

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1298
in the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1298 is great legislation.

I have a little knowledge of this issue. I am involved as a USA Swimming swim meet official, judging stroke and turns and also starting. Our family is a swimming family. Three of our daughters and our one son have been involved in USA Swimming. We know a little bit about diversity, equality, and inclusion. House Bill 1298 is rightly all of that. In my opinion, it truly balances diversity, equality, and inclusion.

My position on House Bill 1298 is simple. For equality, I believe females should be timed only against other females for rankings and records. Females should not be timed and competed against biological males in exclusively female swimming competitions. It is patently unfair and does not acknowledge the differences between females and males. I have included in Appendix 'A' the current USA Swimming time records for both males and females in North Dakota. With some notable exceptions, there are generally significant time differences between males and females. The obvious advantage to faster times is natural testosterone.

We have been told by opponents to HB1298 there will be no USA Swimming in ND with HB1298. That is a statement that is rather draconian and rings hollow. USA Swimming has recommended guidelines for gender diverse swimming (meaning a biological male swims as a declared female). These are NOT requirements and do not prevent the North Dakota Local Swimming Committee's (NDLSC) from conforming to state requirements that HB1298 will require. This will NOT shut down swimming as we are told. It will preserve the conditions for which we are currently accustomed. Appendix 'B' includes USA Swimming recommended practices for gender diverse athletes. Notice the language "should" and not "shall". This does not expressly prohibit a difference in local rules from the USA Swimming recommendations.

Competing female athletes against biological males in an exclusively female event is patently unequal even after the required 12 months of hormone treatment. Nationally, there are numerous cases of the biological female records being shattered by the new entrance of biological males within the female class.

This is more prominently seen in track and field right now. I believe it is coming to all sports including swimming, and that belief is well founded based on the data. Appendix 'C' provides information on a recent Gallup Poll which studied the percentage of the population which identified as non-heterosexual. The percentage of population currently identifying as non-heterosexual is: 1.3% of Age 74+, 2% of Ages 56-74, 3.8% of Ages 40-55, 9.1% of Ages 24-39, and **16%** of Ages 18-23. What was no apparent issue in previous generations due to low numbers of transgenders is now very much an issue that needs to be carefully balanced. There is a conflict between equality and diversity. Equality should not take a backseat in a sport where hundredths of a second do matter. Ignoring this conflict with inaction does not resolve the issue. The time to act is now before the traditional competitions of female sports are adversely affected. If legislative action is delayed, there will be much difficulty in properly balancing equality interests with diversity interests. HB1298 is in the right time, and done in the right place, the ND legislature.

You will hear opponents to House Bill 1298 say revenue matters to them, while expressing little to no concern about the equality considerations. I do get that. I acknowledge our striving for equality for female athletes may deter some of the national competitions from occurring in North Dakota. However, we do not know that, and that argument is speculative. I believe it is better that principle is placed over the risk of losing a large national meet held every few years in North Dakota.

The real world on equality for female athletes and preventing males competing as females is that it will only be stopped with the assistance of the ND legislature. The vehicle rendering this assistance is HB1298. HB1298 is great legislation. I believe this is THE only way to maintain true equality for female athletes in North Dakota.

I am not opposed to amendments that DO NOT alter the original intent of the bill. However, after studying (the opponent's material too), and learning about HB1298, I want it just the way it is.

Thank you,

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APPENDIX A

“Short Course Overall Records”

By North Dakota Local Swim Committee (NDLSC)

https://www.teamunify.com/czndslsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/sc-overall-records-as-of-09-01-20_051678.pdf

