

**Wright State University**  
**Policy No. 1270: Sex/Gender-Based Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct**  
**Appendix H: Prospective Student Athletes and Continuing Student Athletes**

**A. Prospective Student-Athlete Evaluations**

It is the policy of the University that the athletic department staff shall conduct a reasonable and good faith effort to gather information concerning the prior conduct of each prospective student-athlete seeking admission, and those student athletes who wish to participate in collegiate athletics at the University. The University may by way of example, conduct a routine criminal background check and basic internet name search for the student, talk to at least three (and more if responses are not comprehensive) of the prospective student-athlete's former coaches, teachers, administrators, and/or family members, or ask the prospective student-athlete about any prior allegations or incidents of misconduct.

Unless the foregoing steps have been completed, or if they have been completed and the University has reason to suspect or believe that a prospective student-athlete has been convicted of or pled guilty to a felony charge involving sexual misconduct (as defined below), or has been found responsible for sexual misconduct through a formal disciplinary process at a prior collegiate or secondary school, then the University shall not permit the prospective student to receive athletically-related financial aid, participate in official or unofficial campus visits, or participate in practice or athletic competition at the University until after the athletic department has conducted an appropriate inquiry into the prospective student-athlete's background to determine the nature and circumstances of the incident. The inquiry shall include "other acts of violence," as that phrase is defined in applicable athletic rules. 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. For purposes of this section, "sexual misconduct" includes both Title IX Sexual Harassment and Non-Title IX Sexual Misconduct, as those terms are defined in this Policy.

If the athletics department staff member knows or reasonably should know that a prospective student-athlete has possibly engaged in or been accused of sexual misconduct, the Coach and/or Athletic Director must promptly notify and consult with the University Title IX Coordinator, University General Counsel, and President to evaluate the pertinent facts surrounding the student athlete's alleged conduct. Questions concerning the scope or application of this policy will be directed to the Office of General Counsel.

## **B. Student-Athlete Transfers**

The athletics department staff will require all incoming student-athlete transfer students to disclose whether they are (or were, at the time of transfer) a party to any pending or incomplete Title IX proceeding at a prior institution.

## **C. Annual Student-Athlete Disclosures**

At least once annually, the athletics department staff will require student-athletes to complete, sign, and submit the student conduct / Title IX disclosure form attesting to information about any conduct of the student-athlete that resulted in discipline through a Title IX proceeding, or criminal conviction for sexual, interpersonal, or other acts of violence.

## **D. Violations**

Students who fail to disclose information completely and truthfully are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Athletics department staff who fail to complete the required investigations comprehensively and in good faith, or who fail to collect disclosures in a timely manner, are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.