

2025 Policy 7422

Students

Deletion of Mixed Competition on Interschool Athletic Teams

Change Overview Narrative

- Suggest deletion, policy not necessary
- Need to follow NYSED and NYSPHSAA regulations



Book	POLICY
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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 (8) 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, the School Nurse, and if requested by the parent(s)/person(s) in parental relation of the student, a physician selected by such parent(s)/person(s) in parental relation. 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 subject to the approval of the review panel. 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. If the Superintendent approves such participation, the decision is reviewed by the Section, which may approve or disapprove the decision of the Superintendent.

In those instances where a student wishes to participate in mixed competition (e.g., a female athlete wishing to play on the male football team), the dates for filing an application shall be:

July 15 for Fall Sports

October 15 for Winter Sports

April 15 for Spring Sports

The above dates are established to provide sufficient time to review applications and assemble the review panel as may be necessary. The decision of the review panel shall be final.

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

Legal

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,
20 United States Code (USC) 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) (1-4)