

Appendix B

Consent Form

RESPONDENT'S INFORMATION SHEET AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Please read the following information carefully and do not hesitate to discuss any questions you may have with the researcher.

1. STUDY TITLE:

Exploring The Sports Experiences of Sexual Minority Student-athletes in China.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Sexual minority student-athletes face challenges in university sports due to stigma, discrimination, and exclusion, which harm their health and lead them to leave the sports. Current research on university sports for sexual minorities is mainly in Europe and the United States, and there is a lack of research in China. So, to fill the gap, this study will examine the sports experiences of sexual minority student-athletes in China.

3. WHAT WILL YOU HAVE TO DO?

- (1) The respondents should answer several semi-structured interview questions.
- (2) Each question will have different sub - questions depending on the participant's answer.
- (3) Respondents may be interviewed several times.
- (4) Respondents need to confirm the information they provide during the research (member checking).
- (5) Respondents in this study is voluntary and subject could withdraw anytime from this study without any penalty.
- (6) Respondents will receive a commemorative T-shirt as compensation at the end of the research (RMB 100, provided by the researcher at her own expense).

4. WHO SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY?

Those who do not self-identify as (former) sexual minority student-athletes in China.

5. WHAT WILL BE THE BENEFITS OF THE STUDY:

(a) TO YOU AS THE SUBJECT?

Sharing some experiences is a process of self-awareness and self-acceptance for the respondents and contributes to their health.

(b) TO THE INVESTIGATOR?

The investigator can collect research data through interviews, and these data can be used to interpret the sports experience of sexual minority student-athletes at Chinese universities.

6. WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE RISKS?

The interview may make the respondents recall unpleasant experiences or things. The study will

provide psychological counselling services to respondents who need them (at the researcher's own expense).

7. WILL THE INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE AND YOUR IDENTITY REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL?

As per disclaimer in the interview guide, all information will be kept confidential, and the information provided will be used for academic purposes only. In the study, respondents will be all anonymous, and no information traceable to the respondent will appear.

8. WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS DURING THE COURSE OF THE RESEARCH?

Name (Supervisor)

Tel.

Email

Name (Co-Supervisor)

Tel.

Email

Name (Researcher)

Tel.

Email

Please initial here if you have read and understood the contents of this page_____

9. CONSENT

I Identity Card No.
address.....
.....hereby voluntarily agree to take part in the research stated above
*(clinical /drug trial/video recording/ focus group/interview-based/ questionnaire-based).

I have been informed about the nature of the research in terms of methodology, possible adverse effects and complications (as written in the Respondent's Information Sheet). I understand that I have the right to withdraw from this research at any time without giving any reason whatsoever. I also understand that this study is confidential and all information provided with regard to my identity will remain private and confidential.

I* wish / do not wish to know the results related to my participation in the research

I agree/do not agree that the images/photos/video recordings/voice recordings related to me be used in any form of publication or presentation (if applicable)

* delete where necessary

Signature Signature
(Respondent) (Witness)

Date : Name :
I/C No. :

I confirm that I have explained to the respondent the nature and purpose of the above-mentioned research.

Date Signature
(Researcher)