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**ONTARIO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION REVISES GENDER EQUITY POLICY**

**TORONTO** – Courtney Greer and the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) have reached a mutual agreement to revise OFSAA’s Gender Equity Policy.

Greer wanted to play on the boys’ soccer team at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in Waterloo. At the time, OFSAA’s Gender Equity Policy only permitted girls to play on boys’ teams when a girls’ team with similar resources did not exist. Greer filed an application with the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, arguing that the policy prohibited her from playing in a setting of her choice on account of her gender.

As a result of the agreement, the OFSAA Gender Equity Policy will now state that a young woman is “eligible to participate on a boys’ team if she demonstrates comparable skill and ability during a successful try out.”

OFSAA continues to support same-sex teams in order to foster the educational value and development of school sport for both girls and boys. OFSAA remains committed to improving opportunities for girls and women in school sport with the goal of providing a full and equitable range of opportunities for participation, officiating, competition, and leadership in sport activities.

**OFSAA** is a federation of 18 regional school athletic associations throughout Ontario. Committed to the philosophy of Education Through School Sport, OFSAA provides provincial championships for student-athletes and programming which enhances education and sport. [www.ofsaa.on.ca](http://www.ofsaa.on.ca)

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