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### ADMINISTRATIVE CLASS COMPLAINT

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### I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This complaint is filed by *Champion Women*, pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* ("Title IX") and the regulations and policies promulgated thereunder. *See* 34 C.F.R. § 106 *et seq.* Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs and activities, including athletics.
- 2. Champion Women is a 501(c)(3) that provides legal advocacy for girls and women in sports.
- 3. As detailed in the Factual and Legal Allegations below, data submitted by Georgia State University ("Georgia State") to the Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act ("EADA"), 20 U.S.C. § 1092, as well as information collected from Georgia State's website indicates that Georgia State is discriminating on the basis of sex by providing unequal athletic participation opportunities, unequal athletic scholarship dollars, and unequal treatment and benefits, including unequal athletic recruitment funding for its female students.
- 4. In order to address these disparities, *Champion Women* requests that the Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") investigate Georgia State to determine whether it is discriminating against women; is it providing women equal opportunities to participate in varsity sports, to receive equal athletic scholarship dollars, and equal treatment and benefits, including equivalent recruitment funding as required by Title IX and, if not, to remedy any unlawful conduct.

# II. JURISDICTION

- 5. The OCR is responsible for ensuring compliance with Title IX and receiving information about, investigating, and remedying violations of Title IX and its implementing regulations and guidelines. 34 C.F.R. §§ 106.71, 100.7.
- 6. *Champion Women* has not filed this complaint with any other agency or institution.
- 7. As Georgia State currently violates Title IX's athletic equity requirements, this complaint is timely.

# III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. Georgia State receives federal financial assistance and is therefore prohibited from discriminating on the basis of sex pursuant to Title IX.
- 9. Data submitted by Georgia State to the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the EADA that is publicly available on the Office of Postsecondary Education website for academic years 2003-04 through 2021-2022 indicates that Georgia State is not currently and has

not in the past been providing female athletes equal opportunities to participate in athletics under Title IX's three-part participation test.

10. *Champion Women* has edited the EADA data on our website <a href="https://titleixschools.com/">https://titleixschools.com/</a> in just one instance: to remove male practice players who are counted up in the tally as "women". These male practice players are not female athletes and have therefore been subtracted from the totals in the EADA. 1

	Undergraduate Enrollment						Athletic Participation		
Year	Men	Women	Total	Percent Women	Men	Women Prong 2: This # should Rise Continuousl y and Steadily Over Time, Without Going Backwards	Total	Percent Women	Female Athletes Who Would Need to be Added to Achieve
2003-04	5214	8297	13511	61.41%	108	114	222	51.35%	58
2004-05	5408	8267	13675	60.45%	118	117	235	49.79%	63
2005-06	5455	8313	13768	60.38%	108	131	239	54.81%	34
2006-07	5329	8056	13385	60.19%	123	169	292	57.88%	17
2007-08	5731	8700	14431	60.29%	108	180	288	62.50%	-16
2008-09	6115	9249	15364	60.20%	135	192	327	58.72%	12
2009-10	6654	10169	16823	60.45%	242	180	422	42.65%	190
2010-11	7073	10335	17408	59.37%	241	186	427	43.56%	166
2011-12	7265	10167	17432	58.32%	263	177	440	40.23%	191
2012-13	7449	10459	17908	58.40%	224	192	416	46.15%	123
2013-14	7625	10642	18267	58.26%	260	146	406	35.96%	217
2014-15	7709	11130	18839	59.08%	237	194	431	45.01%	148
2015-16	7573	11079	18652	59.40%	229	208	437	47.60%	127
2016-17	7725	11337	19062	59.47%	219	195	414	47.10%	126
2017-18	7989	11742	19731	59.51%	229	234	463	50.54%	103
2018-19	8556	12343	20899	59.06%	212	217	429	50.58%	89
2019-20	8903	12912	21815	59.19%	205	206	411	50.12%	91
2020-21	8888	13388	22276	60.10%	210	196	406	48.28%	120
2021-22	8631	13298	21929	60.64%	214	199	413	48.18%	131

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See *Champion Women* website for every college and university receiving federal funds: <a href="https://titleixschools.com/2023/05/20/eada-data/">https://titleixschools.com/2023/05/20/eada-data/</a> High school data for these schools receiving federal funds is available here: <a href="https://titleixschools.com/2023/06/06/check-your-high-school/">https://titleixschools.com/2023/06/06/check-your-high-school/</a>