RECORDS Overall

Yards-Women

8 & U	25 Free	13.35	16-Mar-13	AQST ND	Erin Palmer	2013 ND SC State Championships
	50 Free	30.15	21-Mar-03	FMY ND	Alexis Halberstadt	2003 ND SC State Championships
	100 Free	1:13.56	2-Apr-16	WFF ND	Lauren McDonagh	at 2016 MN Midwest Regional Swim Meet
	25 Back	17.91	1-Jan-96	CBSC ND	Jessica Bubel	
	50 Back	37.48	23-Feb-13	AQST ND	Erin H. Palmer	2013 Jamestown WinterBlast
	25 Breast	16.97	16-Dec-12	AQST ND	Erin H. Palmer	2012 AQST December Meet
	50 Breast	38.81	9-Feb-13	AQST ND	Erin Palmer	2013 SD Capital City Qualifier
	25 Fly	16.24	9-Feb-13	AQST ND	Erin Palmer	2013 SD Capitol City Qualifier
	50 Fly	36.11	15-Mar-13	AQST ND	Erin H. Palmer	2013 ND SC State Championships
	100 IM	1:16.99	15-Mar-13	AQST ND	Erin H. Palmer	2013 ND SC State Championships
	10 & U	50 Free	27.61	11-Jan-03	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson
100 Free		1:01.72	11-Jan-03	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2003 Williston Swim Meet
200 Free		2:15.48	18-Mar-05	MSC ND	Katie Clark	2005 ND SC State Championships
500 Free		5:56.99	19-Mar-10	RRVY ND	Alexis K. Ljunggren	2010 ND SC State Championships
50 Back		31.25	20-Mar-15	AQST ND	Erin Palmer at 2015 ND SC Championships	
100 Back		1:07.84	15-Mar-02	WFF ND	Ashley Reiter	
50 Breast		34.58	13-Jan-12	WFF ND	Andie Peterson	2012 Aquastorm Catagory 5 Swim Meet
100 Breast		1:15.34	20-Mar-15	AQST ND	Erin Palmer	2015 ND SC State
50 Fly		30.14	* 19-Jan-19	NLSA ND	Arianna D. Hoff at 2019 MW Midwest All Stars	
50 Fly		30.14	* 14-Dec-02	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2002 Krista Rust Swim Meet
100 Fly		1:10.13	15-Mar-02	GFY ND	Arenne Clark	
100 IM		1:10.20	20-Mar-15	AQST ND	Erin Palmer	2015 ND SC State
200 IM		2:32.78	15-Mar-02	WFF ND	Ashley Reiter	
200 Free Relay		1:58.55	1-Feb-89	BSC NC	Bismarck Swim Club	L. Olausen; K. Delvo; J. Angell; E. Pierce
200 Medley Relay		2:14.23	4-Mar-07	FMY ND	FMY	Blazek, Roche, Mengelkoch, Astrup
11-12	50 Free	24.67	7-Jan-05	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2005 Dickinson Meet
	100 Free	53.50	1-Dec-97	FMY ND	Heather Harris	
	200 Free	1:56.80	1-Dec-97	FMY ND	Heather Harris	
	500 Free	5:17.30	1-Dec-97	FMY ND	Heather Harris	
	1000 Free	11:38.89	15-Mar-19	WFF ND	Brooklyn A. Keney at 2019 ND SC Swim Championship	
	1650 Free	19:32.10	15-Mar-19	WFF ND	Brooklyn A. Keney at 2019 ND SC Swim Championship	
	50 Back	27.98	15-Jan-05	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2005 Marv Fiest Invitational
	100 Back	1:00.64	2-Apr-04	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2004 Boys & Girls Nationals
	200 Back	2:16.65	17-Mar-17	AQST ND	ERIN Palmer	at 2017 ND SC Championships
	50 Breast	31.96	7-Feb-04	WFF ND	Ashley Reiter	
	100 Breast	1:09.34	19-Mar-10	FMY ND	Ellie Roche	2010 ND SC State Championships
	200 Breast	2:32.94	15-Nov-09	FMY ND	Elizabeth Roche	2009 ND YMCA State Meet
	50 Fly	26.77	7-Jan-05	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2005 Dickinson Swim Meet
	100 Fly	1:00.51	16-Mar-18	WFF ND	Tierney L. Howell	at 2018 ND SC Championships
	200 Fly	2:19.93	15-Mar-19	NLSA ND	Alayna L. Janke at 2019 ND SC Swim Championship	
	100 IM	1:01.46	15-Jan-05	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2005 Marv Fiest Invitational
	200 IM	2:14.60	2-Apr-04	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2004 FL Boys & Girls Club Nationals
	400 IM	5:20.82	15-Mar-19	DDST ND	Aryana L. Twist at 2019 ND SC Swim Championship	
	12 & U	200 Free Relay	1:47.88	16-Mar-18	WFF ND	West Fargo Flyers
400 Free Relay		3:57.74	16-Mar-18	WFF ND	West Fargo Flyers	T. Howell; L. McDonagh; M. Shea; B. Triplett
200 Medley Relay		2:00.92	16-Mar-18	WFF ND	West Fargo Flyers	McDonagh, Triplett, Howell, Shea
400 Medley Relay		4:25.14	16-Mar-18	WFF ND	West Fargo Flyers	McDonagh; Triplett; Howell; Shea

