WVU International Student-Athlete Policy

While international student-athletes are permitted to receive NIL compensation under NCAA rules and WVU policy, US student F-1 visa employment regulations may prevent NIL compensation while in the US. Under F-1 visa employment regulations while inside the US, international student-athletes may not receive NIL compensation.

However, when an international student-athlete is in their home country, they may receive compensation for use of their NIL. In order to participate in a NIL opportunity, the entirety of the NIL deal, including payment, must take place outside of the US. An international student-athlete may receive compensation for NIL services from either foreign or US-based companies.

All student-athletes, including international student-athletes, should report all NIL activities to WVU compliance even if the NIL activity takes place outside of the US.

International student-athletes should not enter into any NIL agreements without guidance from the WVU International Students & Scholars*(ISSS) to prevent any potential immigration issues. If you have any additional questions, you can contact a WVU NIL representative found in the connection of the WVU NIL website.

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