- 11. Georgia State does not and has not provided athletic opportunities to female students in numbers substantially proportionate to their enrollment pursuant to part one of the Title IX participation test. Women are 60.64% of the student body, but just 48.18% of the student-athletes.
- 12. In 2021-2022, the most recent academic year for which EADA data is available that is not corrupted by disruptions related to Covid-19, Georgia State's participation gap was 131 athletes.<sup>2</sup> In other words, Georgia State must add 131 additional athletic opportunities for women in order to provide athletic opportunities substantially proportionate to enrollment; 131 additional opportunities would equate to about five new women's teams, assuming teams had an average of 25 athletes on them some more, some less.
- 13. Georgia State double or triple counts 68 women, and zero men. That means Georgia State is only providing 131 women with an athletic opportunity, and 214 men, even though women are 60% of the student body. With 345 athletes instead of 413, this means women at Georgia State are just 37.9% of the athletes.
- 14. The EADA data and evidence gathered on Georgia State's website show that Georgia State does not have a history and continuing practice of expanding athletic participation opportunities for women pursuant to Prong 2 of the Title IX participation test. The number of women athletes does not consistently increase over time.
- 15. Since 2008, when Georgia State sponsored 192 women's athletic opportunities, that number is just 199 in 2021-2022. Between 2008 and 2014 women's opportunities did not increase. In 2013, Georgia State cut 36 women's opportunities. In 2016, Georgia State cut 13 opportunities. In 2017, Georgia State had a high of 237 women's opportunities; it is currently offering women 35 fewer opportunities. *Champion Women* does not know the history of adding sports between 1975 and 2003, but Georgia State cannot show a history of continuous program expansion that is demonstratively responsive to women's growing interests in sport.
- 16. A review of Georgia State's website did not show any policy or procedure for adding new sports or elevating existing club sports to varsity status. Nor did it reveal any athletic gender equity plan or any gender equity committee.
- 17. Georgia State sponsors 6 men's varsity sports (Baseball, Basketball, Football, Golf, Soccer, and Tennis) for 214 men, and 8 women's varsity sports (Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Track, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball) for 131 women.
- 18. Information available on Georgia State's website suggests that the university is not accommodating the interests and abilities of female athletes as required by part three of the Title IX participation test.

- 19. Georgia State women participate in the club sports of badminton, equestrian, fencing, rowing, rugby, swimming, and wrestling. The existence of these women's club teams indicates that there is unmet interest in women's athletics at Georgia State.
- 20. Sport Governing Bodies and the NCAA, for member schools, make it very easy to see where other competitors are located. The NCAA publishes the "NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report, 1956 2022" for schools to find competitors within the school's normal competitive region: NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report.<sup>2</sup>
- 21. Georgia State is a member of the Sun Belt Conference, serving NCAA Division 1 FBS schools. Member schools are in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Arkansas; an enormous competitive geographic region, giving Georgia State many choices on new sports for women to add.
- 22. The Sunbelt Conference sponsors Swimming & Diving as a Championship sport. Georgia State does not sponsor Swimming & Diving. Championship sports are unique educational opportunities, and they certainly demonstrate women's interest and ability, as well as the available competitors in Georgia State's competitive region.
- 23. Other sports sponsored by Sun Belt member schools include Bowling, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Rifle, Rowing, and Sailing. Georgia State does not sponsor any of these six women's sports. These six additional sports demonstrate women's interest and ability in competitive sport, as well as the other competitors in Georgia State's competitive geographic area.

https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/research/sportpart/2022RES SportsSponsorshipParticipationRatesReport.pdf See individual sports' governing bodies for more, e.g.,

Women's College Rugby: <a href="https://www.urugby.com/teams/womens-teams">https://www.urugby.com/teams/womens-teams</a>

Collegiate Equestrian: <a href="https://collegiateequestrian.com/sports/2020/5/6/schools.aspx">https://collegiateequestrian.com/sports/2020/5/6/schools.aspx</a>

Women's Collegiate Wrestling: <a href="https://wrestlelikeagirl.org/college-opportunities">https://wrestlelikeagirl.org/college-opportunities</a>

