



RESEARCH STUDY REQUEST POLICY

Stonewall Sports Detroit values research that uplifts and advances the lives of LGBTQ+ communities. To protect our members, ensure ethical standards, and support meaningful scholarship, all research requests must follow the process outlined below.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- Research studies must be directly related to LGBTQ+ topics, issues, or communities.
- Studies must have Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval prior to member recruitment. Requests with “pending” or “not submitted” IRB status will not be considered.
- Researchers must be affiliated with a recognized academic institution, nonprofit, or reputable organization.

2. SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Researchers must complete the Research Study Request Form in full.
- The following supporting documents must be submitted:
 - » IRB approval letter
 - » Recruitment flyer or script
 - » Study timeline
 - » Time commitment
 - » Compensation amount
- Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.

3. REVIEW & APPROVAL

- Requests will be reviewed by the Stonewall Sports Detroit Board of Directors.
- The Board will evaluate submissions using the Research Study Request Review Checklist, ensuring alignment with our mission and the protection of our members.
- Stonewall Sports Detroit reserves the right to:
 - » Approve or deny any request.
 - » Place conditions or restrictions on approved requests.
 - » Discontinue participation support at any time.



4. MEMBER PARTICIPATION

- Participation in any study is voluntary.
- Research must clearly outline the time commitment, risks, and protections for participants.
- Stonewall Sports Detroit will not provide member contact lists directly to researchers. Approved recruitment will occur through designated communication channels managed by the organization.

5. RESEARCHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Researchers must respect participant confidentiality and adhere to all IRB requirements.
- Researchers must agree to share a summary of findings with Stonewall Sports Detroit upon study completion.
- Researchers may not use Stonewall Sports Detroit's name or logo in study materials without prior written approval.

6. CONTACT

All research requests should be submitted to the [Stonewall Sports Detroit Research Request Form](#).

For any additional questions outside of a formal request, please reach out to Stonewall Sports Detroit Commissioner, Brandon Shamoun at brandon.shamoun@stonewallsports.org.

