

What are the links between child maltreatment and violence in sport?



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Objective

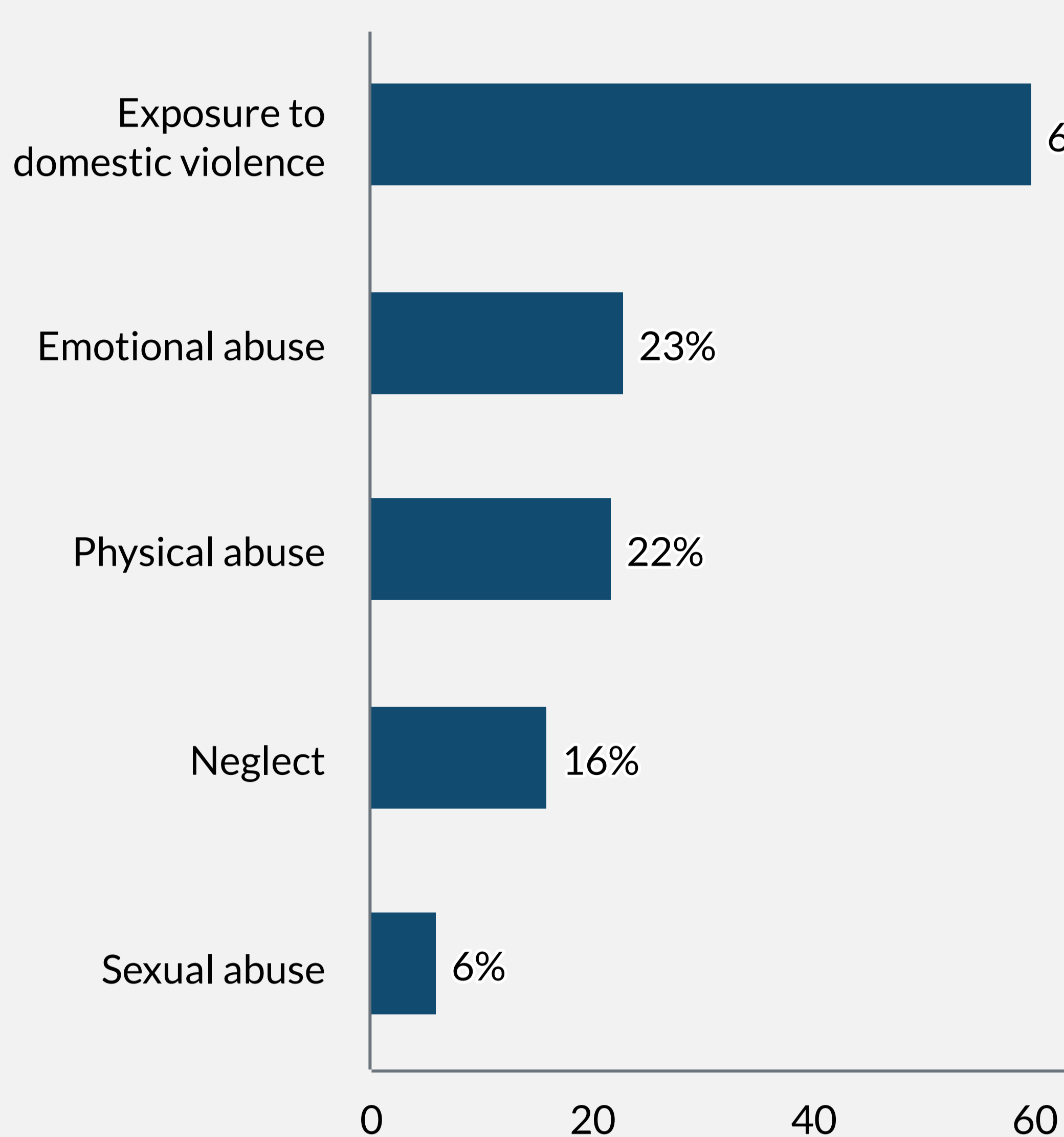
Explore the links between child maltreatment and interpersonal violence (IV) in sport experienced by adolescent athletes.

