



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Position Statement: Title IX and OCR

WHEREAS interscholastic athletics are a vital part of an education to those who choose to participate;

WHEREAS it is the right of every girl and boy to have an opportunity to develop their full human potential;

WHEREAS maximum opportunities to participate are best accomplished through programs consisting of single gender or co-ed programs with components that are equivalent;

WHEREAS the Department of Education-Office of Civil Rights (OCR) continues to direct schools to provide participation opportunities for male and female students which numbers are substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments;

WHEREAS the OCR will take into consideration the continuing practice of program expansion;

WHEREAS the OCR will also take into consideration the effective accommodation of athletic interests and abilities;

WHEREAS interpretations are on a case by case basis and not readily available to provide direction for those who strive to accommodate the spirit of Title IX; and

WHEREAS binding decisions which have been rendered relating to Title IX are at times not in the best interest of students and their schools; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) is committed to a strong athletic program for all its students, which can best be accomplished through separate and equal programs for boys and girls. FURTHER, the NIAAA urges OCR to work with interscholastic athletic administration and enforce Title IX within the spirit and intent of Congress when the law was passed.