

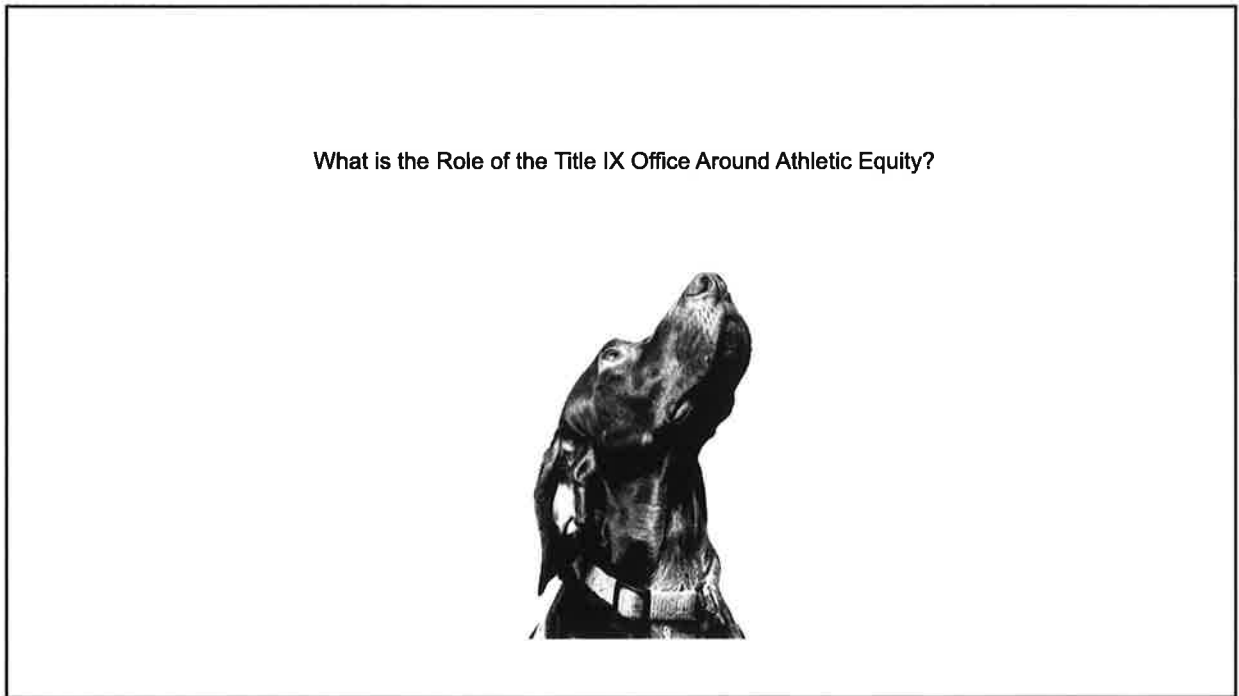
Compensation and Pay Equity

- **Title IX Program Review:**
Coaches of women's sports as compared to coaches of men's sports, and usually only when coaching inequities are otherwise identified.
- **Title IX Employment/EPA:**
Female coaches' salaries compared to male coaches' salaries.
 - Equal Pay for Equal Work
 - Non-Discriminatory Justifications
- **OFCCP Audits/Title VII/State Law**
- **Documenting & Auditing Compensation Systems/Approaches**





23



24

Athletics: Application of the 2020 Title IX Regulations

25

Application (per the preamble):

- “[T]he Department declines to address other topics . . . such as pregnancy, parenting, or athletics under Title IX, coverage of Title IX to fraternities and sororities, whether speech codes discriminate based on sex, funding intended to protect women or young adults on campus, funding cuts to girls’ programs by recipients, or forms of harassment other than sexual harassment.”
- These complaints “may be referred” to the recipient’s Title IX Coordinator to review under the grievance procedures required by these Regulations.
- “[T]he handling of non-sexual harassment sex discrimination complaints brought by students and employees (for instance, complaints of sex-based different treatment in athletics . . .) remains the same as under current regulations (*i.e.*, recipients must have in place grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of such complaints).”

See Title IX Regulations, 85 FR 30026 at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/19/2020-10512/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal>

26

Infusing Equity: Consider a Supplemental Policy

Sample Language:

This policy supplements the overall school policy prohibiting sexual harassment, [provide link] which also applies to all members of the athletics department, both staff and student-athletes.

School U. values the educational aspect of athletics and as such offers opportunities to compete in a [NAIA/NCAA] Division [I, II or III] varsity athletics program and is a member of the [name] conference[s], club level and intramural programs. School U. believes that its student-athletes should be provided gender equitable participation opportunities, receive gender equitable athletic scholarships, and be afforded gender equitable treatment overall.

To report an athletics gender equity concern or to a request for varsity status for an athletic team not currently offered at the varsity level, please contact School U's Title IX Coordinator, titleix@schoolu.edu, Office 405, University Hall, 8-4490.

