

Students

SUBJECT: MIXED COMPETITION ON INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS

In accordance with Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education seeks to preserve the health and safety of students while assuring that students of both sexes have the opportunity to participate successfully in interschool athletic competition. Athletic opportunity in mixed competition will be allowed under the conditions set forth in Commissioner's Regulations and as enumerated in District policy and accompanying regulations.

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, except as enumerated in Commissioner's Regulations and as indicated below. Where separate competition is not provided for male and female students in a specific sport, no student shall be excluded from such competition solely by reason of sex, except in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations.

In the sports of baseball, basketball, boxing, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, softball, speedball, 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 building principal, and if requested by the parents/guardians of the student, a physician selected by such parents/guardians. Such review panel shall make its determination by majority vote of the members, and in accordance with standards and criteria issued by the State Education Department.

Where separate competition is provided for male and female students in interschool athletic competition in a specific sport, the Superintendent of Schools may permit females to participate on a team organized for males. However, where separate competition is provided, males may not participate on teams organized for females.

Where separate competition is not provided for male and female students in interschool athletic competition in a specific sport, the Superintendent of Schools may decline to permit males to participate on a team organized for females upon finding that such participation would have a significant adverse effect upon the opportunity of females to participate successfully in interschool competition in that sport.

Administrative regulations will be developed to implement the terms of this policy.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,
20 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1681 et seq.
Executive Law Article 15 ("Human Rights Law")
Education Law Section 3201-a
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Sections 100.2(k) and 135.4(c)(7)(ii)(c)

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