Collegiate Competitive Cheer Teams: <a href="https://www.ncsasports.org/cheerleading/colleges">https://www.ncsasports.org/cheerleading/colleges</a> (not to be confused with sideline cheerleading)

Women's Collegiate Triathlon: https://www.usatriathlon.org/multisport/ncaa-triathlon

Collegiate Sailing is governed by the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) with 220 schools: https://www.collegesailing.org/about/overview

Women's Collegiate Ice Hockey: <a href="https://www.uscho.com/teams/#d1women">https://www.uscho.com/teams/#d1women</a>

Collegiate Field Hockey: <a href="https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Field-Hockey/PLAYERS/College/Team-Websites">https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Field-Hockey/PLAYERS/College/Team-Websites</a>
Collegiate Synchronized/ Artistic Swimming: <a href="https://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/colleges-with-">https://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/colleges-with-</a>

notable-synchronized-swimming-teams/581/

Collegiate Bowling - <a href="https://collegebowling.bowl.com/teams">https://collegebowling.bowl.com/teams</a>

 $Collegiate\ Rifle\ -\ \underline{https://competitions.nra.org/competitions/nra-national-matches/collegiate-championships/collegiate-shooting-sports-directory/$ 

Collegiate Skiing – <a href="https://www.uscsa.org/">https://www.uscsa.org/</a>

Collegiate Water Polo - https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/

Collegiate Women's Gymnastics https://www.ncaa.com/sports/gymnastics-women

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See NCAA:

24. Georgia State University recruits its student body and its athletes from the state the whole country and internationally. Georgia sponsors high school sports of Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Fencing, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Wrestling. <a href="https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/states/GA">https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/states/GA</a>

High school girls compete in sports not associated with a school, club sport or travel teams. These sports like Wrestling, Badminton, Equestrian, Table Tennis, Team Handball, Sailing, Field Hockey, Fencing, Swimming & Diving, Skateboarding, Water Polo, Archery, Field Hockey, Rifle, Triathlon, Ice Hockey, Sport Climbing, Artistic Swimming, Skiing, Snowboarding, Gymnastics, Rowing, Rugby, and all sorts of combat sports, like Judo, Karate, and Taekwondo, to name a few.

- 25. Rugby, Wrestling, Equestrian, and Triathlon are NCAA emerging sports. There are 163 college women's Wrestling programs. 42 NCAA schools sponsor Triathlon. At least 32 colleges currently sponsor women's varsity Rugby.
- 26. A review of the Georgia State website does not reveal that Georgia State undertook any athletic interest surveys or other research into interest and competition to support the addition of women's varsity sports. While surveys are never sufficient to deny women sports opportunities, they are often helpful in determining *which sports* the school should add.
- 27. The failure to provide women with equal opportunities to play impacts the availability of athletic scholarship dollars for women. These are important sources of funding for educational attainment that women are being denied because of their sex. If Georgia State provided its male and female students with the same opportunities to participate, Georgia State would need to add \$4,460,512 additional athletic scholarship dollars, per year, to balance out the amount Georgia State provides to its male students.
- 28. If, for some reason, the OCR determines that Georgia State is, in fact, not discriminating against women in providing opportunities in sport, the ratio used is the student athletes, instead of the student body, and no more scholarship dollars would be required from Georgia State.
- 29. Georgia State's EADA data further indicates that the university provides inadequate and unequal funding for recruitment of female athletes. In 2021-2022, Georgia State spent \$209,274 on men's recruitment and only \$110,613 on women's recruitment. If Georgia State University provided its women's sports programs with the same resources it provides to its men's sports programs, Georgia State would need to add an *additional* **\$211,820** in recruiting funds to its women's teams and women coaches to equal the amount Georgia State funds its men's teams.
- 30. If, for some reason, the OCR determines that Georgia State is, in fact, not discriminating against women in providing opportunities in sport, Georgia State would still need to provide its women's sports teams and women's coaches with \$10,851 more recruiting dollars in order to be consistent with the school's investment in men's sports.

