

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for joining me today as we navigate through the nuanced and evolving landscape of sports. We find ourselves at the intersection of passion, dedication, and a pressing need for fairness and inclusivity. Today, I stand before you to address a topic that has sparked both support and opposition—the necessity of a separate league for trans athletes. It's a conversation steeped in the pursuit of fairness, and I aim to shed light on why this proposition is not only justified but crucial for the advancement of sportsmanship.

For those of you who share a deep love for athletic competition, you understand that the heart of sports lies in fairness and integrity. We yearn to witness athletes competing on a level playing field, a sentiment that forms the core of our discussion today. Before we delve into the reasons supporting the establishment of a separate league, it's imperative to acknowledge that trans athletes, like any other, possess the same passion, dedication, and desire to compete. However, unique challenges and considerations make it essential for us to explore this possibility.

Now, why do we need a separate league for trans athletes? The answer lies in the pursuit of fairness, inclusivity, and respect in sports. We must take a step forward to ensure an equitable and accepting sports community for all. Throughout this monologue, we will explore the issues surrounding fairness, inclusion, and respect in sports, addressing the unique challenges faced by cisgender athletes.

Firstly, let's discuss the paramount importance of fairness in sports. We envision a level playing field where athletes showcase their skills, training, and dedication. However, for trans athletes, the impact of hormonal changes during transitioning can cloud this level field. Dr. Timothy Roberts emphasizes that even after a year, trans women may maintain advantages over cis women. To preserve the integrity of competition, a separate league based on similar hormone profiles is a proactive measure.

Imagine being a 5'10" female basketball player matched against a 6'6" trans female athlete with exceptional physical capabilities. The potential for imbalances becomes evident, raising concerns about fairness. This brings us to our second point: broken records. Celebrated athletes like Caitlyn Jenner, Tiffany Newell, Rachel McKinnon, June Eastwood, and Layshia Clarendon have set records that seem insurmountable for cis female athletes. This dynamic underscores the complex interplay between inclusion, competitiveness, and fairness in sports.

Our third point addresses the need to eliminate discrimination. Trans athletes often face prejudice, bias, and mistreatment within traditional sports settings. Establishing a separate league offers a ethical solution, providing a safe and inclusive environment where trans athletes can participate without fear of harassment or unfair treatment. This not only promotes fairness and equality but also ensures the full participation and enjoyment of sports for trans athletes.

Trans athletes frequently encounter discrimination and biases within traditional sports settings. For those who don't know what discrimination is according to the American Psychological Association discrimination is "...the unfair or prejudicial treatment of people and groups based on characteristics such as race, gender, age, or sexual orientation."

From offensive comments to exclusion and even mistreatment. Establishing a separate league for trans athletes is a ethical solution to address this issue. It offers a safe and inclusive environment where trans athletes can participate without fear or harassment and not have any unfair treatment. Quinn whose last name was not given in the CBS News article won a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics and said, "I feel sad knowing there were Olympians before me unable to live up to their truths because of the world. I feel optimistic for change. Change in legislature. Change in rules, structures and mindsets." With this being said we need a change in rules but also a change in leveling the playing field. It'll hinder the full

participation and enjoyment of sports. NBC News conducted a survey from May 1 to May 24 via telephone interviews with roughly around 1000 adults. The results were that “69” of people say that transgender athletes should be allowed to compete on sports teams that correspond with the sex they were assigned at birth.”

If the participants knew someone who was trans they were the ones to say they should be allowed on the team they fall under. Those who do not know someone who is trans said the opposite and said what you are born as should be the team you are playing for.

The proposal for a separate league for trans athletes is multifaceted, yet essential, into stepping forward to ensure fairness and inclusivity.

Creating a separate league or team for trans athletes is fundamentally different from segregation. What is segregation you might ask. The European Commission defines segregation as “The act by which a (natural or legal) person separates other persons on the basis of race, color, language, religion, nationality or national or ethnic origin...” Looking at this definition compared to discrimination you see that gender is not apart of segregation. Segregation in many cases involves being forced separately and the discrimination of people based on race, gender, or ethnicity. This shows inequality and social injustice. But for my proposal idea having a separate league for trans athletes will do the opposite with inclusivity and equality.

There should be a safe environment where trans athletes can compete without fear of discrimination or disadvantages related to their gender transition.

This proposal is not just about promoting inclusivity, but it’s a crucial move to preserve the essence of fairness and respect with the realm of sports.

When creating a separate league for trans athletes we need to remember to stay informed, support athletes, advocate for inclusivity, and work together.

By taking these action, we can collectively work towards the future where sports truly embrace diversity and offer equal opportunities to everyone, regardless of their gender identity.

Thank you for listening in and tune in next time!