

PROTECT GIRLS' SPORTS

*Maine girls deserve a **fair, safe, and level playing field***

64% of Maine voters back Title IX to protect girls' sports and spaces

\$864 MILLION in federal funding at risk for violating Title IX

Current state policy allows students to participate on teams and access private facilities like bathrooms and locker rooms based on **gender identity rather than biological sex**. This has allowed males to participate in girls' sports, drawing direct conflicts with federal law and putting **female privacy and safety at risk**. A recent University of New Hampshire poll shows 64% of Mainers agree: males should not compete on girls' teams. The citizen-initiated **Protect Girls' Sports in Maine referendum** gives voters the chance to restore clarity and fairness.

Federal Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs, including athletics. Current federal interpretation enforces Title IX according to its original intent: **biological sex, not gender identity**, requiring compliance to qualify for federal funds. Federal agencies have launched investigations and filed suit against the Maine Department of Education for non-compliance.

Over the last year, ten Maine school districts have updated their policies to align with federal Title IX, despite state pressure, in response to parental advocacy.

The Bottom Line:

IT'S NOT FAIR

State policy allows boys in girls' sports and spaces. Girls face increased physical danger and suffer a loss of opportunities in competition and scholarships as a result of this policy.

The Solution:

1. Require schools to designate athletic teams as male, female, or open to all via mixed/coed, and align participation based on a student's biological sex, per their original birth certificate.
2. Require public schools maintain separate private spaces for each sex.
3. Provide any student deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffering direct injury from a violation cause to bring a civil action against the school or entity.