

Palmyra Area School District

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: MALE PARTICIPATION ON
FEMALE SPORTS TEAMS/
FEMALE PARTICIPATION
ON MALE SPORTS TEAMS

ADOPTED: June 9, 2005

<p>References: Statutory Reference: 20 U.S.C. Sec.1681 Regulatory</p> <p>Reference: 34 C.F.R.Sec.106.1 <u>et.seq.</u> (2003) A policy interpretation: Title IX and Intercollegiate Athletics, 44 Fed. Reg. 71,417- 71,418(1979)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">123.1 MALE PARTICIPATION ON FEMALE SPORTS TEAMS/ FEMALE PARTICIPATION ON MALE SPORTS TEAMS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>If the School District maintains separate teams in the same sport for males and females during the school year, regardless of sports season, males may not compete on female teams and females may not compete on male teams. If the School District maintains only a female team in a sport, males may compete on the team unless the team is considered a contact sport. If the School District maintains only a male team in a sport, females may compete on the team.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Definitions</p> <p>For purposes of the policy, the School District will adhere to the definition of “contact sports” provided by the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education as follows: “Contact sports include boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact. “34 C.F.R. sec. 106.41(b) (2003) In addition to the sports specifically described above as “contact sports,” the following sports offered by the School District will also be considered contact sports because of the amount of incidental contact that occurs during normal play: field hockey, volleyball, softball, soccer and lacrosse.. The purpose of this policy is to recognize that physiological differences between the sexes may operate to deny females an equal opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics.</p>
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