

# PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: MALE/FEMALE  
PARTICIPATION ON SPORTS  
TEAMS

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REVISED: December 3, 2012

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>3. Authority Pol. 103</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">123.4. MALE/FEMALE PARTICIPATION ON SPORTS TEAMS</p> <p>The Board is dedicated to providing fair and meaningful athletic opportunities for all of its students in accordance with law.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, the Board shall adhere to the definition of contact sports provided by the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education as follows: Contact sports include boxing, wrestling, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball and other sports, the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.</p> <p>In addition to the sports specifically described above as contact sports, the following sports offered by the school district shall also be considered contact sports because of the amount of incidental contact that occurs during normal play: field hockey, volleyball, baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse.</p> <p>The Board establishes that if the school district maintains separate teams in the same sport for males and females during the school year, regardless of sports season, males may not compete on female teams and females may not compete on male teams. If the district maintains only a female team in a sport, males may compete on the team unless the team is considered a contact sport. If the district maintains only a male team in a sport, females may compete on the team.</p> <p>The district may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport. However, if the district operates or sponsors a team in a particular sport for members of one sex but operates or sponsors no such team for members of the other sex, and the athletic opportunities for members of that sex have previously been limited, members of the excluded sex must be allowed to tryout for the team offered unless the sport involved is a contact sport.</p>
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