#### IV. LEGAL ALLEGATIONS

- 31. Title IX provides that "[n]o person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." 20 U.S.C. §1681(a).
- 32. Title IX regulations prohibit athletic programs from discriminating on the basis of sex in interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics offered by the institution. 34 C.F.R. §106.41(a) (2000).
- 33. Title IX regulations require institutions that offer athletics programs to provide equal athletic opportunities to members of both sexes to participate in athletics. 34 C.F.R. §106.41(c)(1).
- 34. Pursuant to the 1979 Title IX Policy Interpretation, compliance with Title IX's equal athletic participation requirement is measured by determining whether the educational institution meets one part of the following three-part test:
  - 1. Prong 1: Whether intercollegiate level participation opportunities for male and female students are provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments; or
  - 2. Prong 2: Where the members of one sex have been and are underrepresented among intercollegiate athletes, whether the institution can show a history and continuing practice of program expansion which is demonstrably responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the members of that sex; or
  - 3. Prong 3: Where the members of one sex are underrepresented among intercollegiate athletes, and the institution cannot show a history and continuing practice of program expansion, as described above, whether it can be demonstrated that the interests and abilities of the members of that sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program.

United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office for Civil Rights, *Policy Interpretation; Title IX and Intercollegiate Athletics*, 44 Fed. Reg. 71413 (Dec. 11, 1979) [hereinafter *Policy Interpretation*].

35. In determining substantial proportionality under part one of the three-part test, OCR considers the number of opportunities that would have to be added to achieve proportionality and whether it would be sufficient to support another team. If there are a

significant number of unaccommodated women, it is likely that a viable sport could be added and therefore the institution has not satisfied part one of the three-part test. United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, *Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Guidance: the Three-Part Test* (Jan. 16, 1996) [hereinafter *1996 Clarification*].

36. In 1975, schools were given three years to be in compliance with the equal participation mandate under Title IX. Schools had only one year to end sex discrimination in all other areas of Title IX's non-discrimination mandate. Only athletics gave schools three years to add athletic opportunities and to stop discriminating against women – or until 1978. That deadline passed 45 years ago. 34 C.F.R. §106.41(d).<sup>3</sup>

It is worth noting how odd Prong 2 is, in comparison to any other non-discrimination civil right. For a school to be able to argue that it is still playing catch-up with men's athletic opportunities – exists nowhere else in law. This is especially true after 51 years after the passage of Title IX, and 48 years after the passage of the regulations OCR depends on, regulations that were passed by Congress. When a school uses Prong 2, it is admitting that it is discriminating against women, that it is not providing women with equal educational opportunities, but that their discrimination is acceptable, because the school is "improving." Title IX's Prong 2 allows schools to provide girls and women with less.

- 37. Therefore, it is understandable that Prong 2 is a strict legal test. In determining whether an institution has a history and continuing practice of expansion under Prong 2 of the three-part test, OCR reviews the entire history of the athletic program and evaluates whether the institution has expanded participation opportunities for the underrepresented sex in a manner that was demonstrably responsive to their developing interests and abilities, considering a number of factors, including:
  - an institution's record of adding intercollegiate teams, or upgrading teams to intercollegiate status, for the underrepresented sex;
  - an institution's record of increasing the numbers of participants in intercollegiate athletics who are members of the underrepresented sex;
  - an institution's affirmative responses to requests by students or others for addition or elevation of sports; and
  - whether the institution has effective ongoing procedures for collecting, maintaining and analyzing information on the interest and abilities of students of the underrepresented sex, including monitoring athletic participation, and assessing interest and ability on a periodic basis.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 34 C.F.R. §106.41(d) "Adjustment period. A recipient which operates or sponsors interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics at the elementary school level shall comply fully with this section as expeditiously as possible but in no event later than one year from the effective date of this regulation. A recipient which operates or sponsors interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics at the secondary or post-secondary school level shall comply fully with this section as expeditiously as possible but in no event later than three years from the effective date of this regulation."

United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, *Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Clarification: The Three-Part Test- Part Three* (Apr. 20, 2010) [hereinafter 2010 Clarification]; 1996 Clarification.

- 38. In determining whether an institution has a continuing practice of program expansion under Prong 2, OCR will consider a number of factors, including:
  - an institution's current implementation of a nondiscriminatory policy or procedure for requesting the addition of sports (including the elevation of club or intramural teams) and the effective communication of the policy or procedure to students;
  - an institution's current implementation of a plan of program expansion that is responsive to developing interests and abilities; and
  - an institution's efforts to monitor developing interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex, for example, by conducting periodic nondiscriminatory assessments of developing interests and abilities and taking timely actions in response to the results.

