



Data Protection and Confidentiality Statement

Olympic Handball Ireland and Scottish Handball Association Injury Surveillance Project

1. Sport Ireland's Protection and Security

This project is led by Sport Ireland's Research and Innovation Unit. The data is collected by Olympic Handball Ireland, in partnership with the Scottish Handball Association, and in collaboration with the Institute for Sport and Health, University College Dublin. As such, your personal information is gathered and processed in alignment with Sport Ireland's Privacy Policy and Sport Scotland's General Privacy Notice, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. For more details on the respective positions of Sport Ireland and Sport Scotland on, data collection, scientific collaborations, and projects with third parties, please see:

[Privacy Policy | Sport Ireland](#)

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2. Why We Collect This Data

The goal of the National Injury Survey is simple: to improve player safety. This information is crucial for:

Injury Prevention: Supporting the ongoing monitoring and prevention of injuries.

Player Welfare: Providing necessary data for player welfare and insurance claims.

Protecting Our Sport: Identifying major injury risks that have a severe negative impact on our sport, allowing us to implement targeted interventions.

3. How Your Data Is Shared

Your personal information will never be disclosed, shared, or sold, outside of Sport Ireland's policy or without your direct consent.

A. Internal Sharing: Essential data may be shared with Olympic Handball Ireland and the Scottish Handball Association, as agreed to upon registration. Data summaries, not including personal identification, may be shared with Sport Ireland or Sport Scotland as part of project progress reports.

B. Scientific Research and Publication: Research publication is subject to ethical approval by an established ethics committee (e.g. University of Edinburgh, University College Dublin). This approval requires that all published data is rendered anonymised and aggregated, i.e. you are no longer identifiable.

4. How Long Your Information is Stored

All data is subject to a retention policy, which ensures data is not kept longer than necessary.

Original Data (Identifiable): 24 months, to allow sufficient time for required follow-up and final data collection.

Anonymised Data (Statistical): Up to 5 years, to examine longitudinal trends in injury rates and measure the success of prevention strategies.

Please forward any questions or concerns to injuryreport@olympichandball.org