

R14 Let Trans People Play!

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Motion text

1 During its General Assembly in 2020, the FYEG unanimously adopted the resolution
2 "Trans Rights Are Human Rights." As a complement, this present resolution wishes
3 to tackle an area where trans people are gradually discriminated against, and
4 where (uninformed) prejudices against them still prevail: sports.

5 In sports, the category of women is defined as people with certain physical &
6 physiological characteristics, so as to maintain fair competition. However, this
7 does not justify the discrimination against trans women who want to take part in
8 sports. Australia's Laura Hubbard and the USA's Lia Thomas are at the forefront
9 of the current struggle of trans athletes to be able to participate in high-
10 level sports events.

11 It is a grave misconception that people would go through a fundamental
12 transition like gender affirmation for any other reason than their gender
13 identification. It is plain false to claim that trans women are dominating
14 women's sports or trans women have undergone their transition to win and
15 dominate women's sports. This is simply transphobia and it has no place in our
16 society.

17 A recent literature study shows that there is no conclusive evidence for trans
18 athletes who have undergone or are undergoing hormone replacement therapy,
19 especially trans women athletes, to have a significant, let alone
20 disproportionate advantage over their cisgender counterparts in the same
21 discipline. Moreover, every person has a different body type and thus there
22 exists a wide physiological diversity even among trans athletes, much as there
23 is of the same among cis athletes. Therefore, it is absolutely not justified to
24 ban transgender athletes from sports.

25 Genuine concern for women in sports entails that issues concerning equal
26 treatment of women in sports clubs, organisations, leagues, and federations
27 should be addressed, such as but not limited to unequal pay between men and
28 women in the same sports discipline whether elite, professional or amateur, and
29 equally meaningful participation of women athletes in sports governing bodies

30 starting from the sports clubs going up. Women athletes and women's clubs should
31 be set on equal footing with their male counterparts.

32 Furthermore, a societal shift with regards to the perception of trans people in
33 sports is necessary – for example, better education about trans issues in
34 schools and sports organisations, and consistent punishment of transphobic
35 behaviour within sports (for both fans and athletes).

36 We, the Federation of Young European Greens, reaffirming our commitment to
37 uphold transgender rights as human rights and to end discrimination against
38 transgenders, while recognising the limits within the realm of sports:

- 39 • stand by the International Olympic Committee's policy of allowing all
40 trans women who have undergone or are undergoing hormone replacement
41 therapy, who meet the required hormone levels, to participate in women's
42 sports, sports federations and lower-level competitions, taking into
43 consideration physical safety concerns upon exercising a certain sport
44 discipline, until a more comprehensive policy is made based on scientific
45 evidence;
- 46 • reiterate our call for (better) education on transgender issues to clear
47 up misconceptions on and promote the inclusion of transgender people, not
48 only in sports but also in our society as a whole;
- 49 • call on the European Union, its Member States, and international sports
50 federations to promote and facilitate more research into transgender
51 people in sports, so as to better balance inclusivity and fairness in
52 sports policies;
- 53 • call on sports organisations to treat women athletes on equal footing with
54 their male counterparts, including but not limited to paying women
55 athletes and teams equally as their men counterparts on the same
56 discipline and level;
- 57 • call on sport organisations to react properly on transphobic behaviour in
58 sports, by fans, athletes, staff and anyone else involved, through
59 specific codes of conduct and regulations, with appropriate sanctions such
60 as stadium bans, disqualifications etc.