# Executive Summary: SRSU Student-Athlete Survey Fall 2024

## Survey Overview

This survey, conducted among student-athletes at Sul Ross State University (SRSU), aimed to assess their experiences, including academics, athletics, support services, and overall satisfaction. The survey collected 23 responses, reflecting perspectives on a range of topics essential to enhancing the student-athlete experience.

## Summary of Survey Results

### Respondent Demographics

Total Responses: 23

Sports Representation:

- Football: 35% (8 responses)

- Volleyball: 39% (9 responses)

- Women's Soccer: 17% (4 responses)

- Men's Soccer: 9% (2 responses)

### Key Findings by Question

#### Q2: Status at the End of Fall 2024 Semester

- Graduating: 13% (3 responses)

- Transferring: 13% (3 responses)

- Continuing at SRSU: 74% (17 responses)

#### Q3: Would You Choose SRSU Again?

- Yes: 61% (11 responses)

- Maybe: 28% (5 responses)

- No: 11% (2 responses)

#### Q4: Academic Goals Met

- Completely: 59% (13 responses)

- Somewhat: 41% (9 responses)

#### Q5: Athletic Goals Met

- Completely: 27% (6 responses)

- Somewhat: 55% (12 responses)

- Not at all: 18% (4 responses)

#### Q6: Areas Promoted by Athletics Participation

- Academic growth: 57% (12 responses)

- Social growth: 67% (14 responses)

- Physical growth: 67% (14 responses)

- Emotional growth: 57% (12 responses)

#### Q7: Required to Miss Class for Practice

- No: 90% (19 responses)

- Yes: 10% (2 responses)

#### Q8: Coaches' Sensitivity to Time Demands

- Yes: 43% (9 responses)

- Usually: 52% (11 responses)

- Rarely: 5% (1 response)

#### Q9: Faculty Support for Student-Athletes

- Yes: 81% (17 responses)

- Usually: 14% (3 responses)

- Rarely: 5% (1 response)

#### Q10: Integration into Student Life

- Yes: 86% (18 responses)

- No: 14% (3 responses)

#### Q11: Gender Equity in Sports

- Yes: 85% (17 responses)

- No: 15% (3 responses)

#### Q12: Academic Support Services

- Very good: 50% (10 responses)

- Good: 50% (10 responses)

#### Q13: Financial Support for Sport

- Very good: 5% (1 response)

- Good: 60% (12 responses)

- Below average: 10% (2 responses)

- Poor: 25% (5 responses)

#### Q14: Knowledge of NCAA/Conference Rules

- Well informed: 65% (13 responses)

- Somewhat informed: 35% (7 responses)

#### Q15: Participation Level in Competitive Events

- Starter: 42% (8 responses)

- Regular: 5% (1 response)

- Specialist: 11% (2 responses)

- Occasional: 11% (2 responses)

- Seldom: 32% (6 responses)

#### Q16: Recommend SRSU to Other Student-Athletes

- Yes: 56% (10 responses)

- Maybe: 33% (6 responses)

- No: 11% (2 responses)

## Open Comments Grouped by Theme

- Facilities and Equipment: 4 comments (requests for indoor facility, weight room upgrades, field renovations, free gear)

- Food and Nutrition: 1 comment (calls for improved food options)

- Coaching and Communication: 1 comment (concerns about coaching staff integrity and communication)

- Miscellaneous or N/A: 2 comments (general or non-specific responses)

## Key Insights

### Areas That Are Strong

- Faculty Support: 81% felt supported by faculty.

- Integration into Student Life: 86% felt integrated.

- Gender Equity: 85% believed men's and women's sports were treated equitably.

- Academic Support Services: 100% rated them as 'good' or 'very good.'

### Areas Needing Attention

- Athletic Goals: 18% felt their athletic goals were not met.

- Coaching and Communication: Mixed reviews on sensitivity to time demands (43% positive, 5% negative).

- Facilities and Equipment: Requests for upgrades to weight rooms, practice fields, and free team gear.

- Financial Support: 35% rated support as below average or poor.

- Scheduling Transparency: Some noted difficulty in planning academic and personal commitments due to last-minute changes.