

POLICY	2008	7522
	Students	

Subject: Male and Female Pupils on Interschool Athletic Teams

- a) Equal opportunity to participate in interschool competition, either on separate teams or in mixed competition on the same team, shall be provided to male and female students. When separate competition for male and female students are not provided in a specific sport, no student shall be excluded from such competition solely by reason of gender, except in accordance with the provisions of subclauses (b) and (d) of this policy. For the purposes of this policy, baseball and softball shall be considered to constitute a single sport.
- b) In the sports of baseball, basketball, boxing, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, softball, team handball, power volleyball where the height of the net is set at less than eight feet, and wrestling, the fitness of a given student to participate in mixed competition shall be determined by a review panel consisting of the school physician, a physical education teacher designated by the principal of the school, and if requested by the parents of the pupil, a physician selected by such parents. Such panel shall make its determination by majority vote of the members, and in accordance with standards and criteria issued by the Education Department of the State of New York.
- c) When separate competition for male and female pupils in interschool athletic competition is provided in a specific sport, the Superintendent of Schools may permit a female or females to participate on a team organized for males. However, where separate competition is provided, males may not participate on teams organized for females. This clause is to meet the needs of the exceptionally talented girl.
- d) When separate competition for male and female pupils is not provided in interschool athletic competition in a specific sport, the Superintendent of Schools may decline to permit a male or males to participate on a team organized for females upon a finding that such participation would have a significant adverse effect upon the opportunity of females to participate successfully in interschool competition in that sport.

Commissioner's Regulations 100.2(k) and 135.4(c)(7)

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