



## **The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Declares Males Ineligible to Compete in Women's Sports**

***“We are winning, and we are not going back!”***

- Martina Navratilova, OLY, legendary tennis player

The new USOPC policy, issued July 22, specifies that only female athletes are eligible for the female category. The women's sports category is now protected, even in states like California that allow males to participate in girls' and women's sports. How? Because federal law preempts any state law, and the USOPC is a federally chartered entity, governed by the [Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act](#).

***“Hallelujah. Another big fat domino just fell in recognition of women's rights to fairness.”***

- Mariah Burton Nelson, M.P.H., sportswriter,  
Stanford, and pro basketball player

***“It is wonderful to finally hear the most important voice in U.S. sports say what  
we've been openly advocating for years!”***

- Tracy Sundlun, CEO, Everything Running Inc,  
6-time Olympic Coach and Manager

The USOPC policy was needed, the organization explains, “to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment...” – an impossible feat if males are allowed to compete in women's sport.

***“It is reassuring that the USOPC is upholding the mandate legislated by the  
1978 Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, to set policy and  
enforce female eligibility requirements for NGBs and athletes.”***

- Donna de Varona, OLY, 2-time Olympian and  
2-time Olympic Champion

Coming up are two U.S. Supreme Court cases addressing the same issue. We will urge the Court to rule that the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause allows for female-only sports, so that women may enjoy athletic opportunities to the same degree as men have enjoyed, each based on their own distinct physiology. Only exclusively female categories can offer the hope that girls and women will have equal opportunities in sports.

***“How great that more leaders are realizing that sport categories only work to foster  
inclusion if athletes compete in their designated categories. Weight, age, disability status,  
drug-free, and sex categories all expand athletic opportunities to more people:  
opportunities that wouldn't exist without them.”***

- Nancy Hogshead, J.D., OLY, CEO, *Champion Women*  
civil rights lawyer, 3-time Olympic Champion

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Join us! We will urge the Supreme Court to adopt a definition of “sex” that is grounded in reproductive biology and genetics at birth. These human biological characteristics require formal sex segregation for girls and women to have equal opportunities in competitive sports.

**Please sign this petition** to urge legislators, sports leaders, athletic governing bodies, schools, and judges to adopt strict, evidence-based eligibility criteria for the female category. You'll be joining 488 Olympians, Paralympians, and National Team athletes, over 1,200 coaches, and almost 400 officials from more than 25 sports and 10 countries.

We support inclusion for all, but in the appropriate sport category. Males identifying as transgender, non-binary, gender-fluid, or any other identity will continue to be eligible to compete in the male category. These athletes are encouraged to follow the lead of females, who overwhelmingly compete in their sex category, the women 's category, regardless of their gender identity.

Generations have fought to establish girls’ and women’s rightful place in sport. Any eligibility framework that fails to prioritize girls’ and women’s rights will inevitably result in female exclusion.

We are also urging sports leaders to secure exclusive use of female spaces, such as **locker rooms and bathrooms**, for the reasons these spaces were created: for female safety & dignity.

Join us in celebrating the news of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee’s decision to protect fairness and safety for females - this is great news!

**Sign our petition** if you agree with us!

See earlier sign-ons from the sport community: [https://irp.cdn-website.com/3b7fae75/files/uploaded/Petition\\_Fairness\\_for\\_Females\\_Sport\\_Eligibility\\_Based\\_SEX\\_July\\_23\\_2025.pdf](https://irp.cdn-website.com/3b7fae75/files/uploaded/Petition_Fairness_for_Females_Sport_Eligibility_Based_SEX_July_23_2025.pdf).



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