No Retaliation Policy:

Employees and/or students who ask questions, seek advice or report a suspected violation of this policy are protected by School U's no retaliation policy. Retaliation will not be tolerated. If you suspect that you or another employee may be the victim of retaliation, you should contact TIX immediately. Those who violate the No Retaliation policy are subject to discipline.

IMPORTANT: Consider how complaints would be managed and findings would be implemented.

Discussion



30026 Federal Register / Vol.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 106

[Docket ID ED-2018-OCR-0064]

RIN 1870-AA14

**Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex
In Education Programs or Activities
Receiving Federal Financial
Assistance**

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights,
Department of Education.

ACTION: Final rule

- Title IX Coordinator and Deputies
- Actual Knowledge/Reporting Responsibilities*
- Definitions of Prohibited Conduct
- Supportive Measures*
- Formal Complaints/Notice/Investigation
- Confidentiality
- Advisors
- Jurisdiction/Mandatory v. Permissive Dismissals
- Emergency Removals*
- Informal Resolution
- Findings/Sanctions/Appeals*

Notice:

- Reporting in Athletics
 - Title IX Coordinator in Athletics?
 - Officials with Authority to address Sexual Harassment?
 - Who else is required to report?
 - Confidential? By licensure?
 - Limited confidentiality? Why?



Athletics:

Supportive Measures

- Can not punish, discipline, or unreasonably burden the respondent.
- Denials must be documented.



Emergency Removals

- A school may remove an individual from one or more education programs or activities in situations where the person poses an immediate threat to the physical health and safety of any individual before an investigation into sexual harassment allegations concludes (or where no grievance process is pending).
 - The school makes an individualized assessment that “an imminent threat to the physical health or safety of any person, *arising from* sexual harassment allegations, justifies removal,” **and**
 - The school provides an opportunity to challenge its determination.
- An emergency removal cannot be imposed simply *because* an individual has been accused of sexual harassment.
- The Regulations do not prohibit a school from addressing violations of a school’s code of conduct, policies, or laws, **provided the conduct does not constitute Title IX sexual harassment or is not “arising from” Title IX misconduct allegations.**

Findings, Sanctions, & Appeals

Training:

- Annual Per NCAA Requirements
- All Staff
 - Administration
 - Team Doctors/ATC
 - Support Staff
 - Coaches
 - GAs and Paid Student Workers
- Student-Athletes
- Cross Campus Engagement
- Reporting Protocols
- Complaint Avenues
- In Person and Safe
- Protocols for Outside Speakers
- Importance of Face Time
- Retention/Time of Day/Time of Year
- Sport Examples
 - Consider Student Involvement/Investment
- Culture of Sport/Supervisor
- Confidential Resources
- Support for Complainants and Respondents
- Spotlight/Speed/Updates/Engagement
- Head Coach Culture of Compliance



National Association of College and University Attorneys

31

Complying with NCAA Requirements: Policy and Attestation

- NCAA Board of Governors adopted a Policy on Campus Sexual Violence on Aug. 8, 2017.
- Requires annual attestations signed by the Director of Athletics, Title IX, and President (CEO).
- April 30, 2020 BOG revisions to the Policy expanded its reach and attestation content, effective Spring 2023.
- Policy and FAQ are on the NCAA Website
- Task Force
- In the meantime:
 - Consider Discussions with Title IX, General Counsel, and others on campus.
 - Explore Compliance Position.
 - Consider Intersection with the new Regulations around Permissive Dismissals and Confidentiality.
 - Forward Comments to Regional Conference or NCAA Office.



