

FREE WEBINAR

## LEVEL THE FIELD — TITLE IX ATHLETICS & TODAY'S GENDER-EQUITY PRIORITIES

## Agenda & Goals

- Understanding
- Expectations
- Action





**Intro & Overview** 



**Current Landscape** 



**The Three Buckets** 



**Financial Realities** 



**Action Steps** 





## Athletics

- Spotlight
- Litigation
- Expedited



### Why It Matters...



Focus of the Current Administration



Heightened Awareness & Spotlight



Easy Target & Significant Impact





# TITLE IX ATHLETICS OCR RESOLUTIONS 2016-2025\*

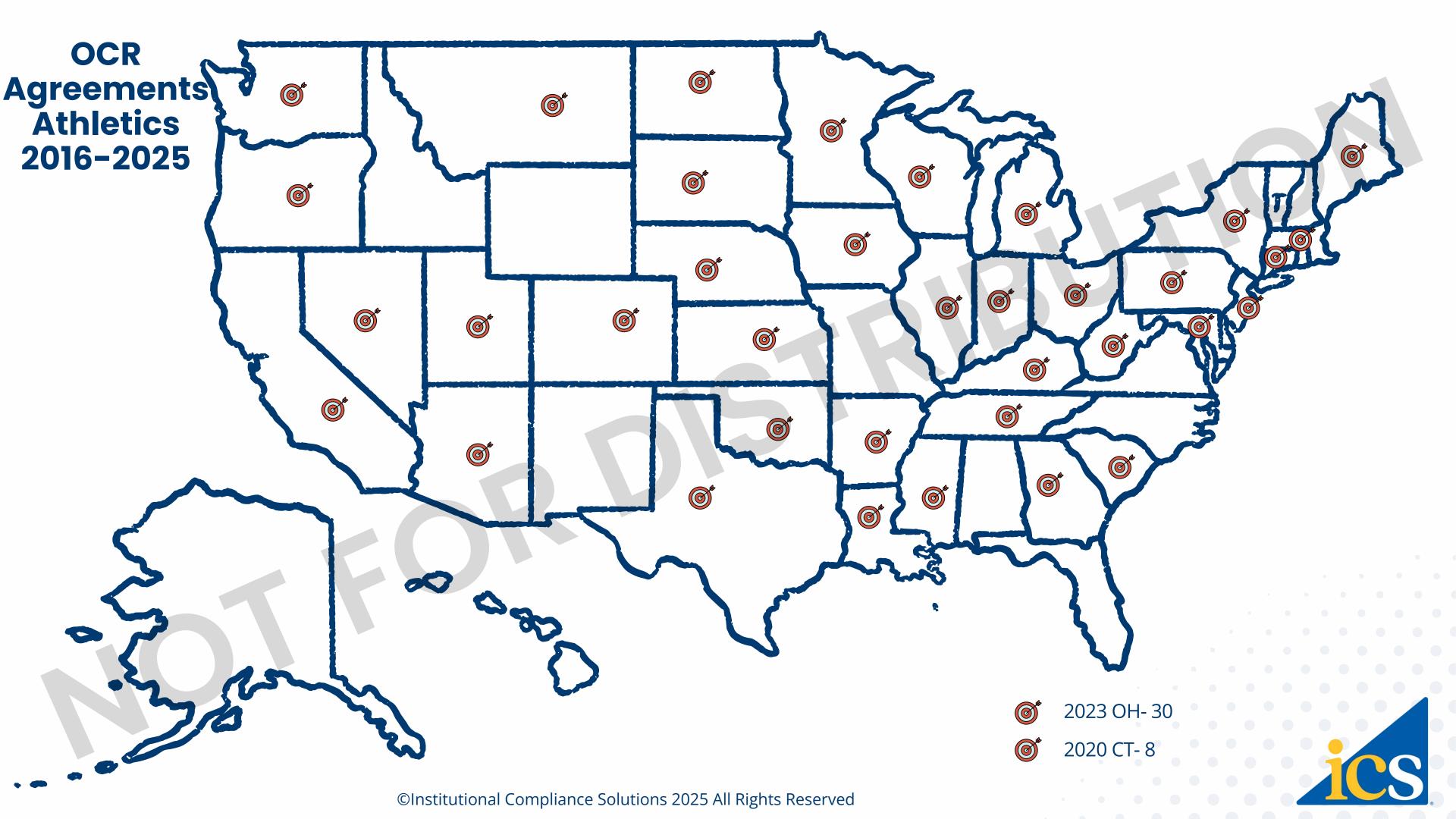
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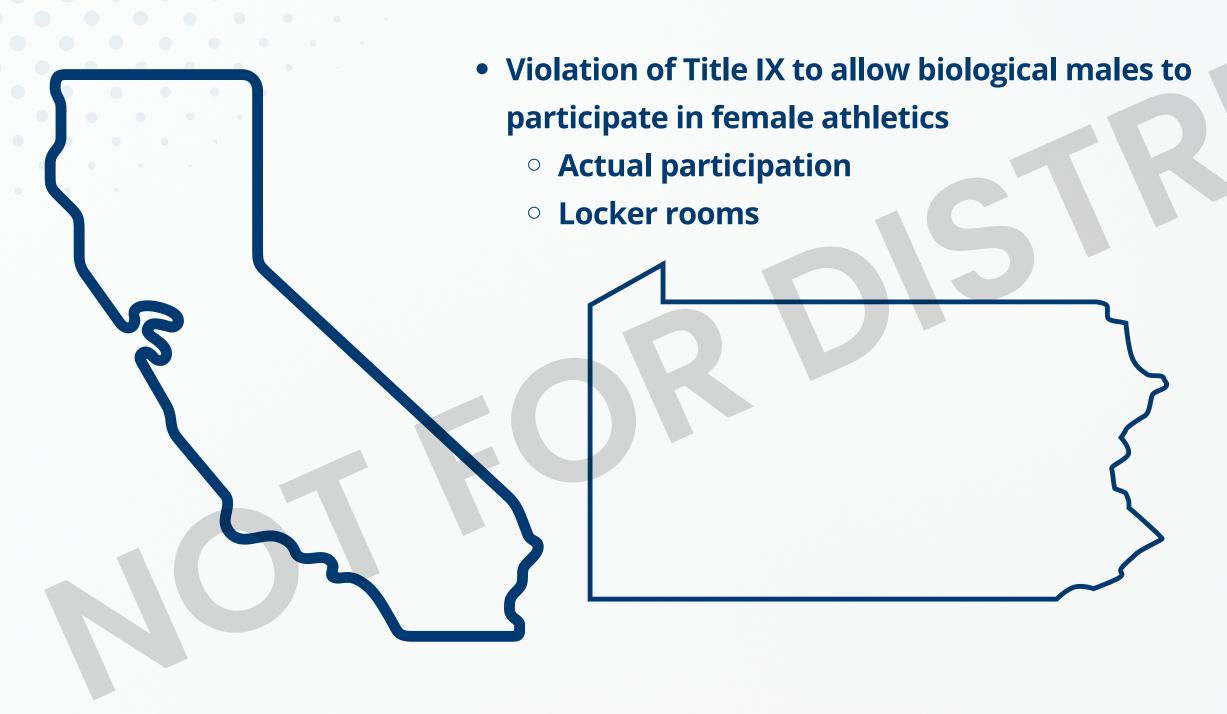
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EDUCATION JUSTICE PUBLIC HEALTH LABOR + THE ECONOMY

