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DOJ Sues California for Permitting Boys to Play Girls' Sports

The federal Justice Department sued the California Department of Education and the California Interscholastic Federation for violating Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in education and its corollary programs and activities.

The reason: State officials are permitting boys who “identify as girls” to compete in girls’ sports.

Filed today in the U.S. District Court for California’s central district, the lawsuit follows the agreement the University of Pennsylvania [inked with DOJ](#) last week. The university revoked swimmer “Lia” Thomas’ awards and banned men from competing in women’s sports.

The complaint also fulfills Trump’s commitment and two executive orders to get boys and men out of girls’ and women’s sports.



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Justice Department Sues California for Violating Title IX, Denying Girls Athletic Opportunities

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— DOJ Civil Rights Division (@CivilRights) [July 9, 2025](#)

The Lawsuit

The [24-page complaint](#) from DOJ’s Civil Rights Division cites a number of boys who have dominated girls’ track and field competitions during the past several years.

In an apparent reference to “trans girl” A.B. Hernandez, the lawsuit said “Student 1” crushed the competition in the California Winter State Track & Field Championships on February 8. Though Hernandez “won” the triple jump, his “distance would have placed 23rd had he competed against” boys, the lawsuit alleges:

Student 1 also competed against the girls in the long jump at that same meet and placed third. Student 1’s long jump distance was 6.25 inches shorter than the 28th place finisher in the boys’ long jump finals at that event.

Weeks later, Hernandez competed against girls and set a record “with a 40-triple jump, which was more



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than 8 feet longer than the second-place finisher, who was female,” the [lawsuit continues](#). Hernandez also won the long and high jump competitions.

Citing more competitions in which Hernandez slaughtered the girls, the lawsuit explains that of “approximately 16 CIF meets in which Student 1 competed against girls during the 2024-2025 outdoor track and field season, he took home at least 36 first-place victories or gold medals.”

Student 2, another boy, won first in 2023’s Cool Breeze Invitational three-mile run. “Had he competed against the boys in that event,” the lawsuit explains, “his time would have put him in 115th place.” In August 2024, the same student ran the 5,000-meter event in 18 minutes, 32 seconds. He was nearly two minutes faster than the girl who placed second. “Had Student 2 competed against the boys in that event, his time would have put him in 13th place,” the [lawsuit avers](#).

“On April 9, 2024, Student 2 competed in the ML King vs. Norco 2025 meet against the girls in the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles,” the [lawsuit continues](#):

Student 2 finished in first place in the finals in both events. Had Student 2 competed against the boys in similar events (note the girls’ hurdles were 33 inches and the distance was 100 meters, whereas the boys hurdles were 39 inches and the distance was 110 meters), Student 2’s time would have finished almost three seconds slower than the last-place boys’ finisher in the 110-meter hurdles and more than 4.5 seconds slower than the second-place boys’ finisher in the 300-meter hurdles.

Boys are also competing in girls’ soccer, volleyball, and basketball with predictable results. In one case, a boy scored 28 points in a game in which the opposing team’s final score was 20.

Perverts in the Locker Rooms

And demolishing girls isn’t the only problem with permitting boys to compete against them. The co-ed competition permits perverts in the girls’ locker rooms. “By denying female student athletes sex-separated intimate facilities, Defendants substantially increase the risk of sexual harassment, assault, and voyeurism in girls’ locker rooms and bathrooms,” the [lawsuit alleges](#):

For example, on April 15, 2025, a high school track student athlete spoke during public comment at a meeting of the Lucia Mar School District Board of Education in Arroyo Grande, California. The student recounted how she had recently gone into the girls’ locker room at school to dress for track practice. While she was changing her clothes, a male student was sitting in the locker room watching her and the other female students undress. The student said the experience was traumatizing. The student stated the male student had already dressed for track practice at the beginning of the day. The male student had no reason to be in a locker room other than to watch the girls undress.

Permitting boys to compete wrecks athletics for girls, the lawsuit argues, and “cause[s] girls to have materially fewer athletic opportunities than they previously enjoyed because they no longer can compete in fair, exclusively female competition.”

Worst still, the state has retaliated against girls who complain and of course compared them to Nazis, the [lawsuit alleges](#):



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For example, in November 2024, two athletes at Martin Luther King High School in Riverside California wore T-shirts with the messages: “Save Girls’ Sports” and “It’s Common Sense. XX ≠ XY.” The shirts were a reaction to the school displacing a girl from the girls’ cross-country team for a boy. School officials required the girls to remove or cover their shirts and told them that wearing the shirts was like “wearing a swastika in front of Jewish students.” The female student was removed from her position on the girls’ varsity cross-country team to make room for a male athlete who did not consistently attend practices and failed to satisfy many of the team’s varsity eligibility requirements.

Newsom: It’s Unfair

Strangely, far-left California Governor Gavin Newsom has readily confessed that boys’ competing against girls is unfair.

When conservative podcaster Charlie Kirk [appeared on](#) the first edition of Newsom’s podcast in March, Kirk asked whether the governor “should step up and say no.... Would you say “no men in female sports?”

[Replied Newsom](#), “I think it’s an issue of fairness, I completely agree with you on that. So that’s easy to call out, the unfairness of that.”

While Newsom expressed sympathy for the “vulnerable” community of “transgenders,” he added that he is “not wrestling with the fairness issue. I totally agree with you.”

On a podcast with Turning Point founder Charlie Kirk, Governor Gavin Newsom (D-CA) said that it is unfair for men to compete in women’s sports. pic.twitter.com/0kHwPJ8uTY

— Upward News (@UpwardNewsHQ) [March 6, 2025](#)

California officials are failing to protect girls on the playing field and in the locker room. The Department of Justice has filed suit. pic.twitter.com/op2UVREx0c

— Attorney General Pamela Bondi (@AGPamBondi) [July 9, 2025](#)

State Was Warned

DOJ filed the lawsuit after the Department of Education investigated the states’ violations of Title IX and gave the state’s school marms a chance to stop discriminating against girls.

“We informed [the two agencies] that if they did not change, that we were going to refer these cases to the Department of Justice and we have done exactly that, Education Secretary Linda McMahon said.

Said Attorney General Pam Bondi:

We’ve made it very clear: Only women in women’s sports under Title IX.... We will protect girls in girls’ sports.

On January 20, President Trump signed “[Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](#),” which defined men as men and women as women.



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On February 5, he signed “[Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports](#).” Citing Title IX, Trump ordered an end to all federal funding for universities that permit men to enter women’s sports.



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