Characteristics of participants

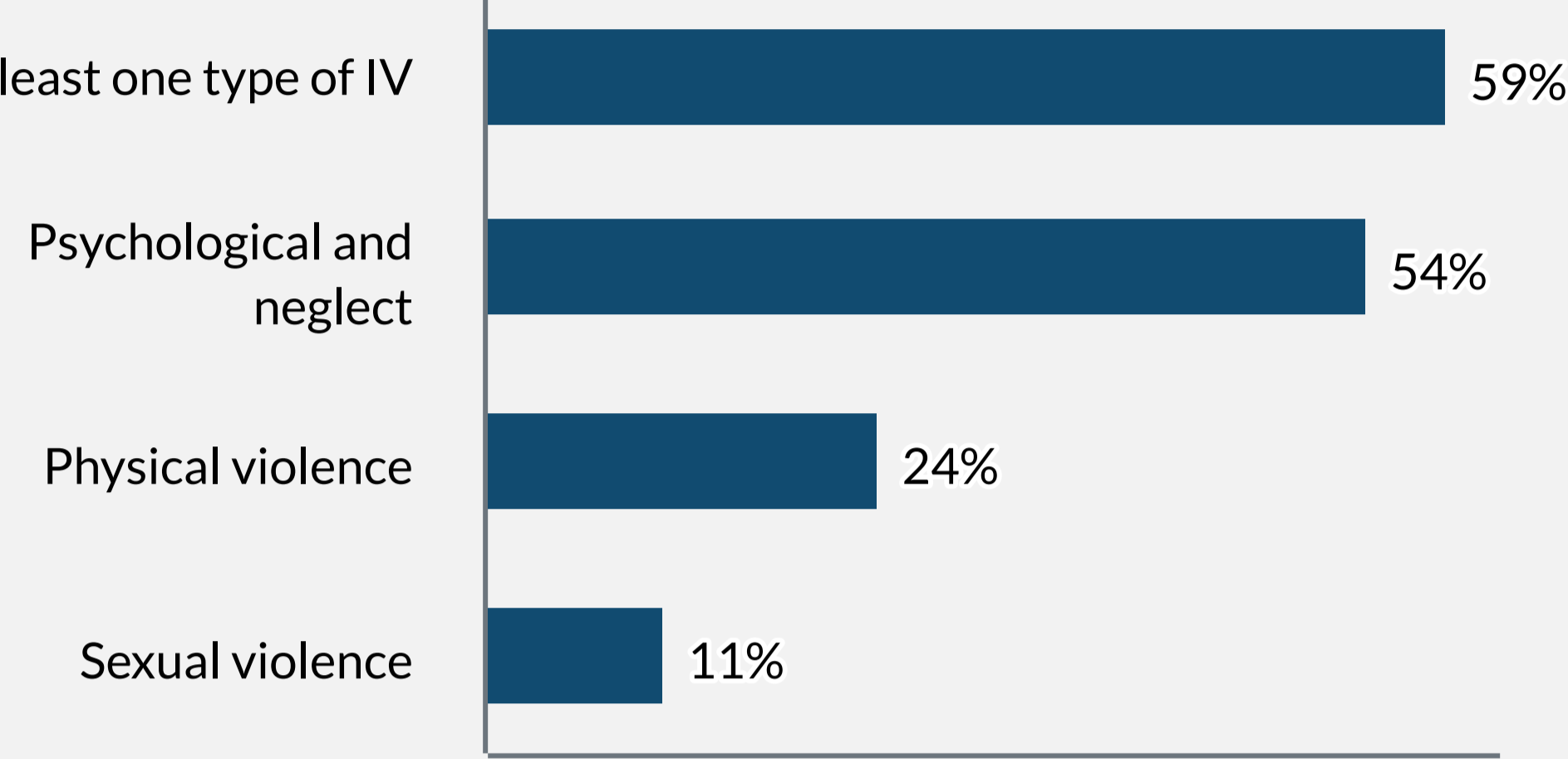
- 983 teenagers aged 14 to 18
- 14% athletes of sexual and gender diversity
- 59% male athletes and 41% female athletes
- 36% participate in individual sports and 64% in team sports

