for their help in the lawsuit.

Who are the Defendants?

NCAA, ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-12, and SEC

Defendants will also be required to change NCAA and conference rules to permit schools and conferences to provide student athletes additional benefits and compensation, including for NIL and participation in college sports, up to an aggregate yearly amount as specified in the Settlement, and to eliminate limits on scholarships ("Injunctive Relief Settlement").

Members of the Settlement Classes will "release" their claims as part of the settlement, whether or not they are eligible for a payment under the Settlement, which means they will not be able to sue any of the Defendants or their member institutions for the same issues in this lawsuit. The full terms of the release can be found at www.collegeathletecompensation.com.

NOTE: The Settlement Agreement does not release claims currently raised in the Complaint in *Choh v. Brown University, et al.*, No. 3:23-cv 305 (D. Conn.) ("*Choh*"), against the Ivy League and Ivy League member institutions ("*Choh* Defendants"), challenging an alleged agreement among the *Choh* Defendants not to award athletic scholarships or otherwise provide any compensation or education-related reimbursements for athletic services as permitted under then-applicable NCAA rules. The previously filed *Choh* claims arise out of unique aspects of rules applicable within the Ivy League alone. The Settlement Agreement and its release provisions otherwise fully apply to student-athletes who are in the Settlement

Classes, including, but not limited to Ivy League student-athletes, and likewise otherwise fully apply to Releasees as defined in the settlement, which includes but is not limited to the Ivy League, Ivy League member institutions, and Defendants in this Action.

The Settlement Agreement does not release the claims currently stated in the Complaint in *Johnson, et al. v. National Collegiate Athletic Association, et al.*, 2:19-cv-05230-JP (E.D. Pa.), claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C.A. § 201 et seq. or any other federal labor laws, or claims under any analogous state labor laws, or claims under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., other than any claims arising out of or relating to the distribution of the Gross Settlement Fund.

You do not need to opt out of this settlement in order to pursue remedies in those actions.

How do I know if I am part of this settlement?

You are part of the “damages” settlement classes if:

- You received or will receive a full Grant-in-Aid scholarship and compete on, competed on, or will compete on a Division I men’s basketball team or an FBS football team, at a college or university that is a member of one of the Power Five Conferences (including Notre Dame), and you have been or will be declared initially eligible for competition in Division I at any time between June 15, 2016 through September 15, 2024. This is referred to as the “Settlement Football and Men’s Basketball Class.”
- You received or will receive a full Grant-in-Aid scholarship and compete on, competed on, or will compete on a Division I women’s basketball team at a college or university that is a member of one of the Power Five Conferences (including Notre Dame), and you have been or will be declared initially eligible for competition in Division I at any time between June 15, 2016 through September 15, 2024. This is referred to as the “Settlement Women’s Basketball Class.”
- You compete on, competed on, or will compete on a Division I athletic team and have been or will be declared initially eligible for competition in Division I at any time from June 15, 2016 through September 15, 2024. This is referred to as the “Settlement Additional Sports Class.”

You are part of the “Injunctive Relief Settlement” if:

- You compete on, or competed on, or will compete on a Division I athletic team at any time between June 15, 2020 through the end of the Injunctive Relief Settlement Term as defined in the Settlement. The Injunctive Relief Settlement Term is the ten (10) Academic Years following the date of Final Approval of the Settlement. This is referred to as the “Settlement Declaratory and Injunctive Relief Class.”

You are not part of the settlement if: You are an officer, director, or employee of one of the Defendants or you are the staff or immediate family member of the judge in this case.

How much will my payment be?