2010 Clarification, 1996 Clarification.

- 39. OCR will not find a history and continuing practice of program expansion where an institution increases the proportional participation opportunities for the underrepresented sex by reducing opportunities for the overrepresented sex alone or by reducing participation opportunities for the overrepresented sex to a proportionately greater degree than for the underrepresented sex. 2010 Clarification, 1996 Clarification.
- 40. Courts have found that schools must have both a history *and* continuing practice of expanding opportunities for women for Prong 2 compliance. *Mansourian v. Bd. Of Regents of Univ. of Cal.*, 594 F. 3d 1095, 1108. (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. Cal. 2010).
- 41. Prong 3 of the three-part test requires an examination of whether there is an unmet interest in a particular sport, a sufficient ability to sustain a team in the sport, and a reasonable expectation for competition for a team in the sport. 2010 Clarification, 1996 Clarification.
- 42. Whether there is unmet interest and ability will be determined by examining a broad range of indicators, including whether the institution uses nondiscriminatory methods of assessing interest and ability, the elimination of a viable team for the unrepresented sex, multiple indicators of interest and ability, and frequency of conducting assessments. 2010 Clarification.
- 43. Sufficient interest can be established by student requests to add a sport or elevate a club sport, increases in club or intramural sport participation, responses to interviews and interest surveys, assessments of student athletic participation before entering the institution or in the secondary schools from which the university draws its students, and assessments of participation in intercollegiate sports in the institution's normal competitive regions. *Id.*

- 44. Ability may be established by the athletic accomplishments and competitive experience of club sports and admitted students, the opinions of coaches, administrators, and athletes, and student participation in other sports. *Id.* Expectation of competition may be established through athletic opportunities offered by other schools with which the school competes or opportunities at other schools in the school's geographic area, including those against which the institution does not compete. *Id.*
- 45. Under Prong 3 of the three-part test, OCR will also examine an institution's recruitment practices. If an institution recruits potential student-athletes for its men's teams, OCR will examine whether the institution is providing women's teams with substantially equal opportunities to recruit potential student-athletes. *Id*.
- 46. Title IX also requires schools to provide equal scholarship dollars, in proportion to the number of students of each sex participating in athletics. 34 C.F.R. §106.37(c) (2000). NCAA limits on scholarships per team is not a legal defense; schools cannot blame a third party; recipients are responsible for equality. Schools choose which sports to sponsor, and some schools have chosen scholarship-dense sports for men, like football, and scholarship-light sports for women, like track.
- 47. Title IX also requires equal opportunity in the recruitment of student-athletes where equal athletic opportunities are not present for male and female students. Compliance will be assessed by examining the recruitment practices of the athletic programs for both sexes and evaluating whether the financial and other resources made available for recruitment in male and female athletic programs are equivalently adequate to meet the needs of each program. 1979 *Policy Interpretation*.
- 48. Title IX requires schools to provide women with equal treatment, including equipment and supplies; game and practice times; travel and per diem allowances; coaching and academic tutoring; assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors; locker rooms, practice, and competitive facilities; medical and training facilities and services; housing and dining facilities and services; and publicity. 34 C.F.R. §106.41(a) (2000), *Policy Interpretation*.
- 49. Lack of money is not a legal defense to sex discrimination. (*See, e.g., Roberts Colorado State Univ.*, 814 F. Supp. 1507, (D.Colo.1993), at 1518 ("[A] financial crisis cannot justify gender discrimination."); *Favia v Indiana University of Pennsylvania*, 812 F. Supp. 578 at 585 (W.D. Pa. 1993) (finding that financial concerns alone cannot justify gender discrimination); *Cook v. Colgate University*, 802 F. Supp. 737, (1992) at 750 ("[I]f schools could use financial concerns as a sole reason for disparity of treatment, Title IX would become meaningless."); *Haffer v. Temple*, 678 F. Supp. 517, (1987) at 530 (finding that financial concerns alone cannot justify gender discrimination).
- 50. Monies and in-kind benefits from third-party sources, such as donors, sponsorships, television rights, ticket sales, and student fees, are not a defense to a sex discrimination charge, whether those resources were used to build facilities, fund scholarships,

