

THE FINNISH INSTITUTE OF HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT KIHU

Description of Personal Data Processing in Scientific Research (Privacy Notice EU (679/2016) Articles 13, 14, 30)

Personal data processed in the Multidisciplinary Support Team for Esports Athletes -research

Through this survey, information about the backgrounds, pathways, training, support, and health of Finnish e-sports athletes is collected. The main objective of the research is to support and enhance the well-being and performance of esports athletes.

In this research, we will collect the following personal data on you: birth year, sport, and the team you represent. While these data are not individually identifiable, combining the answers may potentially identify the respondent. Therefore, they are treated as personal data. In addition, information is collected on the amount of gaming, physical activity and training, testing activities, expert services, stress, recovery, sleep and nutrition.

Legal Basis for Personal Data Processing in Research/Archiving

The processing of your personal data is necessary for the execution of scientific research in the public interest under the Data Protection Act 4 § 3. Special categories of personal data (in this case, health information) are processed for scientific research purposes in accordance with the Data Protection Act 6 § 7. An exemption from the prohibition on archiving special categories of personal data is granted because the research data is processed for a general public interest archiving purpose (Data Protection Act 6.1 § 8).

Transfer of Personal Data Outside the EU/EEA

Your data will not be transferred outside the EU/EEA in the research.

Protection of Personal Data

The processing of personal data in this research is based on an appropriate research plan, and the research has a responsible person. Your personal data will only be used and disclosed for scientific research or other compatible purposes (statistical analysis), and all actions will be taken to ensure that information about you is not disclosed to external parties. Research results will not be reported in a way that allows the identification of individual respondents.

Removing Identifiability

At no point in the research will direct identifying information about the participants be collected. Indirect identifying information (such as birth year) will be retained in the dataset for scientific research and statistical purposes, but it will not be reported in research findings in a way that allows the identification of individual respondents. Indirect identifying information will not be disclosed in a way that can be linked to a specific respondent and their answers.

Protection of Personal Data Processed in the Research

The information contained in the research data is protected by firewalls, passwords, and other generally accepted technical means in the field of data security. Only members of the research team

who are familiar with data protection regulations and secure data processing have access to personal data.

Processing of Personal Data after the Research

After the research is completed, the research registry will be archived on a secure KIHU web server. Identifying information will be retained based on the principle of public interest for scientific research, as processing personal data-containing research data for archiving purposes is necessary for a general public interest objective (Data Protection Act 4.4§). The need for retaining the research registry will be assessed annually. Data transfer for possible further research purposes will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, ensuring the data security of the participants and their personal information is not compromised.

Data Controller and Researchers

Data Controller:

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Persons responsible for registry matters:
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Researchers conducting the research:

The research team includes Kaisu Mononen, a senior researcher at the KIHU Institute of High-Performance Sports, and Tomi Vänttinen, a leading expert. Personal data is processed by the responsible researcher for the research. The responsible researcher is responsible for data management and will provide it to other research team members on a case-by-case basis, ensuring the data security of the participants is not compromised.

Personal data processing in the research is conducted by the survey software provider Webropol, with whom KIHU has a data processing agreement.

Rights of the Data Subject

Right to access your personal data (GDPR, Article 15)

You have the right to get to know whether and which personal data of yours are processed. If you wish, you can also request a copy of your personal data to be processed.

Right to rectification (GDPR, Article 16)

If there are any inaccuracies or errors in your personal data to be processed, you are entitled to request that these be rectified or supplemented.

Right to erasure (GDPR, Article 17)

You have the right to demand in some cases that your personal data be erased. However, the right of erasure is not applicable if the erasure would prevent or greatly hinder reaching the goal of processing in a scientific research.

Right to restriction of processing (GDPR, Article 18)

You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data in some cases, like when you challenge the correctness of your personal data.

Right to object the processing (GDPR, Article 21)

You have the right to object the processing of your personal data if the processing is based on a public interest or a legitimate interest. In such a case, the Data Controller cannot process your personal data, unless it can prove that there is a highly important and justified reason to do it, which overrides your right of objection.

Deviating from the rights

In some individual cases, it is possible to deviate from the described rights on the grounds stipulated in the GDPR and the Data Protection Act insofar as the rights would prevent or greatly hinder reaching the goals of scientific or historical research or statistical purposes. The need for deviating from the rights is always assessed case-specifically. It is also possible to deviate from the rights if the data subject cannot, or cannot any longer, be identified.

Profiling and automatised decision-making

In this research, your personal data will not be used for any automatic decision-making. In this research, the purpose of the processing of personal data is not to assess your personal qualities, i.e. profiling, but personal data and qualities are considered from the perspective of broader scientific research.

Accomplishing Data Subject Rights

If you have any questions regarding your data subject rights, you can contact the responsible researcher or the data protection officer.

You have to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority especially with a locally relevant one in terms of your permanent place of residence or work if you regard that the processing of personal data violates the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679. In Finland, the supervisory authority is the Data Protection Ombudsman.

Current contact details for the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office: <https://tietosuoja.fi/etusivu>