Your payment, if you are eligible for one, will be determined according to a Distribution Plan that is available on the settlement website and summarized below:

- Broadcast NIL payments will be a set, yearly amount for each FBS Football and Division 1 Basketball player based on the sport you competed in, the specific years you played between 2016-2024, and the conference in which you competed. Payments will be equal for members competing in the same sport in the same conference in the same year.
- Videogame NIL payments will be a set, yearly amount for each athlete who competed in FBS Football and Division I Men's Basketball based on the specific years you competed between 2016-2024 and the number of claims filed by class members. Total payments to be shared equally each year among eligible athletes are based on a fixed percentage applied to estimated videogame revenue that would have occurred had a game been in existence each year.
- Payments for additional compensation for your athletic services will be based on the specific years you competed in Division I between 2019-2024, the sport you competed in, the school you competed for, and the number of claims filed by class members, among other criteria. For athletes competing in Power Five Football or Basketball, payments will also be based on the scholarship you received and performance statistics.
- Lost NIL payments will be based on the amount of money you received from third parties for your NIL after July 1, 2021, the specific years you competed between 2016-2021, the sport you competed in, the school(s) you competed for, your performance statistics, and the number of claims filed by class members.

Your payment also depends on the amount of money the Court approves for costs, fees, and awards, as well as other factors. Any payment you are entitled to will be paid out yearly over a ten-year period with equal amounts paid each year.

To select your method of payment (e.g. Venmo, check, etc.), please visit www.collegeathletecompensation.com.

To see your estimated payment amount, go to www.collegeathletecompensation.com on December 17, 2024 and log in using the ClaimID and PIN in the email or postcard you received about this settlement, or use your NCAA EC ID number if you did not receive an email or postcard. Please note, your estimated payment amount is based on the information your schools have on file for you and provided for distribution in this settlement. You may need to submit a Claim Form to receive all payments you qualify for. To determine whether you need to submit a Claim Form, visit www.collegeathletecompensation.com.

What is NIL, BNIL, and Lost NIL?

NIL refers to name, image and likeness. BNIL, as defined by Class Counsel in the litigation, refers to the use of an athlete's NIL via broadcasts like tv, radio, internet and other media. Lost NIL, is the money lost from third-parties for your NIL.

What if I received two notices?

If you received two notices by email and/or mail, records indicate that you are included in both this settlement and the Academic Achievement Award settlement (a.k.a. *Hubbard v. National Collegiate Athletic Association*, Case No. 4:23-cv-01593). You may be eligible to receive money from both settlements.

Go to www.collegeathletecompensation.com to file a Claim Form in this settlement and in the *Hubbard v. National Collegiate Athletic Association* settlement, if required, to receive all the money you qualify for.

Will any NCAA rules change?

Yes, under the Injunctive Relief Settlement, NCAA and conference rules will be changed to allow schools and conferences to provide to student-athletes, up to an aggregate yearly amount specified in the Settlement:

- additional benefits, including for NIL;
- additional benefits over and above annual existing scholarships and other benefits currently permitted by NCAA rules.

NCAA rules regarding the payments that student-athletes will be permitted to receive from third parties for their NIL while remaining eligible to play Division I sports will also be modified pursuant to the Settlement. Complete details regarding these rule changes, as well as additional benefits, are provided in the Injunctive Relief Settlement, available at www.collegeathletecompensation.com. You cannot opt out of the Injunctive Relief Settlement; you may object if you disagree with these changes.

