

CONCERNED WOMEN *for* AMERICA

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Dear Executive Board of World Boxing,

Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the largest public policy women's organization in the United States of America. For over 45 years, CWA has been at the forefront of national efforts to combat the sexual exploitation of women. It is unconscionable that equal opportunity for women in sports has become an avenue for exploitation when athletes of the male sex identifying as women are allowed to participate and compete in sports designated for female athletes.

We write to applaud World Boxing for leading the way in taking a crucial step to restore the veracity and integrity of sex-based categories of sport. Your [statement](#) of May 30, 2025, announcing World Boxing is introducing mandatory sex testing as part of a new policy on "Sex, Age and Weight" comes at a crucial moment for women's boxing and serves as a beacon of hope for female athletes around the world. At a time when obsession with gender identity is overruling common sense and biological reality, it is imperative that eligibility in the women's category be restored for female athletes only, upholding the safety and fairness that should be a cornerstone of competition.

Separate categories of sport based on sex have been the only way female athletes have had a chance to be represented equally for their achievements. In the U.S., Title IX was enacted in 1972 as a landmark law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex. It became the vehicle for ensuring women and girls would be afforded equality of benefits and opportunities in school-based athletics that offered pathways for elite competition in their own sports. In recent years, the foundation of sex-based categories of sport has been ripped apart by a radical embrace of participation based on self-declared gender identity that does not align with actual sex.

The revelation of documents verifying that at least one athlete of the male sex was allowed to compete and medal in women's boxing in the 2024 Paris Olympics underscores the essential role of sex verification testing. An athlete's professed identity on a passport or birth certificate is no longer reliable as a proxy for actual sex. World Boxing is embracing the only objective and reliable path forward to ensure that the women's category of sport is preserved.

We urge World Boxing to continue forward on this path without delay and to stand firm as a leader of a desperately needed movement to restore the women's category for women only across every sport and every national and international governing body, including the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee. Courage begets courage; integrity requires action. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Concerned Women for America