NCAA Collegiate Equestrian
NIL Guidance

As a result of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling and the NCAA adoption of legislation allowing student-athletes to be compensated for the use of their name, image and likeness (NIL), USEF is providing you with guidance regarding what this announcement means for your amateur status.

Important things you need to know:

1. We encourage all NCAA collegiate equestrians to contact their school’s compliance department to fully understand all aspects of NIL before engaging in any NIL-related activities.

2. USEF has approved an interim waiver that applies as follows:

   An NCAA collegiate equestrian will remain an amateur equestrian provided all three of the following apply:

   - NIL-related actions are permitted under the NCAA’s interim policy;
   - An athlete remains on a team roster while the NIL-related activities take place; and
   - No other breaches of the USEF Rules of Amateur Status in connection with the NIL-related activities occur. Click here to read the USEF Amateur Rule under GR1306.

3. Collegiate equestrians who plan to benefit from their NIL and wish to play in non-NCAA competitions as an amateur should:

   - Be prepared to provide proof of NCAA eligibility prior to competing so the competition organizer can confirm eligibility. This can be in the form of a letter from your school’s compliance department.
   - Familiarize yourself with any policies put into effect by competition organizers that apply to logos, promotions or advertisements.