Deciding What to Do

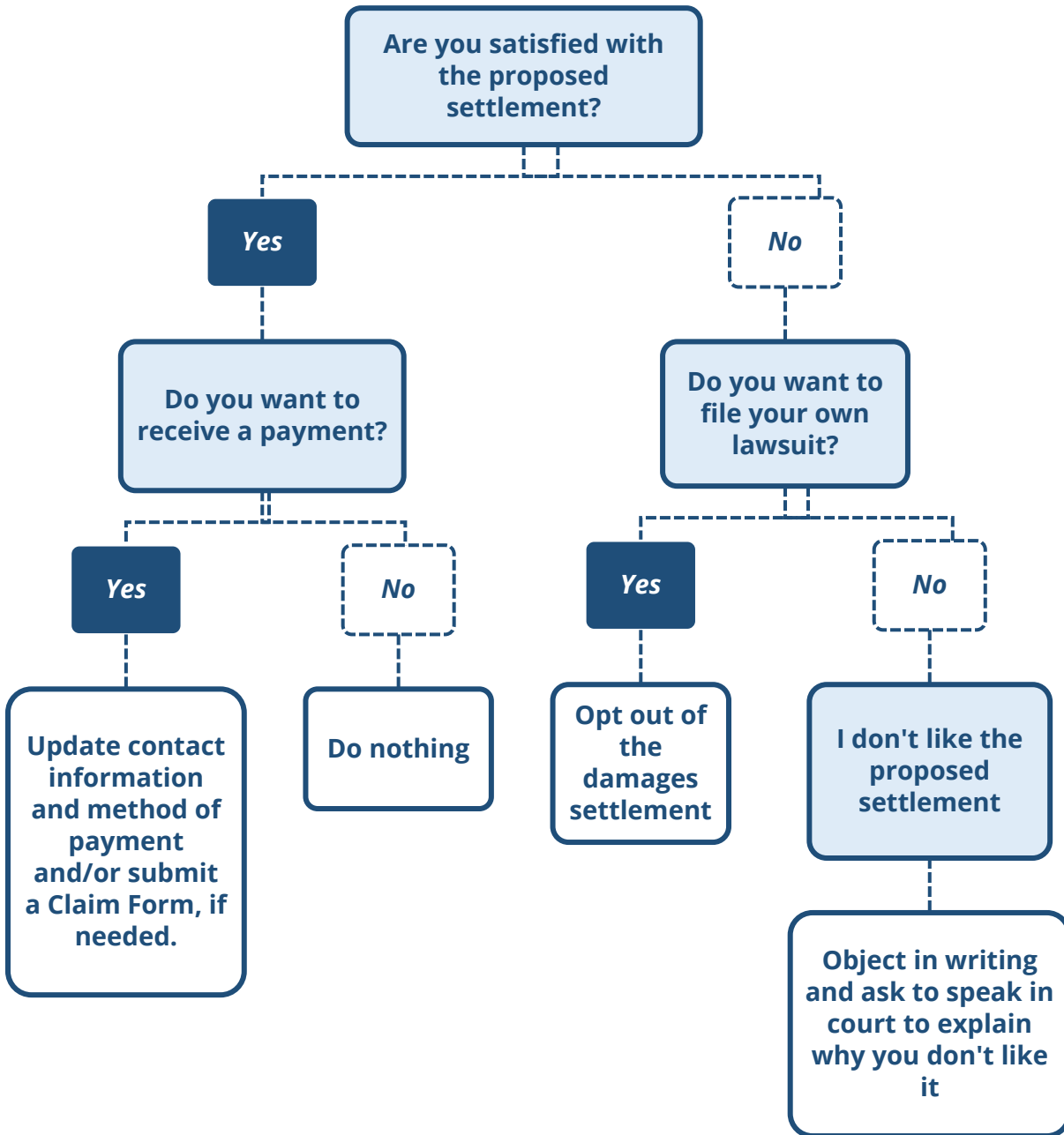
How do I weigh my options?

You have four options.

- You can stay in the settlement and submit a claim (if one is needed),
- You can opt out of the damages settlement,
- You can object to the Injunctive Relief Settlement and damages settlement, or

You can update your contact information and method of payment and automatically receive your payment (if eligible).

Choose the best path for you:



Getting a Payment

How do I get a payment?

If your contact information and method of payment is confirmed, then,

Payments will be **automatically** sent to:

- Power Five FBS Football and Men's Division I Basketball athletes who received a full grant-in-aid scholarship for BNIL awards, videogame awards, athletic services, and awards for lost third-party payments for your NIL (if NIL deal information has been provided to Plaintiffs by their school);
- Power Five Women's Division I Basketball athletes who received a full-grant-in-aid scholarship for BNIL, athletic services, and awards for lost third-party payments for your NIL (if NIL deal information has been provided to Plaintiffs by your school); and
- Any Division I Athlete who competed in the same sport prior to and after July 1, 2021, and had an NIL deal after July 1, 2021 that has been provided to Plaintiffs by their school.