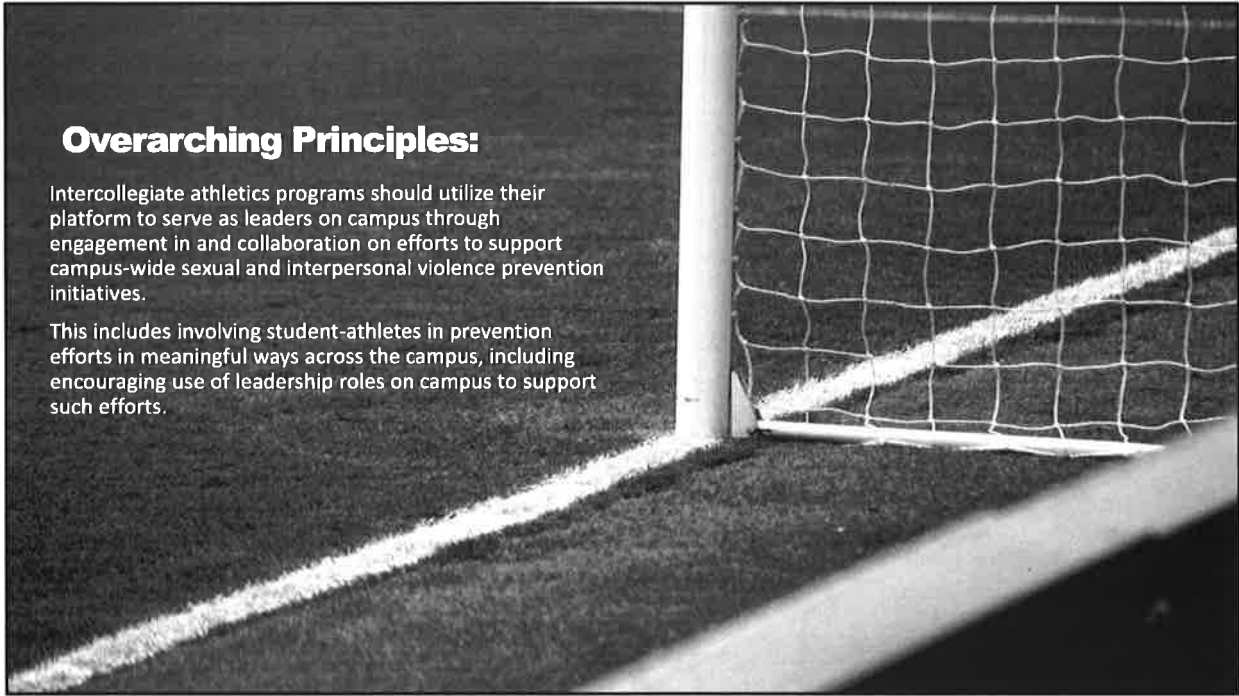
National Association of College and University Attorneys

32

Overarching Principles:

Intercollegiate athletics programs should utilize their platform to serve as leaders on campus through engagement in and collaboration on efforts to support campus-wide sexual and interpersonal violence prevention initiatives.

This includes involving student-athletes in prevention efforts in meaningful ways across the campus, including encouraging use of leadership roles on campus to support such efforts.



33

Attestation:



1. The athletics department is informed on, integrated in, and compliant with institutional policies and processes regarding sexual violence prevention and proper adjudication and resolution of acts of sexual and interpersonal violence.
2. The institutional policies and processes regarding sexual violence prevention and adjudication, and the name and contact information for the campus Title IX coordinator, are readily available within the department of athletics, and are provided to student-athletes.
3. All student-athletes, coaches and staff have been educated each year on sexual violence prevention, intervention and response, to the extent allowable by state law and collective bargaining agreements.

 **NACUA**

National Association of College and University Attorneys

34

FAQs:

- **When did the policy begin?** August 2017. The most recent amendments are effective in the 2022-23 academic year. The annual attestation period runs from March 1 – May 15 each year.
- **What is the deadline for completing the annual education for coaches, student-athletes and athletics staff?** For the 2020-21 academic year, education should be completed prior to the May 15, 2021 deadline so that presidents or chancellors, athletics directors and campus Title IX coordinators can attest to their compliance by the May 15 deadline. The attestation form will be available electronically in the NCAA Learning Portal and on ncaa.org/cs/vp/policy beginning March 1, 2021 and must be completed by May 15, 2021. This is a firm deadline.
- **How do I upload my completed form?** Each school's director of athletics must upload the final form in the NCAA Learning portal.
- **What type of education meets the expectations of the policy?** The policy allows member schools to determine the types and manner of education provided. The [NCAA Sexual Violence Prevention Tool Kit](#) can assist member schools in this effort. The tool kit provides checklists for campus collaboration and educational resources created specifically for student-athletes. Those resources include the online curriculum myPlaybook, which includes a course on sexual violence prevention.
- **What happens after the deadline?** A list of schools that have and have not attested to the requirements of the policy will be presented in a report to the Board of Governors at their August meeting each year. Once approved, the lists will be published on ncaa.org.
- **Which athletics staff members are expected to complete the education requirement?** While the policy does not provide a specific definition of staff for purposes of the educational prong and provides institutions the discretion to determine how far to extend their educational efforts (e.g. whether to include temporary workers, consultants or contractors), there is an expectation that all education will meet the requirements of local, state and federal law. All coaches including part-time, volunteer and assistant coaches, as well as athletics administrators full-time and temporary, and participating student-athletes are expected to complete the education.
- **If I have additional questions about the policy where should I go?** Questions may be sent to questions@ncaa.org. This inbox will only answer questions related to the policy and attestation process.



National Association of College and University Attorneys



Questions?

Note

The content of this presentation is to provide news and information on legal issues and all content is provided for informational purposes only and should not be considered legal advice.

The transmission of information in this presentation does not establish an attorney-client relationship with the recipient. The recipient should not act on the information contained in this presentation without first consulting retained legal counsel.

If you desire legal advice for a particular situation, you should consult an attorney.