### Meet the groups pushing Maine school boards to change transgender policies

At least eight school districts have embraced the Trump administration's take on Title IX this year. Parents' rights groups have been involved in each vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the

XXX] school board hereby directs the superintendent to:

14201, recognizing only the two sexes, male and female;

BY: DANIEL O'CONNOR, THE MAINE MONITOR - NOVEMBER 3, 2025 9:22 AM











### Md. Middle School Faces Title IX Complaint for Dismissive, Unequal Locker

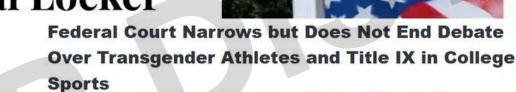
**Room Policy** 

**Energy Department withdraws** controversial Title IX athletics rule

The department's efforts, which could have been a trial run for other agencies to education policy, were stymied by public opposition.

Published Sept. 12, 2025





by: David R. Kuhnz, William C. Ruggiero Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. - Our Insights





Local News

### Minnesota's transgender athlete policy violates Title IX, federal investigation claims

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By Riley Moser

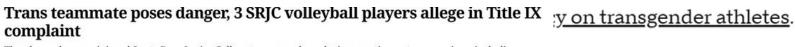
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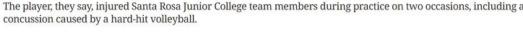
Amend all district policies to align with Title IX as reaffirmed by Executive Order

Federal officials say that the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota State High School League both violated Title IX with

Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the U.S. nt of Health and Human Services determined in a joint ECOMMENDED FOR YOU at Minnesota "allowed male athletes to compete" on several

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## 3 Targets for Athletics Title IX Compliance









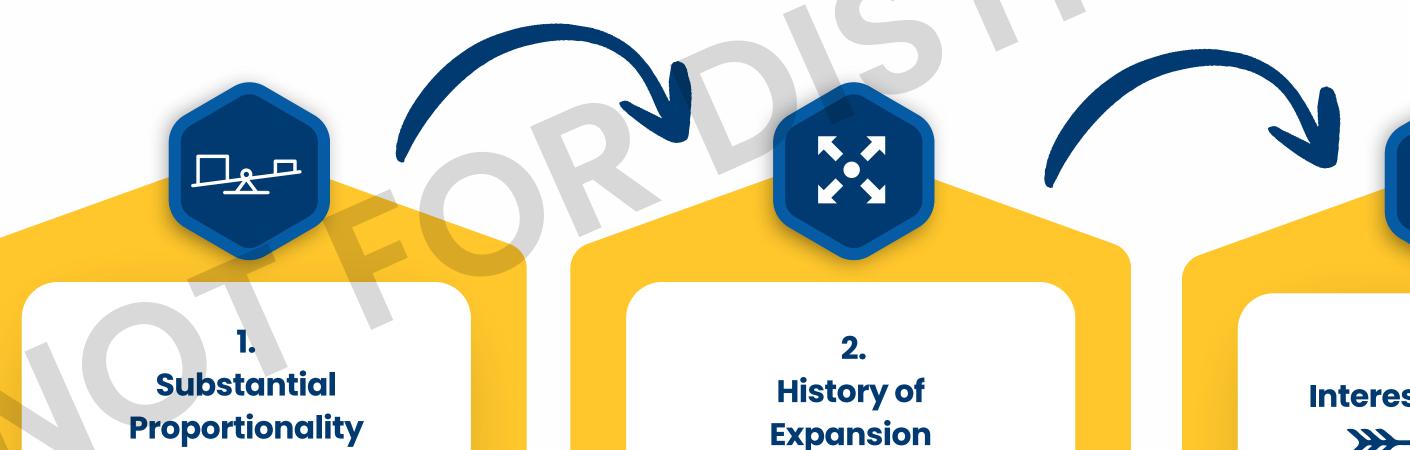
## Target1

Participation, Interest, and Ability

- Three Arrows (Parts)
- Only need one bullseye



## Title IX Athletics 3 Part Test



3.
Interests and Abilities

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## SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTIONALITY

\*TARGET 1, PART 1

### **The Formula**

- 1.# of female students/enrolled students = percentage of female students
- 2.# of female athletic opportunities/total number of athletic opportunities
  - a. May be "duplicated" or "unduplicated"

Answer to 1. and 2. need to be VERY Close



### SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTIONALITY TARGET 1, PART 1

<u>Unduplicated Measurement:</u> Doesn't take into account if athletes participate in more than one sport

- 1.# of female students/enrolled students = percentage of enrolled female students
- 2.# of female athletes/total number of athletes

Answer to 1. and 2. need to be VERY Close (less than 5%)

#### **Example:**

School has the following:

- 1000 students (500 female students, 500 male students)
- 300 total athletes (120 female, 180 male)

500 female students/1000 total students = 50% enrolled female students 120 female athletes/300 total athletes= 40%

• <u>Difference of 10%</u>



### SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTIONALITY TARGET 1, PART 1

<u>Duplicated Measurement:</u> Takes into account when athletes participate in more than one sport

- 1.# of female students/enrolled students = percentage of enrolled female students
- 2.# of female roster spots/total number of roster spots

