**Letter to International Olympic Committee**

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**Dear Mr. Thomas Bach**:

With the naming of weightlifter **Laurel Hubbard** to the New Zealand Olympic team I have become aware that in 2015 the IOC decided that the human rights of some athletes supersede the rights of others.

Without consulting broadly or notifying many, you and your IOC colleagues decided that male athletes could self-identify as women and would then be allowed to compete against female athletes. [**Reference**: The 2015 IOC ***“Consensus Meeting on Sex Reassignment and Hyperandrogenism”]***

This is outrageous, unethical, and unfair!

As anyone can see from your own Olympic record charts across many sports, male performances significantly exceed female performances.

There is a logical reason for this difference in male performance. Mr. Bach, we should not have to tell you the male body has a physical advantage that ranges from 10%-160% depending upon the activity and the sport:

* Heavier by 20-40%
* Stronger by 30-60% [Especially stronger in UPPER BODY activities]
* More Explosive by 33%
* Running 10-15%
* Kicking 20%
* Punching 160%
* Scrum forces in Rugby 40-60%
* VO2max 20-40%
* Throwing 20-30%
* Weights 30-50%
* Tendons much stiffer

Your 2015 IOC consensus statement **assumes** (without evidence!)that all these advantages disappearand the female playing field will be “level” IF the male athlete ensures that his testosterone concentration remains below 10 nmol/L for one year.

This assertion is patently false! Surely by now you know this is not true!

No doubt your colleagues on the IOC Medical Commission will know by now that every study that has measured male bodies both before and after hormone therapy shows that there is no significant reduction of the male performance advantage.

Of course, you and every single member of the IOC could figure out the same thing without science.

How does a man make his bones and body smaller to match female size?!

How does he reduce the size of his heart and lungs so that oxygen transport capacity is reduced to female level?!

Surely, you MUST KNOW that the IOC’s position on this matter is absurd. It is an insult to women, to sport, and to the Olympic ideal.

You amplify this insult by assuming that very few male athletes would want to take advantage of this policy and compete with the women.

This assumption is also false! Over the past few years, the world of sport has documented a growing number of males, calling themselves “transgender,” robbing female athletes of opportunities on teams and podiums.

Do you not care that the IOC’s insistence on closing your eyes to this unfairness puts all women’s sports in jeopardy?!

Do you not care that YOU bear direct responsibility for putting female athletes at serious risk by permitting male bodies to enter their playing fields, change rooms, toilets, and athlete accommodations?!

In 2015, you and your colleagues pushed that first domino and it has resulted in ridiculous policies cascading from international federations on down to local schools and community sports.

Mr. Thomas Bach, I plead with you to PLEASE STOP THIS MADNESS!

Given all the countervailing evidence that has accumulated since 2015, the IOC should SUSPEND this insane “Transgender Consensus” immediately on the basis of **“Item G”** in the document:

***“G. These guidelines are a living document and will be subject to review in light of any scientific or medical developments.”***

Please admit that the 2015 IOC “consensus meeting” was a mistake that threatens the women’s Olympic sports category. It requires a thorough re-examination and broad-ranging consultation in the manner that was undertaken by World Rugby.

I join everyone on planet earth in pleading with you **to preserve the integrity of the Olympic Games** and **to save women’s sports!**

Yours in the spirit of Olympism and common sense,

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