

TITLE IX QUICK REFERENCE

“Title IX” refers to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education programs – including athletics programs – that receive federal funds. The Title IX statute became law on June 23, 1972. The regulation implementing the statute went into effect July 21, 1975. The Title IX statute is at 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-88 (20 United States Code, sections 1681 to 1688). The Title IX regulation is at 34 C.F.R. (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 106. The Title IX regulatory provisions addressing athletics programs are at 34 C.F.R. § 106.41 and 34 C.F.R. § 106.37(c) (athletic scholarships). Other sections of the Title IX regulation may be relevant to some aspects of athletics program operations. Title IX covers the following 13 major athletics program components:

1. Accommodation of interests and abilities (includes the three-part test)
2. Athletic financial assistance
3. Equipment and supplies
4. Scheduling of games and practice times
5. Travel and per diem allowances
6. Tutoring
7. Coaching
8. Locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities
9. Medical and training facilities and services
10. Housing and dining facilities and services
11. Publicity
12. Support services (administrative and clerical support, office space and equipment)
13. Recruitment of student-athletes



Title IX is enforced by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the U.S. Department of Education. OCR has a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., and twelve enforcement offices nationwide. OCR has the legal authority to issue policy elaborating on the regulations it enforces. The major policy documents issued by OCR concerning Title IX athletics are: the Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Interpretation, issued December 11, 1979, 44 Federal Register, pages 71413-71423 – the Policy Interpretation also applies to interscholastic athletics programs and may be abbreviated as “PI” in The Q & A; the Title IX Athletics Investigator’s Manual (co-authored by the author of The Q & A), issued April 2, 1990; and the Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Guidance: The Three-part Test, issued January 16, 1996. OCR also issued a policy clarification regarding athletics scholarships on July 23, 1998. These policy documents are referenced routinely in The Q & A. The full text and/or summaries of these and other documents are at the “Resources” tab of the Good Sports, Inc., website at www.TitleIXSpecialists.com. Also at this site are résumés for the author and legal consultant for The Q & A.

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