Answer to 1. and 2. need to be VERY Close (less than 5%)

### **Example:**

School has the following:

- 1000 students (500 female students, 500 male students)
- 400 total filled roster spots (150 female, 250 male)

500 female students/1000total students = 50% enrolled female students 150 female roster spots/400 total athletes= 37.5%

• Difference of 12.5%





\*TARGET 1, PART 2

- History or ongoing pattern of adding participation opportunities for females
- Generally look at last 3-5 years
- UNAVAILABLE if in the process of eliminating or downsizing sports for females





## INTERESTS & ABILITIES

\*TARGET 1, PART 3



- Has school "maxed out" its offerings?
- Surveys & evaluations
- What is popular in rec league and youth sports?







### How to Prepare...



Crunch the Numbers



Evaluate Opportunities



**Survey the Students** 





## Target 2

**Benefits, Opportunities, and Treatments** 

### **Athletics (Bucket 2)**

## Benefits, Opportunities, & Treatment

- Equipment & supplies
- Game & practice times
- Travel & per diem
- Coaching & coaches compensation
- Academic tutoring
- Locker rooms
- Practice facilities

- Competitive facilities
- Medical & training facilities
- Housing and/or dining services
- Publicity
- Supportive services
- Recruitment (if applicable)
- Other









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- Relative availability of full time coaches
- Relative availability of part time and assistant coaches
- Relative availability of graduate assistants (if applicable)

### **Training**

- Training and experience of coaches
- Professional qualifications of coaches
- Professional standing of coaches

#### **Compensation**

- Per sport/per season
- Duration of contracts
- Conditions related to contract revenue
- Nature of duties performed
- Working conditions



### Board debates coach pay categories; tables change to committee amid Title IX and wage-and-hour concerns

July 17, 2025 | Hamilton County, School Districts, Tennessee











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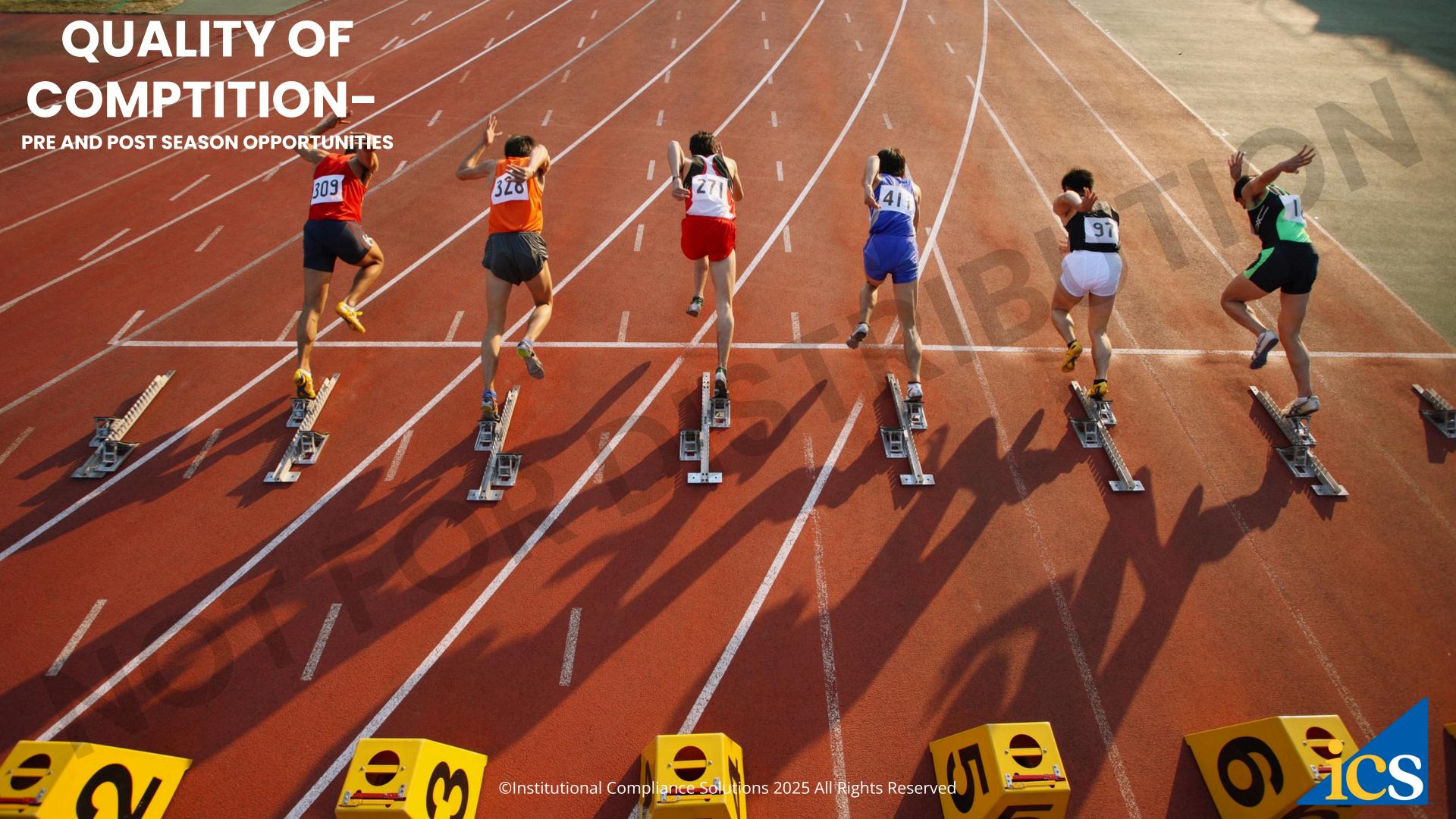




