

Women's Sports and the Definition of Biological Sex

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On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on two cases where biological males, not being allowed to compete in women's sport teams in West Virginia and Idaho based upon biological sex, challenged the laws in those states and claimed they were discriminatory and unconstitutional.

In the case of West Virginia (West Virginia Board of education and other government officials) versus B.P.J. (a 15-year-old high school biological male identifying as a girl taking puberty-blocking hormones), the West Virginia's Save Women's Sports Act was being challenged. The state law bans biological males/transgender women from participating on female sports teams in public secondary schools and colleges.

In the case of Little (Idaho Governor Bradley Little, Boise State University and others) versus Hecox, a 24 year old biological male named Lindsay Hecox sued when he was denied being allowed to join the women's track and field and cross country teams at Boise State University. The Idaho Fairness in Women's Sports Act prohibits biological males/transgender women from participating on female sports teams kindergarten through the university level in public schools.

The cases sought clarification of the definition of the word "sex" in Title IX, and the constitutionality of the laws to limit or prohibit participants in competition and sporting events based upon biological sex.

President Trump's Administration joined both Idaho and West Virginia on the side of their state laws banning biological males from women's sports.

The Texas Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee (TERLC) of the SBTC has been on the front lines of this battle since 2017 when similar legislation, the Women's Privacy Act, was presented in the Texas Capitol, which sought to ban biological males from women's dressing rooms, locker rooms and bathrooms. We have testified and advocated in every legislative term for the passage of this law. In addition, we have advocated for the Save Women's Sports Act which protects women's sports by only allowing biological females to participate, and we have supported a bill that clearly defines male and female for state government and laws. All three have passed into law in Texas.

Please be praying for the United States Supreme Court justices. Their decision in these cases is expected sometime this summer. What should be common sense cannot be taken for granted anymore. This is one of the consequences of a culture void of a Biblical Worldview in education, family, church, and civil government. The differences between men and women are common sense, scientific and biological reality. These differences and God's purposes for men and women are unique, good and necessary, not to be confused and distorted.

Further Reading:

- [Baptist Press: Supreme Court hears cases of transgender athletes](#)
- [Liberty Counsel: SCOTUS Scrutinizes Laws Protecting Women in Sports](#)