

Biomechanics Handbook

IRB Tips

In ‘Risk of Participation’ section of the Informed Consent, include a statement like this:

While you are testing, there might be other people in the laboratory or outdoors who are not part of our research team. They may be observing data collection or collecting data for another study. There is the risk that you may feel uncomfortable with other people in the laboratory. We try to minimize this risk for the indoor sessions by allowing access to the lab by people who have a specific need (e.g., data collection for another project, instruction, etc.)

If you are using students as research subjects from courses that a research team member is an instructor for, include something like this in ‘Voluntary Participation’ (and don’t offer extra credit to be a subject in a study!):

“Participation in this study will not influence any aspect of your class (if you are a student).”

If you are recruiting students from a class, include a statement like this in the ‘Recruitment’ section of the Protocol Proposal Form:

When students are recruited in class, a research team member other than the instructor will address the class.

Create a separate document titled ‘Recruitment Script’ and edit the information below to fit your study:

Verbal Script:

When attending a class or speaking to a cycling group/coach to recruit subjects, something like this will be stated:

“We are conducting a research study in the Biomechanics lab and are looking for people to participate.

The purpose of this study is to ...

The study involves [describe what subjects will be asked to do].

During the test, we’ll measure [give a sense of what measurements will be made].

We are looking for [describe inclusion/exclusion criteria].

If this sounds interesting, or if you have questions, please contact me through rebelmail [a contact email will be provided on the board of the classroom or written down on a piece of paper for a cycling group/coach] or Dr. John Mercer at john.mercer@unlv.edu.

If you do volunteer, we'll ask that you [provide any instructions if they show up for testing ... for example, what to wear or eat before testing].

If you have questions now – I would be glad to answer them [pause to take questions – when questions are finished, continue].

Thank you.”

Electronic Script:

To cast a wider net to recruit potential subjects, we will post something on Facebook (e.g., UNLV Biomechanics fb page, Las Vegas Triathlon Club, etc.) or will e-mail contacts of cycling groups and coaches:

-use same text as verbal script-

Notes:

- There is the chance that potential subjects will post comments on this post – we will respond appropriately to the comments and/or questions. Any communication of personal information (e.g., schedule, phone numbers, etc.) will be handled off Facebook.
- Potential subjects (recruited either through word of mouth, person, or electronically) may contact the research team via email, text messaging, or other electronic form of communication. If that happens, we will communicate with the potential subject the pertinent information.

Screen shot of UNLV Biomechanics Facebook page:

The screenshot shows the UNLV Biomechanics Facebook page. The page header includes the Facebook logo and the page name "UNLV Biomechanics". The cover photo shows a laboratory setting with treadmills and equipment. The profile picture is a cartoon character. The main content area displays a post from March 9 at 8:15pm, titled "Fitness Instructor position at the Bellagio", with a link to <https://www.hrapply.com/mgmresorts/AppJobView.jsp...>. The post includes a code snippet for an online career center. The right sidebar shows a list of recent posts and a group conversation.

Page Header: UNLV Biomechanics

Cover Photo: Laboratory setting with treadmills and equipment.

Profile Picture: Cartoon character.

Page Stats: 160 likes, 35 Post Reach, 2 Notifications, 0 Messages.

Recent Posts:

- What have you been up to?
- UNLV Biomechanics March 9 at 8:15pm
- Fitness Instructor position at the Bellagio <https://www.hrapply.com/mgmresorts/AppJobView.jsp...>
- UNLV Biomechanics Fastest QAP in the world. 95-year-old Charles Eugster sets new record in the 200 metres ht...

Group Conversations: Bonnie Parrish-Kell Happy St. Patrick Day! Wearing the green, will feast on corned...