



NCAA Injury Surveillance Program

WHAT ATHLETICS DEPARTMENTS AND
CONFERENCE OFFICES NEED TO KNOW

What is the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program?

The ISP is a data collection initiative designed to track and analyze sport-related illnesses and injuries occurring in college athletics. Since 1982, athletic trainers at member schools have collaborated with the NCAA to create the largest collegiate sports injury database program in the world. Today, the NCAA relies on services provided by the Datalys Center, an independent non-profit research organization, to manage the ISP and to help inform its understanding of injury and illness trends in college sport.

Why Should My School Participate in the ISP?

NCAA member school participation in the ISP is voluntary, and the decision to participate is usually made by a school's athletic trainers. Participating schools contribute aggregated, de-identified data which are created as part of the routine medical documentation process occurring in sports medicine departments. Once data are submitted to the ISP, the Datalys Center analyzes these data and creates reports for use by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, NCAA playing rules committees, and participating schools.

When more schools participate in the ISP, there is more data available in the system which can generate more reliable and robust answers to committee questions about the nature of injuries and illness and related trends in the 24 sports sponsored by NCAA schools. Answers to these questions help to inform decision-making about injury prevention policies and sport playing rules. ISP data have also been historically referenced by independent institutional researchers who study and publish scientific information about injuries and illnesses in collegiate athletics.

How Can My School Benefit from Participating in the ISP?

- Participating schools can request customized epidemiologic reports about the sports they sponsor.
- Participation improves the quality and responsiveness of the ISP, and positively contributes to the Association's ability to respond to questions about health and safety policies and sport rules changes in college athletics.
- Participation contributes to the ISP's broader community value as a robust data source for new scientific research about injury and illness risks in college athletics.
- Athletic trainers at participating schools may be eligible to receive free BOC continuing education credits.

What Else Should I Know About Participating in the ISP?

- The Datalys Center has identified the following electronic medical record systems as certified electronic medical record systems in that it has been confirmed that they can be used in compliance with the ISP database: Athletic Trainer System, CSMI Solutions SportsWare Online, HealthyRoster, PyraMED, Vivature NExTT.
- When schools use certified electronic medical record systems, participation requires approximately 20 minutes of entry work per week, per sport. This is the time required to successfully complete the data submission process.
- Each school has the discretion to determine the number of sports for which they will participate; provided, each participating school is asked to submit data for at least two sports. The NCAA and the Datalys Center are available to answer questions and provide input as schools are making these decisions.
- For schools without a certified electronic medical record system, a free web-based system, Datalys IST, is available at no cost to the institution.
- Administered in a manner consistent with applicable federal and state privacy laws.
- Free training and support are available for all ISP participants through the Datalys Center.

How Can My School Participate in the ISP?

To sign up for the ISP, email NCAAISP@datalyscenter.org or call 1-855-832-4222.

For questions about the ISP, email ssi@ncaa.org.



The NCAA Injury Surveillance Program is administered through services provided by the Datalys Center.

