

WAC 250-71-050 Intercollegiate athletics. Institutions which provide intercollegiate athletics shall do so with no disparities based on gender, according to the following standards:

(1) No sports may be excluded or treated separately for purposes of meeting any of the requirements of this section.

(2) Institutions shall provide equitable opportunities for participation for males and females in intercollegiate athletics:

(a) Intercollegiate athletics shall include all sports recognized by the NCAA, NAIA, and NWAACC, plus the sport of crew.

(b) Consistent with RCW 28B.15.460, satisfactory progress toward the goal of equitable opportunity, as of July 1, 1994, will be assumed if, by that date, the number of opportunities for participation in athletics for female students meets or exceeds the approximate rate (42%) at which high school girls participated in interscholastic athletics in the state of Washington in 1995-96.

(c) After 1994, institutions shall show continuing progress toward the goal of providing numbers of opportunities for participation in athletics for male and female students proportional to their respective undergraduate enrollments at the institutions.

(3) If any benefits, services, or facilities are provided, they shall be made available proportionally, across the athletic program considered as a whole. Institutions which provide higher levels of support to some sports than to others shall ensure that male and female athletes experience the benefits of such enhanced support in an equal proportion to their participation rates. Examples of such benefits include:

(a) Equipment, supplies, laundry services

(b) Medical care, services, and insurance

(c) Scholarships and all other forms of financial aid or benefits from any source related to the students' status as an athlete

(d) Opportunities to receive coaching and instruction, including academic tutoring

(e) Conditioning programs

(f) Opportunities for competition, including pre- and post-season opportunities and levels of competition

(g) Transportation and per diem allowances

(h) Assignment of game officials

(i) Scheduling of games and practice times, including use of courts, gyms, and pools.

(j) Publicity and awards

(k) Showers, lockers, toilets, training room facilities.

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