We all know the outcome of the race before it even starts; it’s demoralising

Selina Soule, US High School runner on racing against transgender athletes

THE RULES
In 2015 the IOC changed their guidelines: males may compete with females if their testosterone level is reduced to 10nmol/L for 12 months.

Testosterone levels unfair: 10nmol/L is much higher than the average level in females. Guidelines for female athletes with disorders of sexual development (intersex) were thoughtlessly copied for male transgender athletes. Very different considerations apply.

Unscientific: IOC Rule makers ignored advantages of male puberty on performance. Independent experts agree that even lowering testosterone to zero can’t reverse advantages due to male biomechanics and male muscle memory.

Fairness and safety forgotten: IOC guidelines have now been widely adopted by UK sporting bodies with no equality impact assessments for women and girls.

UK equality law is clear: It is lawful to restrict male participation (including males identifying as women) to uphold fair and safe competition in sport. This law is being ignored.

Hormone monitoring is impractical at amateur levels putting pressure on sports authorities to abandon it for self-ID.

THE CONSEQUENCES
Loss of fair and meaningful competition; women and girls are losing rankings, role models, scholarship opportunities and ultimately ambition.

No limits; Men and boys self identify into female sports without monitoring. The Canadian Winter Games accepts anyone who says they are female. 17 US states now allow boys to compete as girls in high school sporting competitions.

Safety ignored; Women and girls are getting injured when competing against males in contact sports. Women and girls are expected to share communal changing areas and sleeping accommodation with males.

Legitimate concerns branded as ‘transphobic’: Martina Navratilova an LGBT pioneer was ejected from Athlete Ally. Sponsorships are threatened, gagging orders issued, competitions protested, scientific debate stifled.

THE PROBLEM
Women and girls are losing out.

Biological males identifying as women are now included in female-only sport categories. Unintended consequences of inclusivity deny female athletes’ right to meaningful competition.

Neither Fairness and Safety for Women and Girls nor Male Performance Advantage considered when new rules were made.

FINDING SOLUTIONS
Fair Play For Women is a grassroots campaign group raising public awareness, providing objective evidence-based advocacy for female athletes and sports professionals.

We aim to review and develop policy through better understanding of the law and science. Putting women and girls’ safety and fairness on the agenda.

We are building a confidential network of sports women and men, coaches and sports scientists to share contacts, advice and ideas. We are apolitical and non partisan. Our only concerns are fairness, safety, privacy and respect for women and girls.

If you think you can help us please contact Nicola Williams by email at nicolawilliams@fairplayforwomen.com

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help us keep sport fair and safe for women and girls.

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