Plus: Ask questions about this article.

Board members raised concerns about what one trustee called an inequity between faculty and classified pay rates for coaching stipends and discussed legal exposure under Title IX and federal wage-and-hour rules. The board did not adopt an immediate policy change and instead directed staff to study the issue in committee.





## GAME AND PRACTICE TIMES







### How to Prepare...



Visit the Facilities



Compare the Schedules



Review the Budgets





## Target 3

**Scholarships and Financial Aid** 

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS



- Percentage of female athletes compared with percentage of scholarship money provided to female athletes
- One percent rule Scholarship allotment MUST be within 1% of their respective participation rates

### • Example:

- 45% of student athletes are female
- \$300,000 of athletic scholarship money with \$130,000
   going to female student athletes (130,000/300,000=43%)
- 45%-43%= 2% difference



### How to Prepare...





## Concordia University told to reinstate women's teams while Title IX lawsuit plays out



A federal judge has granted a preliminary injunction preventing Concordia University in Irvine from dropping two women's sports including its swimming and diving team. (Kathryn Riley / Getty Images)

#### October 28, 2025

- A federal judge orders Concordia
   University to immediately reinstate
   women's swimming and tennis programs
   while a Title IX lawsuit plays out.
- The Irvine university claimed cost constraints forced the cuts, but simultaneously invested \$25.5 million in upgrading athletic facilities.
- The lawsuit alleges sex discrimination:
   Women comprise 59% of Concordia's
   students but received only 51.2% of
   varsity sports roster spots.





**Pre-Settlement** 

House Settlement Agreement (June 2025)

**Post Settlement** 

- Wild wild west
- New and unprepared
- Little to no regulation
- Only applied to current athletes
- No revenue sharing
- Only non institutional funds

#### **Past Damages**

- \$2.56 BILLION over 10 years to "harmed" athletes
- June 2016-September 2024

#### Current

- Revenue share (up to 22% of institutional athletic revenue)
- Roster limits
- Elimination of scholarship caps
- Regulation & registration of NIL \$ outside of institution



# NIL & House Impact on Title IX



### **House Court**

- Refused to weigh in on whether payments under the settlement had to comply with Title IX
- Settlement currently under appeal
  - June 11, 2025: 8 female athletes claimed the "back pay" damages portion violates Title IX
    - Currently
      - 90% to male football and basketball athletes
      - 5% to women's basketball
      - 5% to "other" athletes
  - ONLY "back pay" paused during appeal

### **Roster Limits**

- Evaluate whether roster compositions violate equity under Title IX
- Some athletes "grandfathered" in

### Elimination of Scholarship Caps

Scholarship distribution still needs to be equitable

### Training & Resources

 Training and resources re: NIL opportunities needs to be provided equitably











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