RECORDS Overall

13-14	50 Free	23.93	16-Mar-18	RRV ND	Elsa Musselman	at 2018 ND SC Championships
	100 Free	51.97	6-Apr-99	FMY ND	Heather Harris	
	200 Free	1:51.07	11-Apr-00	FMY ND	Heather Harris	2000 YMCA Nationals
	500 Free	4:58.36	5-Apr-05	RRVY ND	Hannah Whitehead	2005 YMCA Nationals
	1000 Free	10:02.03	5-Apr-05	RRVY ND	Hannah Whitehead	2005 YMCA Nationals
	1650 Free	16:52.26	5-Apr-05	RRVY ND	Hannah Whitehead	2005 YMCA Nationals
	50 Back	27.29	18-Mar-15	AQST ND	Briana Rittenbach	2015 ND SC Championship
	100 Back	57.68	4-Apr-06	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2006 FG YMCA Nationals
	200 Back	2:06.81	17-Dec-06	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2006 December Fun Meet
	50 Breast	29.52	18-Mar-16	AQST ND	Carly Palmer	at 2016 ND SC Championship
	100 Breast	1:03.95	9-Dec-15	AQST ND	CARLY Palmer	at 2015 Speedo Short Course Junior Nationals
	200 Breast	2:23.00	16-Jan-15	AQST ND	Vanessa Herrmann	AQST Cat 5 Meet
	50 Fly	25.91	6-Aug-20	WFF ND	Tierney Howell	WFF Summer Survival
	100 Fly	55.74	4-Apr-06	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2006 FG YMCA Nationals
	200 Fly	2:06.80	17-Dec-06	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2006 December Fun Meet
	100 IM	59.35	13-Jan-07	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2007 Williston Invite
	200 IM	2:05.55	4-Apr-06	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2006 FG YMCA Nationals
	400 IM	4:31.95	17-Dec-06	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2006 December Fun Meet
	200 Free Relay	1:41.01	1-Jan-84	MSC ND	MINOT	J. Berkey, M. Menono, S. Snyder, P. Rudser
	400 Free Relay	3:45.97	15-Mar-19	WFF ND	WEST FARGO FLYERS	T. Howell, B. Triplett, M. Shea, H. Potter
	200 Medley Relay	1:52.13	15-Mar-19	WFF ND	WEST FARGO FLYERS	B. Triplett, H. Potter, T. Howell, M. Shea
	400 Medley Relay	4:12.23	16-Mar-14	AQST ND	Aquastorm	A. Bourgois, V. Herrmann, T. Sether, A. Warren
15-16	50 Free	23.02	12-Dec-19	AQST ND	Alexis Duchsherer	Winter Junior Nats
	100 Free	47.80	4-Dec-08	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2006 Conoco Phillips Championships
	200 Free	1:43.90	4-Dec-08	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2008 Conoco Phillips Championships
	500 Free	4:48.61	14-Mar-08	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2008 ND SC State Championships
	1000 Free	9:57.44	4-Apr-06	RRVY ND	Hannah Whitehead	2006 FG YMCA Nationals
	1650 Free	16:52.80	4-Apr-06	RRVY ND	Hannah Whitehead	2006 FG YMCA Nationals
	50 Back	25.88	17-Mar-17	AQST ND	Briana G. Rittenbach	at 2017 ND SC Championships
	100 Back	55.56	13-Jan-17	AQST ND	Briana G. Rittenbach	at 2017 ND Aquastorm Category 5 Swim Meet
	200 Back	2:00.38	14-Mar-08	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2008 ND SC State Championships
	50 Breast	30.78	18-Mar-11	AQST ND	Veronica L. Herrmann	2011 ND SC State Championships
	100 Breast	1:02.75	3-Aug-20	AQST ND	Erin Palmer	2020 AQST Intrasquad
	200 Breast	2:16.74	9-Dec-15	AQST ND	Vanessa L. Herrmann	at 2015 Speedo Short Course Junior Nationals
	50 Fly	25.98	14-Mar-08	WFF ND	Alexis Halberstadt	2008 ND SC State Championships
	100 Fly	54.47	2-Apr-07	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2007 FG YMCA Nationals
	200 Fly	2:00.31	2-Apr-07	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2007 FG YMCA Nationals
	100 IM	1:00.44	17-Mar-17	NLSA ND	Gracie Lingle	at 2017 ND SC Championships
	200 IM	1:54.03	4-Dec-08	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2008 Conoco Phillips Championships
	400 IM	4:00.62	4-Dec-08	MSC ND	Dagny Knutson	2008 Conoco Phillips Championships
	200 Free Relay	1:40.51	15-Mar-19	AQST ND	Bismarck Aquastorm	P. Keller, S. Dorrheim, O. Schuchard, A. Duchshere
	400 Free Relay	3:35.51	1-Jan-07	RRVY ND	RRVY	Erin Grabanski, Mirna Kojic, Addy DiCristina, Ali
	200 Medley Relay	1:48.89	17-Mar-17	AQST ND	Aquastorm	Ritenbach, Herrmann, Bender, Zottnick
	400 Medley Relay	4:01.32	19-Mar-16	AQST ND	Aquastorm	Rittenbach, Herrmann, Sether, Bourgois
15-18	200 Free Relay	1:38.36	20-Mar-15	AQST ND	Aquastorm	D.Bergeson;A.Bourgois;A. Warren;E.Hepper
	400 Free Relay	3:34.98	20-Apr-15	AQST ND	Aquastorm	A.Bourgois;A. Warren;D.Bergeson;E.Hepper
	200 Medley Relay	1:49.81	20-Mar-15	AQST ND	Aquastorm	E.Hepper;D.Bergeson;T.Sether;A.Bourgois
	400 Medley Relay	3:59.89	1-Apr-96	BSC ND	BISMARCK	L. Haunz, K. Giese, E. Pierce, J. Farnsworth
17-18	50 Free	22.72	19-Mar-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 ND SC State Championships

