

## **Appendix H: Prospective Student Athletes**

Wright State University Athletics Guiding Principles on Prospective Student-Athletes with Records of Sexual Misconduct these principles are designed to help protect all members of the Wright State University community.

Any prospective student-athlete who has been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a felony involving sexual misconduct (as defined below), or has been found responsible for sexual misconduct by a formal institutional disciplinary action at any previous collegiate or secondary school shall not be eligible for athletically-related financial aid, unofficial or official visits to campus, practice or competition at Wright State University without the athletic department conducting an appropriate inquiry into the prospective student-athlete's background to determine the nature and circumstances surrounding the conviction or finding.

For purposes of these guidelines, "sexual misconduct" is sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual exploitation and any other violation defined in the Wright State University Policy applicable to these areas. Wright State University requires the athletic department to perform due diligence efforts to gather pertinent information regarding the prior conduct of every prospective student-athlete who seeks to enroll and participate in intercollegiate athletics. To the extent possible, a criminal background check and internet search should be performed on every prospective student athlete. Accessing as much as possible publicly available information regarding prospective student-athletes, including their digital footprint, is strongly recommended.

Coaches should also talk to teachers, coaches, administrators, teammates and family members of prospective student-athletes. In addition, prospective student-athletes should be specifically asked about any previous or potential arrests, convictions, protective orders, probation, suspensions, expulsions, or other discipline involving sexual misconduct or any other matter. Sample questions that should be asked are listed below.

Upon learning that a prospective student-athlete has a history of sexual misconduct, the Coach and/or Athletic Director should consult with the university Title IX Coordinator, University General Counsel, and the President to review the pertinent facts surrounding the student athlete's prior history. Any issue as to if or should these principles apply to a particular prospective student-athlete shall be resolved by the Office of General Counsel and the President.