What is NIL and BNIL?

NIL refers to name, image and likeness. BNIL, as defined by Class Counsel in the litigation, refers to the use of an athlete's NIL via broadcasts like tv, radio, internet and other media.

You **must file a Claim Form** to receive a payment if:

- You are a Division I athlete other than a Power Five Football or Basketball player and you want to receive payment for athletic services;
- You are a Football or Basketball athlete not in the Power Five and you want to receive payment for videogames;
- You are a Division I athlete who competed in the same sport prior to and after July 1, 2021, and had an NIL deal after July 1, 2021 that has not been provided to Plaintiffs by your school.

You may review your estimated payment amount on or after December 17, 2024 at www.collegeathletecompensation.com and file a Claim Form if any amounts are missing or if a Claim Form is required for you to receive all the money you qualify for.

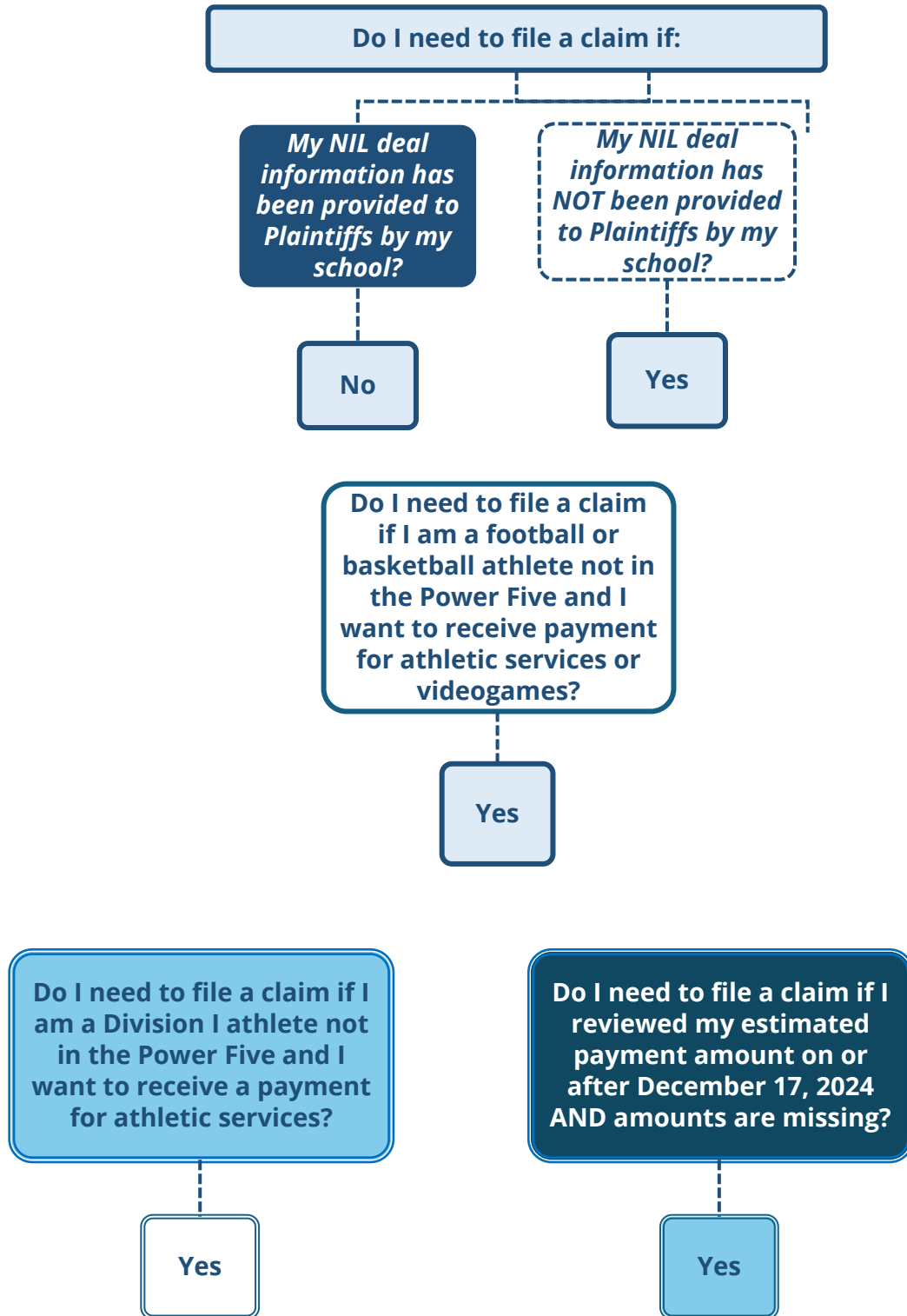
Claim Forms may be submitted online or downloaded from www.collegeathletecompensation.com and mailed to the Settlement Administrator. Claim Forms must be submitted online or postmarked by **January 31, 2025**. For more information about whether a claim form is required, go to www.collegeathletecompensation.com.