RECORDS Overall

17-18	100 Free	48.27	3-Dec-09	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2009 SCY Sectionals
	200 Free	1:42.61	3-Dec-09	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2009 AT&T Championships
	500 Free	4:31.18	3-Dec-09	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2009 AT&T Championships
	1000 Free	9:50.48	30-Jan-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 Minot Winter Meet
	1650 Free	16:30.44	16-Jan-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 Iceberg Invitational
	50 Back	27.29	16-Mar-18	AQST ND	Briana Rittenbach	2018 ND SC Championship
	100 Back	54.86	10-Mar-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 MN Twin Spring Speedo Championships
	200 Back	1:55.56	10-Mar-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 MN Twin Speedo Championships
	50 Breast	29.64	12-Mar-20	AQST ND	Carly Palmer	2020 CSCAA Nat'l Inv.
	100 Breast	1:02.90	21-Nov-19	AQST ND	Carly Palmer	2019 Mizzou Invitational
	200 Breast	2:16.70	6-Dec-17	AQST ND	Vanessa Herrmann	2017 Speedo Jr Champs West
	50 Fly	25.30	19-Mar-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 ND SC State Championships
	100 Fly	55.17	10-Oct-09	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2009 WY Boys & Girls Invitational
	200 Fly	1:58.16	5-Mar-09	UN ND	Dagny Knutson	2009 Austin GP
	100 IM	56.89	19-Mar-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 ND SC State Championships
	200 IM	1:58.04	5-Mar-09	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2009 Austin GP
	400 IM	4:08.61	10-Mar-10	ASK ND	Dagny Knutson	2010 MN Twin Speedo Championships
	200 Free Relay	1:48.37	1-Jan-12	FMY ND	FMY	E.Roche, C. Hoff, M. Smith, C. LeDoux
	400 Free Relay	3:53.90	1-Jan-12	FMY ND	FMY	E. Roche, C. Hoff, C. LeDoux, M. Smith
	200 Medley Relay	1:55.18	1-Jan-12	FMY ND	FMY	C. Hoff, C. LeDoux, E. Roche, M. Smith
18 & U	800 Free Relay	7:41.11	7-Apr-11	RRVY ND	RRVY	HM Kojic, A. Dicristina, E. Grabanski A. Church

