

PARTICIPATION

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETE COUNT

Rio 2016



Olympics

MALE (6,178 ATHLETES) 55%

FEMALE (5,059 ATHLETES) 45%

Paralympics

MALE (2,648 ATHLETES) 61%

FEMALE (1,669 ATHLETES) 38%

PyeongChang 2018



Olympics

MALE (1,704 ATHLETES) 59%

FEMALE (1,204 ATHLETES) 41%

Paralympics

MALE (431 ATHLETES) 76%

FEMALE (133 ATHLETES) 24%

UNITED STATES ATHLETE COUNT

Rio 2016



Olympics

MALE (262 ATHLETES) 47%

FEMALE (292 ATHLETES) 53%

Paralympics

MALE (154 ATHLETES) 56%

FEMALE (125 ATHLETES) 45%

PyeongChang 2018



Olympics

MALE (134 ATHLETES) 56%

FEMALE (107 ATHLETES) 44%

Paralympics

MALE (50 ATHLETES) 73%

FEMALE (19 ATHLETES) 28%

KEY FINDINGS

1 Male athletes continue to outnumber female athletes in both the Olympic and Paralympic Summer and Winter Games.

2 U.S. women have made gains in participation in the Summer Olympic Games, but are still underrepresented on all Winter and all Paralympic Games teams.

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LEADERSHIP

WOMEN CONTINUE TO BE UNDERREPRESENTED IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN OLYMPIC GOVERNANCE

29%



Female International Olympic Committee member representation

37.5%



Female United States Olympic Committee Board of Directors representation.

31.7%



Female U.S. Winter Sport National Governing Bodies board of director representation.

Of the 66 “main coaches” for the U.S. in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games,

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were women, seven of whom coached figure skating or ice dancing.

DID YOU KNOW



There has never been a female International Olympic Committee President or Secretary General.



The International Paralympic Committee and International Olympic Committee hope to achieve at least 30% female representation in their leadership structures by 2024.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

IOC GENDER EQUITY RECOMMENDATIONS

All International Federations and National Governing Bodies should act immediately to endorse the twenty-five March 2018 IOC Gender Equity Recommendations and produce analogous plans, timetables and monitoring systems to achieve all recommendations.

FEMALE REPRESENTATION WITHIN NGBS

- 1) The USOC should reconsider the mechanisms used to evaluate the participation of women in its National Governing Bodies.
- 2) USOC Diversity & Inclusion scorecards should be end goal gender equity standards instead of arbitrary determinations of reasonable growth.
- 3) Annual NGB athlete and coach representation data should be national in scope rather than only national team and national team development.