You can choose a method of payment at www.collegeathletecompensation.com; if you are eligible, you will receive equal payments of your share every year, for ten years.

How do I make sure I receive my payment?

If you are eligible to receive payment, you can review your estimated payment amount and/or submit a Claim Form; you should also make sure your contact information is current and method of payment is chosen. If the contact information listed is incorrect, you can and should update it because it will be used to send you your money if you qualify for payment. Visit www.collegeathletetechnology.com for more information.

Do I need to file a Claim Form?



Do I have a lawyer in this lawsuit?

In a class action, the court appoints class representatives and lawyers to work on the case and represent the interests of all the class members. For this settlement, the Court has appointed the following individuals and lawyers.

Your lawyers: Steve Berman of Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP and Jeffrey Kessler of Winston & Strawn LLP. These are the lawyers who negotiated this settlement on your behalf.

If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

Do I have to pay the lawyers in this lawsuit?

Lawyers' fees and costs will be paid from the Settlement Fund. **You will not have to pay the lawyers directly.**

To date, your lawyers have not been paid any money for their work or the expenses that they have paid for the case. To pay for some of their time and risk in bringing this case without any guarantee of payment unless they were successful, your lawyers will request, as part of the final approval of this settlement, that the Court approve a payment of up to 20% of the \$1.976 billion NIL Settlement Fund and up to 10% of the \$600 million Compensation for Athletic Services Fund in attorneys' fees, plus the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. These fees will be paid out over ten years so they are aligned with any payments you will receive.

With regard to the Injunctive Relief Settlement portion of the settlement, Class Counsel may also apply to the Court for an upfront injunctive fee and cost award of \$20 million, which shall be paid for by Defendants, in addition to all other amounts paid. Annually, Class Counsel may apply to the Court, or a special master appointed by the Court, for a percentage of the amounts athletes received that year as additional compensation. These payments to Class Counsel will count toward the maximum amount that all schools can spend in the next year. Further details on these payments can be found in the Settlement Agreement, available at www.collegeathletecompensation.com.

Lawyers' fees and expenses will be awarded only if approved by the Court as a fair and reasonable amount. You have the right to object to the lawyers' fees even if you think the settlement terms are fair. The lawyers' motion for attorneys' fees and costs will be filed with the Court and posted on the settlement website on or before December 17, 2024.

Your lawyers will also ask the Court to approve a payment of up to \$125,000 to the Class Representatives for the time and effort they contributed to the case. If approved by the Court, this will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

Opting Out

What if I don't want to be part of this settlement?

As to the damages settlement alone, you can opt out. If you do, you will not receive payment and cannot object to the settlement. However, you will not be bound or affected by anything that happens in this lawsuit and may be able to file your own case. You cannot opt out of the Injunctive Relief Settlement.

How do I opt out?