RECORDS Overall
Yards-Men

8 & U	25 Free	13.96	21-Jan-92	DDST ND	Kyle Steffes	
	50 Free	31.31	1-Mar-92	DDST ND	Kyle Steffes	
	100 Free	1:08.09	17-Mar-17	ASK ND	Julian/Moto Tucker	at 2017 ND SC Championships
	25 Back	16.63	1-Mar-97	CROC ND	Shane Reynolds	
	50 Back	36.74	17-Mar-17	ASK ND	Julian/Moto Tucker	at 2017 ND SC Championships
	25 Breast	18.57	1-Dec-91	BYSC ND	Ryan Berreth	
	50 Breast	41.46	24-Jan-04	BWST ND	Derek Meyer	2004 Jamestown Eagles Winter Blast
	25 Fly	15.01	1-Mar-92	BYSC ND	Kyle Steffes	
	50 Fly	36.68	17-Feb-07	UN ND	Delton Gabel	2007 Marv Fiest Invite
	100 IM	1:19.16	17-Mar-17	ASK ND	Julian/Moto Tucker	at 2017 ND SC Championships
10 & U	50 Free	27.85	18-Nov-12	ASK ND	Austin Aguirre	2012 Minot Pentathlon
	100 Free	1:03.14	2-Feb-13	ASK ND	Austin P. Aguirre	at Minot Winter Fun Meet
	200 Free	2:16.64	7-Feb-09	WFF ND	Jared Norton	2008 Brian Prochnow Invite
	500 Free	5:58.83	20-Mar-09	WFF ND	Jared Norton	2009 ND SC State Championship
	50 Back	32.90	18-Nov-12	ASK ND	Austin P. Aguirre	at 2012 Minot Pentathlon
	100 Back	1:10.22	15-Dec-12	ASK ND	Austin P. Aguirre	at Mandan Marlins Winter Swim Meet
	50 Breast	36.30	1-Mar-94	DDST ND	Kyle Steffes	
	100 Breast	1:18.93	1-Nov-96	FMY ND	Ronnie Hehn	
	50 Fly	30.68	2-Feb-13	ASK ND	Austin P. Aguirre	at Minot Winter Fun Meet
	100 Fly	1:11.04	18-Jan-13	ASK ND	Austin P. Aguirre	at 2013 ND AQUASTORM Category 5 Swim Meet
	100 IM	1:09.67	18-Nov-12	ASK ND	Austin P. Aguirre	at 2012 Minot Pentathlon
	200 IM	2:38.08	16-Dec-12	ASK ND	Austin P. Aguirre	at 2012 AQST December Meet
	200 Free Relay	2:04.40	20-Mar-09	WFF ND	WEST FARGO FLYERS	L. Bergstrom, V. Isaak, B. Olson, J. Norton
	200 Medley Relay	1:51.54	13-Nov-05	FMY ND	FMY	E. Richardson, C. Nasset, J. Vanl
11-12	50 Free	24.40	13-Jan-17	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	2017 ND AQST Cat 5 Invitational
	100 Free	52.69	11-Feb-17	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	2017 WSL Invitational
	200 Free	1:57.17	11-Feb-17	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	2017 WSL Winter Invitational
	500 Free	5:22.89	11-Feb-17	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	2017 WSL Winter Invitational
	1000 Free	12:16.29	29-Feb-20	DDST ND	Bjorn Pederson	WSL Last Solash
	1650 Free	20:23.50	1-Feb-20	DDST ND	Bjorn Pederson	WSL Winter Invitational
	50 Back	28.63	1-Mar-93	WET ND	Joey Schneider	
	100 Back	1:02.88	1-Mar-93	WET ND	Joey Schneider	
	200 Back	2:19.10	6-Mar-11	UN ND	Jared Norton	2011 Wahoo Invitational
	50 Breast	31.70	17-Mar-07	BYSC ND	Ian Ballantyne	2007 ND SC State Champions
	100 Breast	1:09.43	23-Mar-19	MSC ND	Logan Hill	at 2019 MN MYAS Meet
	200 Breast	2:35.34	18-Jan-19	MSC ND	Logan Hill	at 2019 ND Aquastorm Category 5 Swim Meet
	50 Fly	25.66	13-Jan-16	MSC ND	Caleb A. Rist	2017 ND AQST Cat 5 Invitational
	100 Fly	57.22	28-Jan-17	MSC ND	Caleb A. Rist	2017 WSL Winter Invitational
	200 Fly	2:16.23	28-Jan-17	MSC ND	Caleb A. Rist	Minot Winter Fun Meet
	100 IM	1:00.61	21-Nov-10	AQST ND	Taylor Hedge	2010 Minot Pentathlon
	200 IM	2:13.85	11-Feb-17	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	2017 WSL Winter Invitational
	400 IM	5:16.09	26-Jan-19	MSC ND	Logan Hill	at Minot Winter Fun
	200 Free Relay	1:41.01	11-Mar-06	FMY ND	FMY	S. Rider, M. Wenzel, J. Joachim, S. Fisher
	200 Medley Relay	2:03.19	1-Apr-81	BYS ND	Bismarck	S. Locken, S. Ottmar, C. Riecke, W. Ritter
400 Medley Relay	4:48.03	19-Mar-16	MSC ND	Minot Swim Club	Hill, VonBokern, Rist, Bubach	
12 & U	400 Free Relay	4:13.99	18-Mar-16	MSC ND	Minot Swim Club	K. Hill; J. Bubach; J. Reinke; C. Rist

