Title IX and Women in Sport

Title IX: No person in the United States shall, on the bases of sex, be excluded participation in, denied benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under any Educational Program or Activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance.

Title IX is for any Educational Program, not just athletics. It was passed in 1972. It was fully implemented in 1978; the way it was implemented was not intended.

There are 3 ways you comply with this: Proportionality: If you have 50/50 in school then in athletics 50/50 for females vs. males in sports, If you meet needs and interest of under represented gender, or If you make substantial progress towards equality.

A Michigan H.S. was sued a couple of years ago. This was because they were not in their traditional season they were not able to compete for scholarships. So last year the seasons were changed.

J. Robinson the U of M wrestling coach has been trying to bring sense back to this to help wrestling programs. The thesis is that now day’s men are getting short changed.

On June 30th, 1997 Clinton vigorously enforces Title IX. Many years ago, women’s sports seasons were very short. Coaches coached about 3 or 4 sports. Women played that many also.