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- ◆ Men and boys outperform women and girls in almost all sports.
- ◆ Larger lung capacity, muscle mass, bone structure, oxygen and blood flow all give males physical advantages over females.

Sex discrimination on the rise.

Male athletes self-identifying as women or girls are receiving women's scholarships, using women's locker rooms, replacing women's records, and winning national championships in women's sports.



Protect Women's Sports!

- ❑ Contact your federal legislators and ask them to support legislation that ensures Title IX protects female athletes based on the biological truth of being male and female.
- ❑ Has your state passed laws to protect women's sports? If not, ask your state legislators to support legislation that ensures women's sports are based on the biological truth of being male and female.

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