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Good Day:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. First a couple things about myself: I am a member of the LGBTQ community, have Masters degree in a biological science, and I also have a keen interest in this subject. I have been studying specifically transgender girls and transwomen's physical differences with females and the potential participation of transgendered people (males) in women's sports for several years. I believe the best way forward is to have two categories: a female only category and an open category. Women's sports must be reserved exclusively for females based on real and important differences in anatomy and physiology. I do not think there should be any exceptions (past puberty, which is not an issue here) in competitive sports.

The reason I want there to be no exceptions is because of a few things. It will become onerous to check and enforce other requirements. Something like testosterone, while important does not capture the many difference between the sexes. Use of drugs, such as testosterone for transmen (females) or testosterone suppression for transwomen (males) should not be encouraged or allowed in sports. If drug use is deemed acceptable, transmen who use testosterone will need to compete in the open category. Exceptions to the female only requirement should be unnecessary based on the division between male and female that is proven and natural separation that works.

There is a movement in society to self-declare gender for any reason or none. I cannot stress enough the seriousness and the unfairness to females we are experiencing with males now competing in the Olympics and other competitions. The two categories I have suggested will allow all to compete without the expense and complications of creating new classes or divisions. I believe society will embrace this and continue to enjoy sports as both participants and observers, which will not be the case if males are allowed into women's sports.

Thank you for your consideration