RECORDS Overall

13-14	50 Free	22.19	6-Apr-09	RRVY ND	Isaac Loegering	2009 FG YMCA Nationals
	100 Free	49.46	17-Mar-00	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	
	200 Free	1:51.25	14-Mar-08	WFF ND	Alan Repak	2008 ND SC State Championships
	500 Free	4:57.97	16-Mar-12	AQST ND	Loren Sether	2012 ND SC State Championships
	1000 Free	10:31.36	20-Mar-09	WFF ND	Ethan Doll	2009 ND SC State Championship
	1650 Free	17:38.81	20-Mar-09	WFF ND	Ethan Doll	2009 ND SC State Championships
	50 Back	24.87	20-Mar-09	BYSC ND	Ian Ballantyne	2013 ND SC State Championships
	100 Back	53.65	6-Apr-09	BYSC ND	Ian Ballantyne	2009 FG YMCA Nationals
	200 Back	2:02.24	20-Mar-09	BYSC ND	Ian Ballantyne	2009 ND SC State Championships
	50 Breast	28.63	19-Mar-10	AQST ND	Collin Kemmesat	2010 ND SC State Championships
	100 Breast	1:00.80	17-Mar-00	AQST ND	Loren Sether	2012 ND SC State Championships
	200 Breast	2:13.95	16-Mar-12	AQST ND	Loren Sether	2012 ND SC State Championships
	50 Fly	24.72	16-Mar-18	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	at 2018 ND SC Championships
	100 Fly	54.08	19-Jan-19	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	at 2019 MW Midwest All Stars
	200 Fly	2:01.12	16-Mar-18	MSC ND	Caleb Rist	at 2018 ND SC Championships
	100 IM	57.72	15-Mar-19	WSL ND	Kolden L. Kringen	at 2019 ND SC Swim Championship
	200 IM	2:03.10	13-Feb-04	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2004 AZ Lost Dutchman Invite
	400 IM	4:28.24	16-Mar-12	AQST ND	Loren Sether	2012 ND SC State Championships
	200 Free Relay	1:35.93	20-Mar-16	AQST ND	Aquastorm	Johnson, Nodland, Koebele, Birnbaum
	400 Free Relay	3:35.71	19-Mar-16	AQST ND	Aquastorm	C. Birnbaum, C. Koebele, A. Nodland, R. Johnson
	200 Medley Relay	1:48.16	14-Mar-08	WFF ND	WEST FARGO FLYERS	E. Doll, D. Hulbert, A. Repak, M. Duncan
	400 Medley Relay	3:57.04	19-Mar-16	AQST ND	BISMARCK AQUASTORM	Koebele, Birnbaum, Nodland, Johnson
15-16	50 Free	21.25	2-Apr-02	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2002 US YMCA Nationals
	100 Free	46.20	14-Dec-19	NLSA ND	Eric Anderson	2019 Winter Junior Nats
	200 Free	1:44.10	15-Mar-19	NLSA ND	Eric p. Anderson	at 2019 ND SC Swim Championship
	500 Free	4:47.47	16-Mar-14	AQST ND	Loren Sether	2014 North Dakota SC State Championships
	1000 Free	10:07.14	16-Mar-14	AQST ND	Loren Sether	2014 North Dakota SC State Championships
	1650 Free	16:48.76	7-Mar-13	AQST ND	Loren Sether	2013 Speedo Champions Series Meet
	50 Back	25.02	16-Mar-14	NLSA ND	Connor Bjellum	2014 North Dakota SC State Championships
	100 Back	53.67	10-Mar-10	AQST ND	Ian Ballantyne	2010 Spring Speedo Championship Series
	200 Back	1:58.29	5-Apr-05	RRVY ND	Jacob Gerszewski	2005 YMCA Nationals Short Cour
	50 Breast	25.85	15-Mar-09	MSC ND	Brandon Hamel	2009 Minot Last Chance
	100 Breast	56.83	9-Dec-10	AQST ND	Ian Ballantyne	2010 Speedo Short Course Junior Nationals
	200 Breast	2:04.36	2-Apr-02	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2002 US YMCA Nationals
	50 Fly	23.80	17-Mar-17	AQST ND	Adam Nodland	at 2017 ND SC Championships
	100 Fly	51.80	10-Mar-11	AQST ND	Ian Ballantyne	2011 WI West Speedo Champions
	200 Fly	1:58.28	18-Mar-11	AQST ND	Dylan Sether	2011 ND SC State Championships
	100 IM	53.23	18-Mar-11	AQST ND	Ian Ballantyne	2011 ND SC State Championships
	200 IM	1:55.26	2-Apr-02	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2002 US YMCA Nationals
	400 IM	4:11.12	10-Mar-11	AQST ND	Dylan Sether	2011 WI West Speedo Champions
	200 Free Relay	1:30.78	17-Mar-17	AQST ND	Aquastorm	Birnbaum; Krug; Johnson; Nodland
	200 Medley Relay	1:40.09	16-Mar-18	AQST ND	Aquastorm	Koebele, Birnbaum, Nodland, Johnson
15-18	200 Free Relay	1:26.18	17-Mar-12	AQST ND	BISMARCK AQUASTORM	Riepl, Stromme, Sether, Ballantyne
	400 Free Relay	3:12.98	17-Mar-12	AQST ND	BISMARCK AQUASTORM	Riepl, Stromme, Sether, Ballantyne
	200 Medley Relay	1:35.17	17-Mar-12	AQST ND	BISMARCK AQUASTORM	Sether, Kemmesat, Ballantyne, Riepl
	400 Medley Relay	3:34.85	17-Mar-12	AQST ND	BISMARCK AQUASTORM	Schmidt, Ballantyne, Sether, Riepl
17-18	50 Free	20.66	14-Apr-03	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	
	100 Free	45.70	14-Apr-03	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	
	200 Free	1:41.37	9-Mar-00	FAST ND	Tim Springer	2000 US American SC Champs
	500 Free	4:39.55	4-Apr-06	FMY ND	Andrew WOLF	2006 FG YMCA Nationals