To opt out of the damages settlement, you must mail a letter to the Settlement Administrator at the address below postmarked by **January 31, 2025**. Your letter must include (1) your name, (2) your current address, (3) your NCAA EC ID number, if available, (4) a sentence stating, "I want to opt out from the damages classes in *In re: College Athlete NIL Litigation*, Case No. 4:20-cv-03919," and (5) your signature.

House v. NCAA Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box 301134
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1134

Objecting

What if I disagree with the settlement?

If you disagree with any part of the settlement (including the Injunctive Relief Settlement portion, and the lawyers' fees), you may object. You do not need to opt out of the damages settlement to make an objection. You must give reasons in writing why you think the Court should not approve the settlement and state whether your objection applies to just you, one of the classes, or all of the classes. You may also request in your objection to speak at the Final Approval Hearing. The Court may (but is not required to) permit you to speak at the Final Approval Hearing if you request to do so in your objection.

The Court will consider your views. The Court can only approve or deny the settlement — it cannot change the terms of the settlement. If the Court denies approval, no settlement payments will be sent out, and the lawsuit will continue. If that is what you want to happen, you may object. You may, but don't need to, hire your own lawyer to help you.

To object, you must send a letter to the Court, or file electronically at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov>, or file in person at any U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California location that:

- (1) is postmarked or submitted online by **January 31, 2025**;
- (2) includes your full name and address;
- (3) includes your NCAA ECID number, if available;
- (4) includes the case name and number (*In re: College Athlete NIL Litigation*, Case No. 4:20-cv-03919);
- (5) states the reasons for your objection;
- (6) states whether either you or your lawyer would like to speak at the Final Approval Hearing and your lawyer's name (if you have one); and
- (7) includes your signature.

Mail the letter to:

Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building & United States Courthouse
c/o Class Action Clerk
1301 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Any objection to the proposed settlement must be in writing. If you file a timely written objection, you may, but are not required to and may not be allowed to, speak at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through your own attorney. If you speak through your own attorney, you are responsible for hiring and paying that attorney. The Final Approval Hearing time and date are subject to change; please check www.collegeathletecompensation.com to confirm the current status of the hearing.

Doing Nothing

What are the consequences of doing nothing?

To ensure you receive the payment you are entitled to, you will need to go to www.collegeathletecompensation.com to confirm your contact information and preferred payment method.

If you do nothing, you may not receive any money or you may not receive all of the money you are entitled to, but you will still be bound by the settlement and its “release” provisions. That means you won’t be able to start, continue, or be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Defendants, including their member institutions, about the issues in this case. Please see the Settlement Agreement, which can be found at www.collegeathletecompensation.com, for a full description of the claims and entities who will be released if this settlement is approved.

Key Resources

How do I get more information?

This notice is a summary of the proposed settlement. To get a copy of the Settlement Agreement or get answers to your questions:

- contact your lawyers (information below);
- visit the case website at www.collegeathletecompensation.com;
- access the Court Electronic Records (PACER) system online at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov> or by visiting the Clerk’s office of the Court (address below);

Resource	Contact Information
Case website	www.collegeathletecompensation.com
Settlement Administrator	<p><i>House v. NCAA</i> Settlement Administrator P.O. Box 301134 Los Angeles, CA 90030-1134 admin@collegeathletecompensation.com 1-877-514-1777</p>
Your Lawyers	<p>Steve Berman Ben Siegel Emilee Sisco Stephanie Verdoia stephaniev@hbsslaw.com (206)-268-9343 Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP 1301 Second Avenue, Suite 2000 Seattle, WA 98101</p> <p>Jeffrey Kessler David Greenspan Jeanifer Parsigian Neha Vyas nvyas@winston.com (212)-294-2658 Winston & Strawn LLP 200 Park Avenue New York, NY 10166-4193</p>
Court	<p>U.S. District Court Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building & United States Courthouse 1301 Clay Street Oakland, CA 94612</p> <p>HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT OR THE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THIS SETTLEMENT OR THE CLAIM PROCESS.</p>