WOMEN IN THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

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.

References

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

DID YOU KNOW

- Of the 66 “main coaches” for the U.S. in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, 8 were women, seven of whom coached figure skating or ice dancing.
- 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.