

2024 ATHLETE CULTURE & CLIMATE SURVEY

KEY FINDINGS

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72%

of athletes strongly agreed that their athletic experience has had a positive impact on their life.



62%

of athletes felt that equal treatment occurred frequently or very frequently in their sport.



The social, emotional, and physical benefits of sport can and should last a lifetime. The 2024 Culture and Climate Survey findings show that a majority of those surveyed felt sport had a positive impact on their lives. That's what all athletes deserve, but it is not what many experience. The following outcomes highlight the need for a shift in sport culture so that all athletes can feel safe, supported, and strengthened throughout their sport experience.

49%

of athletes who experienced mental health struggles during their participation in sports reported having suicidal thoughts.

78%

of athletes shared that they had experienced behaviors related to emotional harm and neglect during their sports involvement.



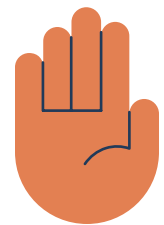
89%

of athletes who experienced unwanted sexual behavior during their sports involvement **did not submit** a formal complaint or report.



11%

of athletes indicated that they had experienced unwanted sexual contact or sexually explicit behaviors during their sports involvement.



43%

of athletes who experienced unwanted sexual behavior indicated that at least one instance occurred before they were 18.

Survey findings shed light on the disproportionate frequency of unwanted sexual experiences endured by athletes with disabilities, those in gender minorities, and those who identify as having a non-heterosexual sexual orientation.