provide equipment and uniforms, or any of the other benefits of sports participation. None of those sources of money creates a legal defense against sex discrimination. Schools cannot discriminate against their students based on sex. See 20 U.S.C. § 1687 (2005); See Office for Civil Rights, *Department of Education, Further Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy Guidance Regarding Title IX Compliance* (June 11, 2003), *Cohen v. Brown Univ.*, 809 F. Supp. 978 (D.R.I. 1992) at 996 (concluding that "all monies spent by Brown's Athletic Department, whether originating from university coffers or from the Sports Foundation [booster club] must be evaluated as a whole under § 106.41(c)")

- 51. It is *Champion Women's* experience that most athletes and former athletes are acutely aware of all the ways they are treated as second-class within their athletics department, because they are women. As NIL monies become more available, equal promotion and publicity will be important for female athletes. *Champion Women* asked current collegiate athletes what equality would look like under this list. Here's what the athletes came up with:
  - i. Men's and Women's sports would be equally featured, with equal prominence, on school and Athletic Department websites and social media.
  - ii. Schools would invest equally in cameras and production equipment for Women's and Men's sports.
  - iii. Schools would optimize Google searches for their Men's and Women's teams to receive equal search results.
  - iv. Women's and Men's sports would employ an equal caliber of talent in their sports information and marketing departments, and they would be paid and promoted equally.
  - v. Women's and Men's sports jerseys, apparel and memorabilia would be equally and easily accessible.
  - vi. The needs of Women's teams would not revolve around Men's football and men's basketball teams.
  - vii. The Women's and Men's teams would have equal access to dining halls, nutrition, etc. at times equally convenient to both teams.
  - viii. Men's and Women's teams would have equal access to optimal practice times when they share facilities.
  - ix. Men's and Women's sports marketing efforts would focus on performance; Broadcasters and schools would not focus on a woman-athlete's appearance or sexuality.
  - x. Women's and Men's medical care and athletic training access would be equal; Neither male nor female athletes would have priority accessing these resources.
  - xi. Schools would hire competition officials of the same quality, with equal compensation, for the Women's and Men's teams.
  - xii. Men's and Women's sports performance staff would be equal and would be paid and promoted comparably.

- xiii. Schools would intentionally use language that equally prioritizes Men's and Women's sports.
  - 1. Teams would be referred to as "Women's Basketball" and "Men's Basketball."
  - 2. "Basketball" would not be used to refer to Men's Basketball.
  - 3. Schools would have Social Media handles that referred to men's and women's teams; "Oregon Soccer" would be changed to "Oregon Men's Soccer."
- 52. Georgia State's own data, as outlined in the Factual Allegations above, demonstrate that it is not providing equal opportunities for its female students to participate in sports under Title IX's three-part participation test, in addition to scholarship, treatment, and recruitment requirements.

### V. RELIEF REQUESTED

- 53. *Champion Women* expects OCR investigators will find additional violations of the law. *Champion Women* requests that OCR:
  - a. <u>Investigate</u> Georgia State University to determine whether it is discriminating against women; whether it is providing female students with equal participation opportunities in varsity athletics, equal and proportionate athletic scholarship dollars, equal treatment and benefits and treatment.
  - b. Take all necessary steps to <u>remedy</u> any unlawful conduct that you identify in your investigation, as required by Title IX and its implementing regulations. Secure assurances of compliance with Title IX from Georgia State University, that include full remedies for all unlawful violations.
  - c. Among other steps to achieve compliance with Title IX, require Georgia State University to add more athletic opportunities for women, accord to additional teams and athletes the full range of benefits accorded to men's varsity teams and athletes, increase recruiting budgets and opportunities, increase athletic scholarship dollars, and adopt and implement a plan to achieve compliance with Title IX.
  - d. <u>Monitor</u> any resulting agreement with Georgia State University to ensure that the school achieves full and complete compliance with Title IX throughout its athletic department, now and in the future.

I give the OCR my consent to disclose my name and *Champion Women's* name contained in this letter to others for OCR's investigation of, and enforcement activities related to, the Discrimination Complaint.

Nancy Hogshead, J.D., OLY September 17, 2023