To whom it may concern:

In those sports that are currently segregated by sex, the men’s/boy’s division should be reclassified as the OPEN DIVISION, with ALL students defaulting to this division.

Only students whose original birth certificate indicates they were born female can submit to certification and become eligible for the women’s/girl’s protected division. Females who elect to take testosterone to either become transmasculine or trans men will be placed back in the OPEN division. Exceptions can be made for intersex individuals who do not have functioning testes and do not take testosterone.

Sports that are segregated by sex do so because males who have gone through puberty or females who take testosterone have a physical edge. For males, this edge decreases, but does not go away, while they suppress their testosterone. Transwomen and Transgirls do not shrink, lose lung capacity, or muscle mass.

Not to mention that the NCAA/IOC guidelines for suppressed testosterone is far above the normal range for females.

The purpose of Title IX was to give women and girls a chance to compete and win against competitors with equal backgrounds. In sports that segregate by sex, that means competing against other women, not men who feel they are women.

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In those sports that are currently segregated for sex

1. The boys/men’s division should be reclassified as an OPEN division that all athletes default to.

2. Individuals who wish to participate in a girls/women’s division would have to submit original birth certificates showing that they were born female. The only exceptions should be for misclassifications due to intersex conditions. Anyone with functioning testes would be excluded.

3. Female to Male transgender athletes (aka, transboys, transmen) can compete in the OPEN division or the girls/women’s division provided they are NOT taking testosterone now or in the past.

4. Male to Female transgender athletes (aka transgirls, transwomen) must compete in the OPEN division. This is for both for fairness to the female athletes in recognition that they are competing to the best of their ability, but also for their physical safety.

5. No exceptions can be made for athletes on puberty blockers or for males who begin transitioning prior to puberty. To do so would encourage students to consider hormonal and surgical interventions simply to get a competitive edge.

6. Housing of students, either on campus or in hotels during away events should be on the basis of natal sex. If a student can afford a private room, they can elect to room by themselves.

This approach does not exclude transgender students from participating in sports. It merely restricts them to the OPEN division.

Validation of how an athlete FEELS is not sufficient reason to punish female athletes.