

We Celebrate **TITLE IX**

We invite you to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Title IX and explore the impact legislation has made on female sport participation. Signage positioned across the facility will guide your tour.



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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is enacted by Congress and is signed into law by President Richard Nixon, prohibiting sex discrimination in any educational program or activity receiving any type of federal financial aid.

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July 21, 1978 is the deadline for high schools and colleges to comply with Title IX athletics requirements.

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Following her death in 2002, Title IX is renamed the “Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act” in honor of its major author and contributor.

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Prior to Enactment of Title IX, fewer than 30,000 women competed in collegiate sports. In 2020 that number was 222,920.

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Before Title IX's inception, only 1 in 27 girls played varsity sports; today, that figure is 1 in 2.5. There are now a total of 2.8 million girls playing high school sports.

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The earliest MHSAA tournament for girls was a regional alpine skiing event in the winter of the 1953/54 school year.

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The first statewide MHSAA tournament was for gymnastics January 12, 1972. 52 schools sponsored the sport and 33 schools had girls qualify and participate in the event.

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During the 1972-73 school year, the MHSAA sponsored and conducted the first girls' tournaments in tennis, swimming & diving, golf, and track & field.

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The first MHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament occurred in the 1973-1974 school year; girls softball followed in the 1974-75 school year; and girls volleyball followed in the 1975-76 school year.

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The MHSAA Sponsored the first girls' soccer spring tournament in 1983.

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The MHSAA sponsors 15 girls sport tournaments. (Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, Volleyball, Basketball, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Gymnastics, Skiing, and Wrestling).

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Girls' participation in high school soccer:

1971 = 700

2021 = 400,000

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**Girls' participation in high school
cross country:**

1971 = 1,719

2021 = 219,345

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**Girls' participation in high school
fast pitch softball:**

1971 = 10,000

2021 = 362,038

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Girls' participation in high school volleyball:

1971 = 17,952

2018 = 452,808

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Nearly 45,000 female high school athletes are expected to play spring sports in Michigan this year.

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