



*Webinar Series – Critical Issues in Collegiate Athletics
Hosted by LRT Sports*

**#4 – THE TRANSGENDER ATHLETE IN GIRLS’ AND WOMEN’S SPORT:
Science, Law, and Social Justice Explained**

Thursday, November 4, 2021 – 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

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The Drake Group brings together a blue-ribbon slate of researchers, lawyers, athletes, gender equity experts and sports administrators to address the topic of transgender athletes in girls’ and women’s interscholastic, intercollegiate and open Olympic and club sports. Panelists will explore whether eligibility for participation should be based on an individual’s sex, gender identity or a combination of the two, and how science, law, and social justice should inform sports policy makers.



MODERATOR - DONNA A. LOPIANO, Ph.D. Adjunct Professor of Sports Management, Southern Connecticut State University, former CEO of the Women’s Sports Foundation (1992-2007), Director of Women’s Athletics, University of Texas at Austin (1975-1992). President of The Drake Group.

PANELISTS:



DONNA deVARONA, OLY. Two-time Olympian and double gold medalist in swimming, first President and Chair of the Board of the Women’s Sports Foundation, member of the International Olympic Committee Communications Commission and U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Board of Directors.



JUNIPER EASTWOOD, M.A. candidate, Univ. of Montana, trail runner, former track & cross country runner, first NCAA Division I athlete to compete on a women's team while openly identifying as transgender.



JOANNA HARPER, Ph.D. candidate, Loughborough University (U.K), medical physicist, former elite marathoner, transgender athlete.



NANCY HOGSHEAD MAKAR, J.D., OLY, CEO Champion Women, civil rights lawyer, two-time Olympian, three-time gold medalist and one silver in swimming, U.S. National Team for eight years, 12 Halls of Fame, including the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame and the International Swimming Hall, 20 years of teaching Sports Law and Administration, former President, Legal Advisor and Advocacy Director of the Women's Sports Foundation.



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA, OLY. Former professional tennis player and coach considered one of the best female tennis players of all time. Over her career, she won 18 Grand Slam singles titles, 31 Grand Slam women's doubles titles (an all-time record), and 10 Grand Slam mixed doubles titles, for a combined total of 59 major titles, marking the Open Era record for the most Grand Slam titles won by one player, male or female. Long active in LGBTQ rights work.



TRACY SUNDLUN, CEO of Everything Running, Inc., Founding Board Member, National Scholastic Athletics Foundation. Co-Founder and original Director of the National Scholastic (High School) Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field Championships (1984 – Present). Six-time Olympic Coach and Manager (1972 – 2016). Inducted into Running USA Hall of Champions.