



**Women's Sports Policy
Working Group**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – ABOUT CURRENT LAW ON SEX AND SPORT

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Q29: Are advocacy groups correct when they say that the law affords females the right to participate, not the right to win and set records, in sport?

A29: No. They are wrong. The point of the laws that create and regulate separate sex sport is to ensure that females have the same opportunities as males not only to participate but also to succeed. In addition to competing, this includes the fair ability to win and set records in regional, national, and international competitions. No male or female has an individual legal right to win or set records in their respective divisions, but as a class, females have the legal right to win and set records in girls' and women's sport, just as males that have that right in boys' and men's sport.

