





Connection





**Campus Liaison Program** 



**Support Resources** 



## **CARE PACKAGES**

Filled with gifts and resources designed and inspired by our network of mentor sidelined athletes, our care packages acknowledge the challenges medically disqualified athletes face and provide specialized support from those who understand this transition first hand.

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Tangible, in-hand resources from those who have been there themselves.

Our care packages are designed with the two-fold purpose:

(1) helping medically disqualified athletes feel seen and understood

(2) providing them with tangible resources from those who have been there themselves

Provided free of charge!



**PODCASTS** 

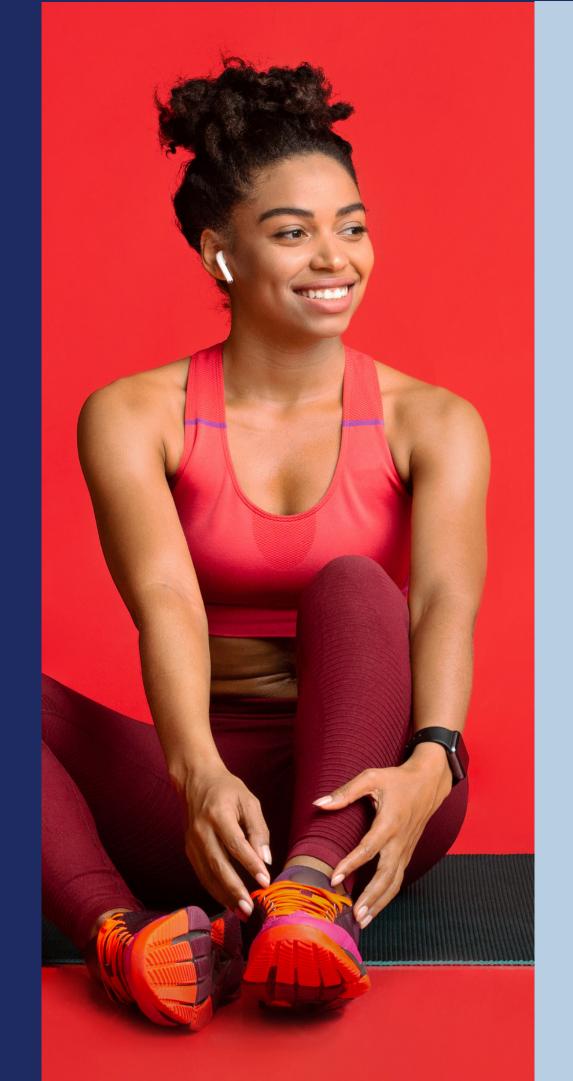
Listen to three different podcasts which include individual sidelined athlete stories, topical discussions with experts, & exploring new pursuits post-athletics career.







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#### **#TEAMSIDELINED**

A podcast launched to support the mental game of sidelined student-athletes



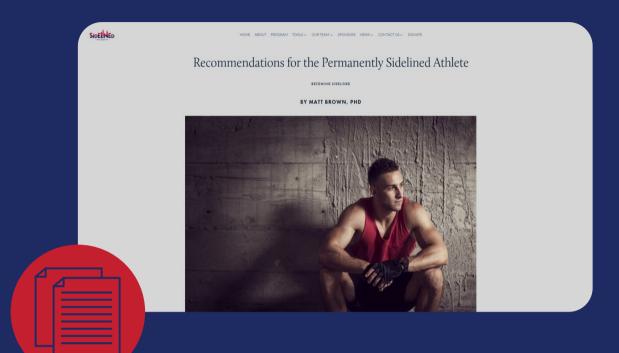
## SIDELINED STORIES

Interviews featuring athletes who have experienced a medically-forced exit from sport



## THE NEXT CHAPTER

A podcast exploring different careers in the sports world to help sidelined athletes stay connected to sports



# **ARTICLES**

Insightful pieces for helping permanently–sidelined athletes find a meaningful way forward.

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### **BECOMING SIDELINED**

Processing loss after becoming permanently sidelined:

• Grief, Depression, Identity Loss, Body Dissastisfaction, & More...



## **HEALTHY ADJUSTMENT**

Finding the way forward:

• Coping Strategies, Rebuilding, Retaining Physicality, & More...



### **BEYOND THE GAME**

Transferring the athletic mindset to life after the game is over:

• Your Next Play, Mental Vigilance, Life Beyond Sports



### **MEANINGFUL SUPPORT**

Supporting the sidelined athlete in your life:

• Supporting Team Tips, Awareness, Communication





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A space where sidelined athletes come together in support of one another.

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A community of sidelined athletes who have experienced a medically-forced exit from sport, led by former athletes who personally experienced a medical retirement. The group meets virtually, once a month, to support one another through the transition following medical retirement and to discuss issues relevant to medical exit from sport.

\*Note: This is an athlete-led support group, not a professional therapy session.







Athletic Trainers x Sidelined USA BE A GAME CHANGER.

## CAMPUS LIAISON PROGRAM

A Sidelined USA volunteer program providing athletic trainers with research-based training & specialized tools designed to **support you** as you support your medically-disqualified athletes.





#### **TOOLS**

- Webinar training
- Educational online resources
- Customizable MDQ athlete after-care spreadsheet
- · Sidelined USA User Guide
- Sidelined USA Resource Index
- Specialized athlete support resources
- · Parent/guardian resources



#### **RECOGNITION**

- Named as a Campus Liaison on Sidelined USA website
- Rights to "Sidelined USA Campus Liaison" designation for your resume/ social media profiles

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# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT RESOURCES

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INTERESTED IN SEEKING TREATMENT, you can find a facility near you with <u>SAMHSA's Behavioral Health</u> <u>Treatment Services Locator</u>. (Important note: This is a government website that compiles a list of local facilities; we do not endorse any specific location and encourage you to ask questions to find the best place for you.) Another source for help is the <u>National Institute for Mental Health</u>.

**FEELING OVERWHELMED OR DEPRESSED**, you can take a brief online quiz to assess your emotional health. Here are a couple of helpful assessments:





IN ANY TYPE OF CRISIS AND FEEL THE NEED TO TALK ANYTHING OUT, you can text <u>741-741</u> or 988 from anywhere in the United States. You will be put in touch with a trained crisis counselor.

**EXPERIENCING THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE**, please know that you matter and support is just one phone call away. Dial 988 to reach the <u>National Suicide Prevention Hotline</u> for free, confidential emotional support, available 24/7/365.







THE MYTHS AND FACTS OF SUICIDE