

HIGH-SCHOOL

## Varsity Letter: NIL in high school sports, plus other nuggets

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The world of college athletics saw a pivotal shift July 1 as Name, Image and Likeness legislation swept the nation.

In Florida, statute No. 1006.74 paved the way for college student-athletes to financially benefit for his or her name, image and likeness. However, as it pertains to high school athletes, it's business as usual — which means no NIL business at all.

In order for high school student-athletes to maintain their high school athletic eligibility, he or she may not profit on his or her name, image or likeness, according to the FHSAA.

"As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please be reminded that there has been no change to the FHSAA bylaw regarding amateur status," said FHSAA executive director George Tomyn in a statement posted to FHSAA.com. "A student participating for a FHSAA member school who capitalizes on his/her athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of a monetary nature will forfeit his/her amateur status and eligibility for one year."

Competing for money, receiving award money not approved by the FHSAA, signing a professional contract or hiring an agent and competing under an assumed name are all grounds for ineligibility, according to the FHSAA.

### Other nuggets

- Bradford High School announced the hiring of Chip Chadwell, the Tornadoes new head baseball coach, on Monday. Chadwell offers over 20 years of coaching experience and a career that has taken him all over the state of Florida. Chadwell served as an assistant coach for Orange Park from 1995-2001 before becoming the head coach for the Titusville Terriers from 2003-2005. Chadwell led the Terriers to a regional final in 2005, where the Tim Tebow-led Nease Panthers kept them from advancing. Chadwell has since worked college baseball camps for Florida State, Clemson University and LSU. Chadwell takes the reigns of

Bradford's program after the Tornadoes finished 3-19 last season.

- Buchholz High School and Eastside High School are looking to fill coaching vacancies, according to the Alachua County School Board's website. The Buchholz Bobcats are in search of coaches for girls lacrosse, softball and track and field. The Bobcats' girls lacrosse coaches, head coach Lynn Millinoff and assistant Ian Millinoff, retired after launching the program in 2007. Through 14 seasons, the husband-wife duo never coached a losing season. Meanwhile, Eastside is looking for a girls soccer coach. The Rams were led by Terrie Ellerbe last year and finished the season 7-8-3.
- The Gainesville Sun has launched a Twitter page specifically for Gainesville/Alachua County high school sports coverage. Follow @GNVpreps on Twitter for stories, news and updates relating to the area's high school sports scene. Coaches and student-athletes, mention @GNVpreps in Tweets and we will retweet to spread the word for news and accomplishments.

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