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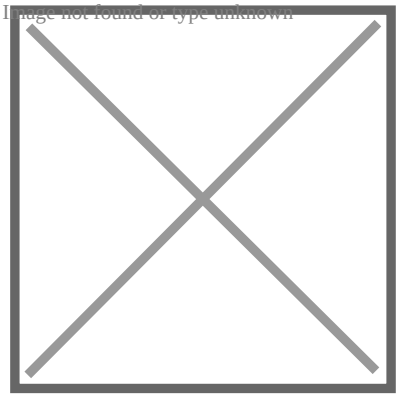

USA swimming updates transgender policy after college athlete beats rivals by record-smashing 38 seconds

Description

USA: On Tuesday athletes from the University of Pennsylvania, women's swimming and diving team backed Thomas in a statement.

"We value her as a person, teammate, and friend," they said. "The sentiments put forward by an anonymous member of our team are not representative of the feelings, values, and opinions of the entire Penn team, composed of 39 women with diverse backgrounds."

However, her staggering success has drawn criticism.

The Independent Women's Law Center (IWLC) and Independent Women's Forum (IWF) said on Tuesday that the decision was unfair and prioritised "transgender inclusion over equal opportunity for female athletes".

"In so doing, USA Swimming joins the NCAA in putting female athletes last," they added.

According to the body, the focus on testosterone is limited because it puts aside the years of biological advancement from male hormones, including height.

Transgender former athlete Caitlyn Jenner also said she did not support the NCAA.

"Her hands are bigger. She can swim faster. That's a known," she said.

"All of this is woke world that we're living in right now is not working. I feel sorry for the other athletes that are out there, especially at Penn or anyone she's competing against, because in the woke world you have to say, 'Oh my gosh, this is great.' No it's not."

Last November the International Olympic Committee (IOC) released their guidelines relating to transgender competitors but did not outline specifics.

They said no athlete should be barred from participating based on "unverified, alleged or perceived

unfair competitive advantage due to their sex variations, physical appearance and/or transgender status".

"Athletes should be allowed to compete but unfair advantage needs to be regulated."

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