

POLICY HIGHLIGHTS – MEDICAL SCHOOLS

As part of registration for a Match, medical school officials must accept the terms of the Match Participation Agreement ("Agreement"). NRMP urges all medical school officials to read the Agreement thoroughly - once the Agreement is executed in the Registration, Ranking, and Results[®] (R3[®]) system, and NRMP accepts the registration, the Agreement becomes a binding contract.

School officials are responsible for the entire [Match Participation Agreement](#), but the bullets below highlight key parts of the Agreement (and where to find them in the Agreement) that can make it easier to navigate the Match and Match policies.

- No part of the data provided by NRMP may be used as an input to or otherwise in connection with any machine learning or artificial intelligence models, algorithms or other tools without the express written consent of the NRMP. (Sections 1.0 and 11.0)
- The NRMP is not an employment service and does not oversee the terms of any contract between applicants and training programs. In addition, training programs have sole responsibility for establishing and communicating all program and institutional eligibility requirements for any residency position. (Section 2.0)
- All medical schools who participate in the Match are expected to:
 - Act in an ethical and professional manner through the 45th day following the start date of training or through the conclusion of any NRMP-related waiver review, violation investigation, or appeal process;
 - Provide complete, timely, and accurate information both verbally and in writing throughout the application, interview, matching processes to programs, and, where applicable, the NRMP, including but not limited to information contained in the MSPE that would be pertinent to a program's decision to rank an applicant or onboard the applicant for training;
 - Refrain from requesting, requiring, or otherwise pressuring, persuading or coercing applicants to disclose their rank order lists or SOAP preferences; and
 - Refrain from sharing information from the R3 system, including the *Unmatched Applicants Report*, until the time published on the NRMP's website. (Section 5.0)
- Schools participating in a 3-year medical education curriculum must not enter into agreements with students regarding training positions outside of the Match. Medical schools must not:
 - Promise or guarantee (verbally or in writing) residency training positions to students;
 - Offer students "conditional acceptance," "pre-matched," or "matched" positions outside of the Match;
 - Compel, request, or require students to commit to training prior to the release of Match results;
 - Indicate or imply that training is secured or guaranteed before Match results are released; or
 - Prevent applicants from exploring, applying to, interviewing with, or ranking programs of their choice. (Section 5.4)
- Schools must ensure that applicants register with the application service or process required by the programs in which they are interested. (Section 6.2)

- Schools must immediately revoke the school's sponsorship and withdraw any U.S. MD or DO senior student who is determined to be ineligible to enter graduate medical education on July 1 in the year of the Match. Withdrawal must occur prior to the Rank Order List Certification Deadline. Schools also must notify the NRMP in writing if it is determined after the Match results have been released that a sponsored applicant is ineligible to enter graduate medical education on July 1 in the year of the Match. (Sections 6.3 and 7.0)
- At the published time on Monday of Match Week, schools may provide to partially matched applicants and couples the city, state, and zip code of the matched program to facilitate applicant participation in SOAP. (Section 6.7)
- During SOAP:
 - Medical schools cannot engage in any communication concerning SOAP-eligible or -ineligible applicants before contact is initiated by an unfilled program;
 - SOAP-eligible candidates can apply only to unfilled Match-participating programs that are participating in SOAP;
 - SOAP-ineligible applicants cannot contact or apply to any Match-participating program, regardless of the program's SOAP participation status, until SOAP concludes. (Section 8.0)
- SOAP-eligible applicants who desire to pursue interests other than clinical residency training (e.g., research, Masters academic program, etc.), may do so in lieu of participating in SOAP provided:
 - The applicant does not submit any applications to SOAP-participating programs during Match Week:
 - Applicants who have submitted any applications during Match Week will be ineligible to participate in the SOAP exception.
 - The program is not affiliated with a Match- or SOAP-participating program; and
 - The position does not qualify for training credit in an ACGME-accredited program.
 - Applicants participating in the Canadian Residency Matching Service ("CaRMS") will be ineligible to participate in the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) if CaRMS and NRMP Match schedules overlap and will not have access to the *List of Unfilled Programs*. (Section 8.2)
- With respect to the use of Match information, applicants authorize the NRMP to request, obtain, transmit or receive identifying information from their medical schools, the National Board of Medical Examiners, and/or the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, and others for reasons including but not limited to verifying data submitted by the applicant, conducting a Match, or performing research.
 - NRMP is authorized to share identifiable information only with reputable organizations under strict, binding terms of a confidential data sharing agreement;
 - NRMP is authorized to anonymize and/or aggregate ranking and match outcome data for its own reporting purposes or to share with vetted independent third-party researchers and may contribute anonymized, aggregated information to national databases or for NRMP-approved research purposes; technology applications and service tools offered by the NRMP.
 - NRMP is not authorized to release clearly and uniquely identifiable information in publications, presentations, and reports. (Section 11.0)