General results

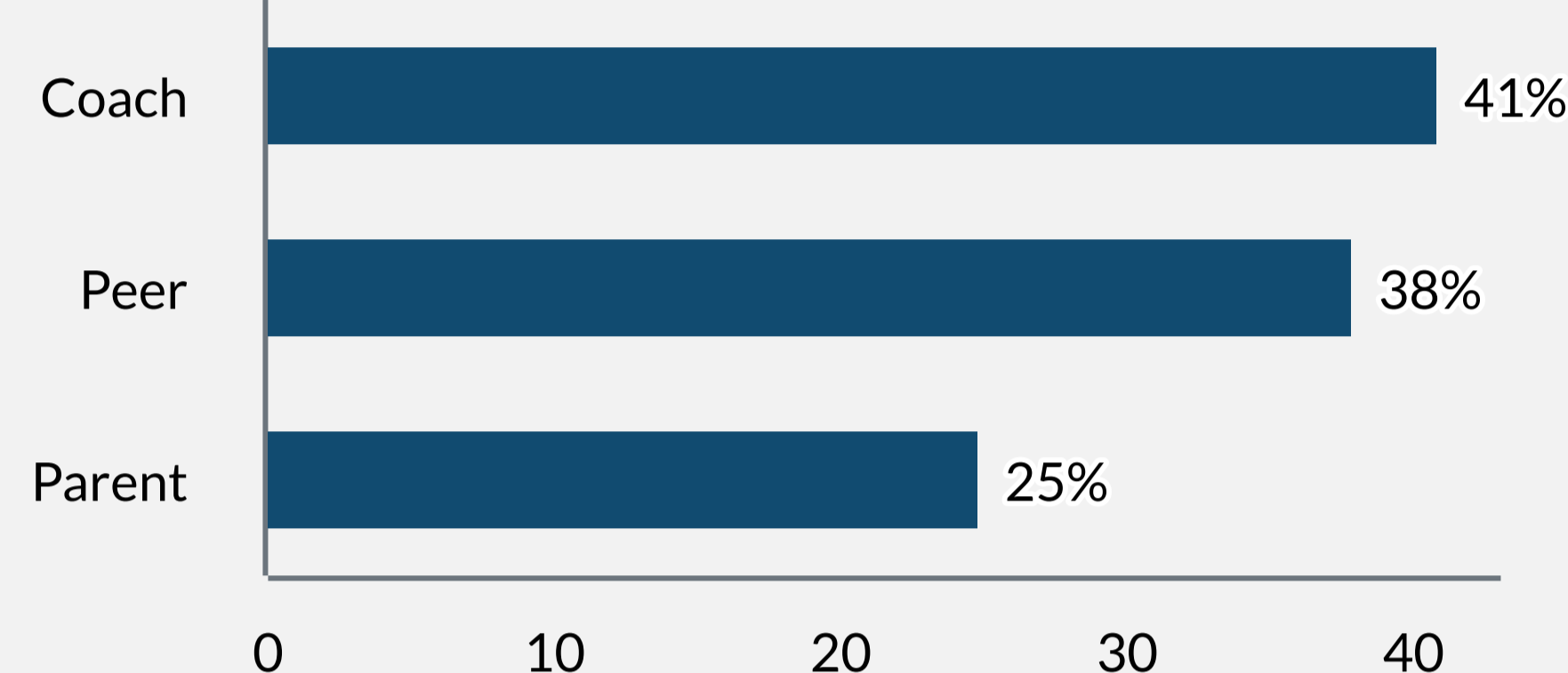
Experiences of child maltreatment



Experiences of IV in sport



Experiences of IV in sport by type of perpetrators

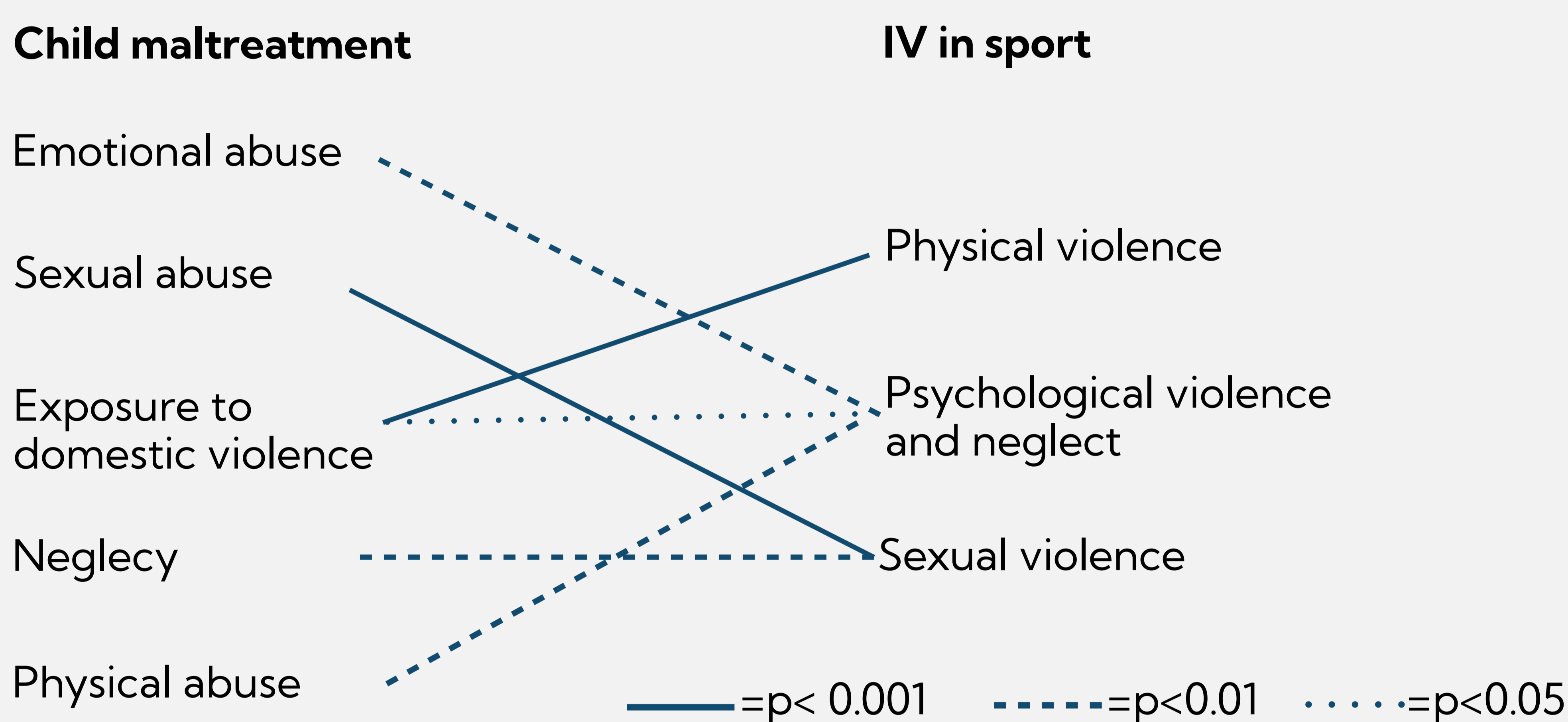


Risk factors-specific results

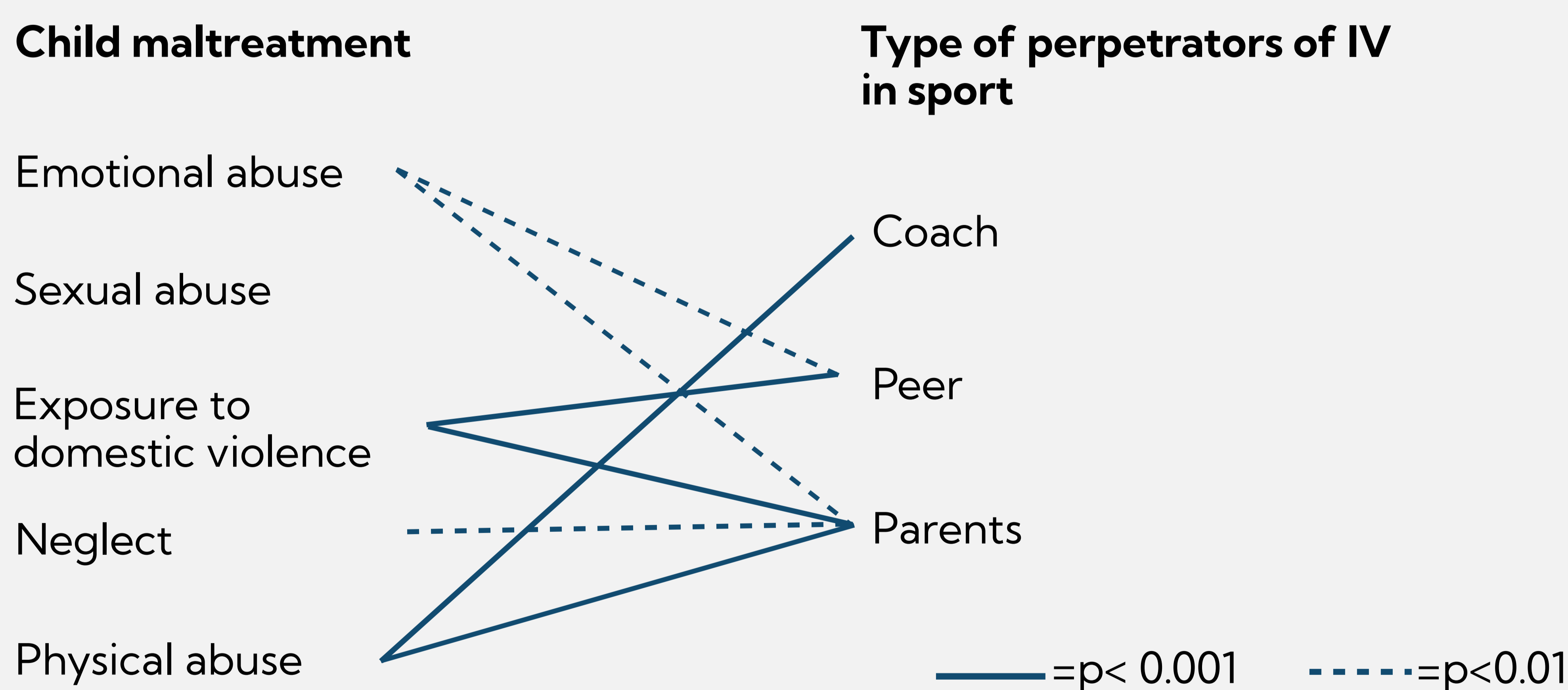
Risk factors to experience at least one type of IV:

- Child maltreatment is a risk factor for experiencing IV in sport;
- More specifically, emotional abuse, exposure to domestic violence and physical abuse are risk factors for experiencing at least one type of IV in sport

Child maltreatment as risk factor for IV in sport:



Child maltreatment as risk factor for IV in sport by perpetrators:



Implications for practice

The results underline the importance for practitioners to consider the experiences of past and current athlete trauma.

It is suggested that practitioners integrate a trauma-informed approach into their daily practice by adopting an openness to the specific needs of individuals by ensuring, in particular (MacMahon and al., 2022):

- a safe space without judgement,
- the athlete's power in decision making,
- a space in which they can be heard rather than silenced,
- a space in which emotions and fears can be shared.

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