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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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SHANNON RAY, KHALA TAYLOR, PETER
ROBINSON, KATHERINE SEBANNE, and
RUDY BARAJAS, individually and
on behalf of all those similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated
association,

Defendant.

No. 1:23-cv-425 WBS CSK

ORDER APPROVING PLAN OF
ALLOCATION

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Plaintiffs in this matter moved for final approval of class action settlement (the "motion"). (Docket No. 171.) The motion included plaintiffs' plan of allocation (the "plan") (Docket No. 171-2) and requested that the court issue an order approving the plan separate from the court's ruling on the motion (Docket No. 171 at 23). On May 11, 2026, the court held a

1 fairness hearing at which it also heard oral arguments on the
2 motion. Thereafter, the court entered its order granting
3 plaintiffs' motion. (Docket No. 176.) Pursuant to that order,
4 the court will approve plaintiffs' plan of allocation. (Id. at
5 32.)

6 WHEREAS, the court has considered (a) the proposed Plan
7 of Allocation submitted November 10, 2025 (Docket No. 159-1 at
8 37-46), and resubmitted April 6, 2026 (Docket No. 171-2); (b) the
9 Settlement Agreement, dated November 10, 2025 (Docket No. 159-1);
10 (c) the court's January 6, 2026 Order granting preliminary
11 approval (Docket No. 163); (d) the motion, the accompanying
12 memorandum of law, and all exhibits thereto (Docket No. 171); (e)
13 the joint declaration of co-lead counsel (Docket No. 173); and
14 (f) all other papers and proceedings herein;

15 WHEREAS, the court has considered all the submissions
16 and arguments with respect to the Settlement Agreement and the
17 Motion, and otherwise being fully informed, and good cause
18 appearing;

19 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Plan of Allocation
20 (Docket No. 171-2) be, and the same hereby is, APPROVED.


21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

- 22 (1) This Order approving the proposed Plan of Allocation
23 incorporates by reference the definitions in the Settlement
24 Agreement dated November 10, 2025 (Docket No. 159-1
25 ("Settlement Agreement")), and all capitalized terms not
otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set
forth in the Stipulation.
- 26 (2) The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order approving the
27 proposed Plan of Allocation, and over the subject matter of
28 the Action and all parties to the Action, including all
Class Members.

- 1 (3) Notice of the proposed Plan of Allocation was given to all
2 Class Members who could be identified with reasonable
3 effort. The form and method of notifying the Settlement
4 Class of the proposed Plan of Allocation satisfies the
5 requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil
6 Procedure, due process, and all other applicable laws and
7 rules, constitutes the best notice practicable under the
8 circumstances, and constitutes due and sufficient notice to
9 all persons and entities entitled thereto.
- 10 (4) The proposed Plan of Allocation was contained in the Notice
11 mailed or emailed to potential Settlement Class Members and
12 nominees and posted on the Settlement Website
13 (<https://ncaavolunteercoachlawsuit.com>).
- 14 (5) The Court hereby finds and concludes that the formula for
15 the calculation of the claims of Claimants as set forth in
16 the Plan of Allocation provides a fair and reasonable basis
17 upon which to allocate the proceeds of the Net Settlement
18 Fund among Class Members.
- 19 (6) The Court hereby finds and concludes that the Plan of
20 Allocation is, in all respects, fair and reasonable to the
21 Class. Accordingly, the Court hereby approves the Plan of
22 Allocation.
- 23 (7) Without affecting the finality of this Order in any respect,
24 this Court reserves jurisdiction over any matters related to
25 or ancillary to this Order.

26 IT IS SO ORDERED.

27 Dated: May 11, 2026

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WILLIAM B. SHUBB
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE