

# NCAA Board of Governors Policy on Campus Sexual Violence Student-Athlete FAQ

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## **Why is this a requirement for student-athletes when it is not required for the entire student body?**

The NCAA Board of Governors oversees this policy for intercollegiate athletics within their purview. As student leaders on campus, the board believes student-athletes can help lead cultural change around sexual violence on their campuses.

## **When does the new NCAA policy begin applying?**

- Items 1 – 6 of the policy will first be attested to in the 2022-23 academic year by the May 15, 2023 deadline.
- Policy items 1 – 3 will be attested to in the 2021-22 academic year by the May 15, 2022 deadline. Schools may implement the expanded policy items prior to the 2022-23 academic year if they so choose.

## **Where can I find the NCAA policy language?**

The full policy language is available for download on [ncaa.org/cs/vpolicy](https://www.ncaa.org/cs/vpolicy).

## **Who do I contact at my school if I have questions about the NCAA policy?**

The task force recommended that each school assign an individual to answer questions that student-athletes may have. Your school should communicate who this assigned person is to you.

## **How will I know what information to provide to my school?**

Each school is responsible for communicating to their student-athletes about the disclosure process and what information is required.

## **Does my current school need my consent before they can share any information with the school I am transferring to?**

Schools should abide by all relevant state and federal laws when sharing information. This may require that schools received consent from student-athletes prior to sharing information.

## **Do informal resolutions count as discipline?**

Informal resolutions under Title IX or similar campus proceedings that are the result of a final finding of responsibility for sexual violence, interpersonal violence, or other acts of violence as defined by the policy should be disclosed.

## **Do I need to disclose information if I was found innocent or not responsible?**

No. However, schools will ask you to disclose information about incomplete Title IX proceedings if

you are a transfer student-athlete. Schools will also ask you about conduct that resulted in discipline through a Title IX proceeding or criminal conviction.

**Do I need to disclose records that were sealed?**

Each school will determine what information is required to disclose for their campus. Some schools may ask for information that is now sealed.

**If I am under 18, do my parents need to provide consent for me to share this information?**

Schools should follow their established policies and procedures for receiving parental consent for student-athletes under 18. This may mean that your parent(s) would need to consent for you to share this information with your school.

**If I answer ‘yes’ to any of the questions my school asks, does that mean I can’t play sports?**

No. Each school will determine whether or not a student is eligible to compete for their team based on the information provided.

**Does the NCAA policy require that I disclose to my school if I am a survivor of sexual violence?**

No. This policy does not ask students to disclose if they are survivors of sexual violence. If you would like assistance or resources, please consider contacting the applicable mental health services or victim support services on your campus.

**Am I able to appeal or request a waiver from my school if I have been found responsible or guilty of sexual violence?**

There is not an NCAA waiver process for the policy. Each school must determine their procedures for disclosure and decision-making around student-athletes that have been found responsible or guilty for sexual violence. It is up to each school to determine whether or not they admit and allow student-athletes to compete that have been found responsible.

**How will I know what my school’s procedures are for the NCAA policy?**

Each school is responsible for sharing information with their student-athletes, coaches and athletics staff members about the policy. If you do not receive this information, you may request it from your athletics department.

**Can student-athletes help their schools develop these policies and procedures?**

Yes. The task force checklist and timeline recommend including student-athletes in the procedure development process, and the NCAA Sexual Violence Prevention Tool Kit encourages including student-athletes in education development.

**Do I need to provide this information to my school before I can practice or receive aid?**

Each school will determine their timeline for when disclosures must occur. Some schools may choose to do so prior to student-athletes practicing or receiving aid.

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