

Study Information Sheet

Causal Factors Related to Sport Violence

Online Survey

Indiana University Institutional Review Board Study Protocol

ABOUT THIS RESEARCH: You are invited to participate in a research study designed to assess your awareness of violent incidents in your sports organization (which can include parks and recreation institutions) and the extent to which your organization has policy documents to address these incidents. You were invited to participate because of **your experience and expertise** in this area.

We ask that you read this information sheet and ask any questions you may have before you agree to participate in any phase of the study. The study is being conducted by Dr. Lynn M. Jamieson, Professor Emerita at Indiana University (Principal Investigator) with the support of Dr. Kristy Anderson, Research Scientist from the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands (Eppley Institute) at Indiana University, USA.

Please note: Participants must be at least **18 years old** to participate in this study. Additionally, the study will be conducted in English.

STUDY PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to address potential root causes of sport violence so that steps may be developed to inform policy at the local, state, national and international levels. The results of this study will be aggregated with the results of an earlier study (2016-2018) of national sport organizations. It is hoped that findings will isolate key factors can be mitigated to avoid violent episodes in sport programs.

PROCEDURES FOR THIS STUDY PHASE: If you agree to participate in the study, you will be asked to participate in an online survey consisting of two main parts: **Awareness of sport violence, Evidence of policy development, and opinions on key problems.** Participants will rate the extent to which they have experienced each factor. Each survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

VOLUNTARY NATURE OF STUDY. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part or to discontinue your participation at any time. Leaving the study will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled. Your decision of whether to participate in this study will not affect your current or future relationship with the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University.

RISKS & CONFIDENTIALITY IN THIS STUDY PHASE. The identities of participants in the survey process will be known to the researchers but will not be shared among participants. Individual participants' responses will be identifiable by the researchers but will be kept confidential. Any open-ended responses will be de-identified and potentially rephrased (to aide with anonymity) before being shared with anyone outside the research team. Databases in which study data are stored will be separate

from personally identifiable information; and all data will be stored on encrypted devices. Published reports of this research will not contain any personally identifiable information. Personal information, however, may be disclosed if required by law.

Organizations that may inspect and/or copy your research records for quality assurance and data analysis include groups such as the principal investigator, Eppley Institute research staff, the Indiana University Institutional Review Board, or its designees, and (as allowed by law) state or federal agencies, specifically the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP).

Information collected from you for this study may be used for future research studies or shared with other researchers for future research. If this happens, information which could identify you will be removed before any information is shared. Since identifying information will be removed, we will not ask for your additional consent.

Finally, you should only choose to participate if you feel you can do so in a way that protects your safety and privacy. If you choose to participate, we recommend that you do so in a place such as your home where others are not sharing a space/room, or in a private space such as an office.

BENEFITS. One benefit of study participation is the ability to list your invitation to participate in this study as an expert on your resume, CV, or other relevant documents, if you so choose. Benefits of participation also include the opportunity to provide needed insight as to the nature of sport violence in organizations. The current research plan for this study also anticipates publishing the results of this study in an open-access, freely available journal. Finally, all survey respondents will be entered into a raffle for one of 25 \$25 Amazon gift cards; those 25 selected among all participants will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card as a thank you for their voluntary participation.

COST. There is no cost to you for taking part in this research study.

RAFFLE ENTRY. All survey respondents will be entered into a raffle for one of 25 \$25 Amazon gift cards; those 25 selected among all participants will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card as a thank you for their voluntary participation.

WITHDRAWAL. If you decide to participate in this study, you can change your mind and decide to leave the study at any time in the future. It is possible that if consent has already been given, presentations or publications reflecting your participation data in them may have been produced. However, we would work to exclude that information from any future work or presentation/ publication outlets, if possible.

CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS. For questions about the study, contact the researchers Lynn Jamieson or Kristy Anderson at (812) 855-3095. For questions about your rights as a research participant or to discuss problems, complaints, or concerns about a research study, or to obtain information or offer input, contact the Indiana University Human Research Protection Program at (812) 856-4242 or (800) 696-2949 or irb@indiana.edu.