

Big Ten prohibits players returning to college from NFL

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The Big Ten became the first conference Tuesday to adopt a rule prohibiting football players who have signed professional contracts from returning to play at its schools as college sports finds itself mired in lawsuits and disputes over eligibility.

The matter came to a head Monday when the agent for former Mississippi tight end Dae'Quan Wright said Wright could be heading to LSU thanks to a state-level court order allowing him and others an unexpected fifth year of eligibility despite a NCAA rule change in June impacting players who graduated from high school in 2022. There are a number of lawsuits in dispute around the country.

The Big Ten said that administrators unanimously approved the rule to prohibit football players who have signed a professional contract, were on a professional roster at any point or declared for the NFL draft as an underclassman without withdrawing, from maintaining eligibility for athletic competition at a conference institution. It did not rule out restrictions in other sports like basketball.

Wake Forest athletic director John Currie, chairman of the Atlantic Coast Conference ADs group for the upcoming season, said his colleagues plan to discuss the issue in Wednesday's regularly scheduled call.

"I don't think anybody in our league likes the idea of taking away opportunities from existing college students and graduating high

school players, which is exactly what is happening when a school signs a player out of an NFL camp to their team," Currie wrote in a text message to The Associated Press.

Duke coach Manny Diaz said the Power Four conferences need to present a unified front. The Big 12 and Southeastern Conference have not announced steps they could take or returned messages seeking comment, though the SEC ripped the potential for pros back in college in a statement late Monday.

"I think you'll see more leagues start to govern themselves since we're having such a hard time finding it at a national level," Diaz said. "I think everyone understands it's absolutely absurd. We can enjoy the fact that the players can benefit financially from playing in college now. At the same time, recognize the ultimate truth that we're not a professional sports franchise. We are a collegiate, scholastic school activity, and we've got to rein that in."

Agent Drew Rosenhaus told the AP on Monday that Wright had been waived by the Cleveland Browns and, if he clears waivers, will join Lane Kiffin's roster at No. 11 LSU. Wright played two seasons for Kiffin at Ole Miss.

Wright was among a group of players who sued in a Louisiana court, saying the new NCAA rule granting five years of eligibility to most athletes should apply to him and others who were not "grandfathered" into the rule, which did not include the high school Class of 2022.

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE A PLATTED STREET

Pursuant to K.S.A. §58-2613, notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas proposes to close and vacate the following platted street, to-wit:

A portion of an unnamed street located adjacent to and west of Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), adjacent to and east of Lots Twenty Two (22), Twenty Three (23) and Twenty Four (24), and adjacent to and south of the abandoned St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company Right-of Way, all in Mohawk Coal Company's Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty Four (24), Township Thirty (30), Range Twenty Four (24) East, Crawford County Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof;

A public hearing regarding said proposed alley vacation will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Commission Room, Girard, Kansas. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

If the Board of County Commissioners determines that the above-described platted alley is no longer required, or cannot be prudently be used for public purposes, the land comprising said street shall revert to the adjoining landowners for One Dollar (\$1.00), in the Commission Room at the Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Individuals needing reasonable accommodation to attend said public hearing should contact the County Clerk's office at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing at (620) 724-6115.

This notice shall be published one time in an official County newspaper.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

By: Bruce Blair, Chairman

ATTEST:
Lisa Lusker, County Clerk

LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING IN PITTSBURG

In the Matter of the Decedent Estate of Joe Standlee, Deceased
Case No. CRP-2026-PR-000069
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Danny Lynn Fields, an interested party in the Estate of Joe Standlee, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Crawford County, Kansas:

Tract I: Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four(4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight(8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) in Block Number Four (4), in the Original Town Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract II: Lots Numbered Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty One (21), Twenty Two (22), Twenty Three (23), Twenty Four (24), Twenty Five (25), Twenty Six (26), Twenty Seven (27), Twenty Eight (28), Twenty Nine (29), and Thirty (30) in Block Number Four (4), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract III: Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5) in Block Number Three (3), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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Tract VI: Lots Numbered Twenty Four (24), Twenty Five (25), Twenty Six (26), Twenty Seven (27), Twenty Eight (28), Twenty Nine (29), and Thirty (30) in Block Number Three (3), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract VII: Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and the North Half (N/2) of Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Nine (9), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Tract VIII: The South Half(S/2) of Lot Number Twelve (12) and ALL of Lot Number Thirteen (13) in Block Number Nine (9), in the Original Town of Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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Tract XIII: Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) AND Part of the South Half (S/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) all in Section Eleven (11), Township Thirty (30) South, Range Twenty Five (25) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the United States Government Survey thereof bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11); Thence North along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11) to the Center line of the St Louis-San Francisco Rail Road Right of Way; Thence Northeasterly along said Right of Way to a point One Thousand (1000) feet West of the East line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11); Thence South to a point on the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section Eleven (11) One Thousand (1000) feet West of the Southeast corner thereof, Thence West along said South line to the point of beginning.

and all other Kansas real estate and personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Pittsburg in Crawford County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING IN PITTSBURG

In the Matter of the Decedent Estate of Edith V. Standlee, Deceased.
Case No. CRP-2026-PR-000076
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Danny L. Fields, an interested party in the Estate of Edith V. Standlee, deceased, requesting that: the foreign will of Edith V. Standlee, deceased, dated March 7, 2000, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Crawford County, Kansas:

Tract I: Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four(4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight(8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) in Block Number Four (4), in the Original Town Litchfield, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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and all other Kansas real estate and personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death to be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

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