



Women's Law Project

V is for Victory.

So is IX.

In this case winning is everything.

V is for Victory. So is IX. is a national campaign to ensure that girls and young women have an equal opportunity to participate in sports. For too many girls, the likelihood of their participation and the quality of their playing experience is far from equal. With this in mind, we are launching a new national campaign, V is for Victory. So is IX., with a focus in three states: California, Washington and Pennsylvania.

The Women's Sports Foundation is partnering with legal organizations in each area—the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia, California Women's Law Center, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington—to make positive changes in schools and to level the playing field in their communities. In each state, the Foundation has local staff providing free educational workshops to parents, coaches and students. Participants leave with resources to act, step-by-step, on behalf of Title IX victory.

The Campaign includes two dedicated Web sites, www.Vis4Victory.org is for parents, coaches, athletic directors and educators and the other www.Vis4Victory.org/girls is for young women who are interested in athletics. Each site provides information and resources for achieving equal opportunities in sports, as well as videos designed for each audience.

Who We Are:

Women's Sports Foundation. The Women's Sports Foundation is a leader in the fight for gender equity in sports. The Foundation advocates for Title IX enforcement, to provide girls and young women equal access to athletics and scholarship opportunities. The Foundation's work helps shape public attitudes about women's sports and promotes champion athletes, coaches and strong role models for girls. The Foundation promotes access to physical activity and leadership roles for girls and women. The Foundation is bringing its expertise to communities and to schools and is currently offering free educational workshops on Title IX in our campaign cities: Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Seattle.

Women's Law Project. The Women's Law Project (WLP) has engaged in extensive advocacy and litigation to both expand the opportunities available to girls and women in intercollegiate and interscholastic athletics and eliminate discriminatory treatment. Our past work includes: obtaining improvements in equipment, coaching and facilities for the University of Pennsylvania's female athletes; successfully litigating the discriminatory assignment of female athletic officials to interscholastic basketball games; assisting Pennsylvania parents and coaches win additional opportunities for female students in two Pennsylvania school districts; eliminating pregnancy discrimination in athletics at Sacred Heart University; and obtaining a preliminary injunction and settlement agreement to provide female athletes at Slippery Rock University with equal opportunity and treatment. The WLP also published a comprehensive analysis of Title IX compliance data for Pennsylvania's colleges and universities using publicly available data. The WLP is publishing *Gender Equity in Athletics in Pennsylvania Schools*, a manual to assist parents, students, coaches, and athletic administrators to achieve athletic equity.

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