

ARTICLE 7 - SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

Section 1 - Compliance with Title IX

A. The Association will comply with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Alaska Statue Chapter 18.80, and all amendments there to. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any activities regulated by the Association.

B. Separate **(add) Divisions** for Teams **(Delete) Gender Determination** and Contact Sports: Separate **(add) divisions for** teams for each **(add) biological** sex are permissible in contact sports or where selection for teams is based on competitive skill. **(delete) The Association will rely on a gender determination made by the student's member school where the determination is based upon prior written and objective criteria adopted by the school; ASAA will not make separate gender identity determinations. However, once a member school determines a student may participate in an interscholastic activity, which does not match the gender assigned at birth, the determination shall remain in effect for the duration of the student's high school eligibility. A student attending a member school which does not have a prior written objective policy used to determine gender identity may only participate based upon the gender assigned at birth.** Contact sports include wrestling, ice hockey, football, basketball, and any other sport “the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.”

C. Sports Divisions

Single-**(add) Division (delete) Team** Sports: Whenever a school has a team in a given sport for one sex only, and athletic opportunities for the other sex have been limited, members of both sexes must be allowed to try out for the team.

(add) Double Division Sports: Whenever a school has two divisions in a given sport, one team shall be solely comprised of biological females, while the other team is open to both biological males and females. However, a biological female is ineligible to compete on both teams during the same school year.

(add) Coed Teams: Prior to the first contest of the season for a specific sport, a school may declare a team as a coed team. If a school chooses to have a coed team, then it may not have a separate team in that sport. Any school declaring a coed team may **(add) not compete in any district, regional or state competition in the girls' playoffs.** An exception to the playoff rule is made for mixed-six volleyball when a separate playoff category is provided by the Board of Directors.

D. Equal Opportunity: A school must provide equal athletic opportunity for both sexes in numbers that are “substantially proportionate” to enrollment. In determining whether athletic