

OUR BODIES, OUR SPORTS



Attention: Members of the NCAA Board of Governors
National Office The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Dear Members of the NCAA Board of Governors:

We write, once again, on behalf of a coalition of women's organizations to demand that the NCAA repeal its discriminatory policies that allow male athletes to take trophies, roster spots, playing time, resources and opportunities to compete from women.

Women's teams are already missing almost \$1.1 billion in athletic scholarship aid, as compared to their male peers, even after 52 years of federal law requiring equality in athletic scholarships. Yet, despite this imbalance, the NCAA continues to propagate a policy that allows male athletes to take roster spots, playing time, and scholarships from women.

Female athletes do not accept this; nor do women's advocacy groups from across the political spectrum that represent their interests. These groups include Independent Women's Forum, Women's Liberation Front (WoLF), Independent Council on Women's Sports, Champion Women, Women's Sports Policy Working Group, International Consortium on Female Sports (ICFS), the US chapter of Women's Declaration International (WDI USA), Young Women for America, Independent Women's Voice, Concerned Women for America, Independent Women's Law Center, and Independent Women's Network.

We urge you to comply with federal law and the laws of 21 states and enact a policy protecting the integrity of women's college sports.

Specifically, we request that the governing body:

- **Following the lead of the NAIA, repeal all policies and rules that allow male athletes to take roster spots on women's teams and/or compete in women's events;**
- **Establish and enforce the right of female athletes to participate in women's sports based on sex; and**
- **Require its member institutions to provide single-sex locker rooms for female athletes.**

Despite our political and ideological differences, we stand together with gratitude for the generations of women who came before us and in defense of all the women and girls who will come next. We hope you will do likewise.

Sincerely,

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