RECORDS Overall

17-18	1000 Free	9:41.37	4-Apr-06	FMY ND	Andrew WOLF	2006 FG YMCA Nationals
	1650 Free	16:41.89	15-Mar-13	NLSA ND	Alex Brock	2013 ND SC State Championships
	50 Back	24.51	16-Mar-12	AQST ND	Dylan Sether	2012 ND SC State Championships
	100 Back	51.49	9-Mar-00	FAST ND	Tim Springer	2000 US American SC Champs
	200 Back	1:50.13	9-Mar-00	FAST ND	Tim Springer	2000 US American SC Champs
	50 Breast	26.19	15-Mar-03	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	
	100 Breast	54.84	14-Apr-03	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2003 FG YMCA Nationals
	200 Breast	1:58.84	14-Apr-03	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2003 FG YMCA Nationals
	50 Fly	22.56	13-Feb-04	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2004 AZ Lost Dutchman Invite
	100 Fly	50.00	13-Feb-04	MSC ND	Matt Lowe	2004 AZ Lost Dutchman Invite
	200 Fly	1:52.93	7-Mar-13	AQST ND	Dylan Sether	2013 Speedo Champions Series Meet
	100 IM	55.06	16-Mar-18	WFF ND	Luke BERGSTROM	at 2018 ND SC Championships
	200 IM	1:52.47	7-Mar-13	AQST ND	Dylan Sether	2013 Speedo Champions Series Meet
	400 IM	4:04.93	7-Mar-13	AQST ND	Dylan Sether	2013 Speedo Champions Series Meet
18 & U	800 Free Relay	7:02.92	16-Mar-14	NLSA ND	NLSA	T. Bjorlie, A. Brock, C. Bjellum, N. Duncan
Open	200 Medley Relay	1:38.18	15-Mar-19	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming -	P.GABEL;E.Dougherty; A Hollingsworth E Ander:

RECORDS Overall

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8 & U	100 Free Relay	1:04.32	17-Mar-17	ASK ND	ASK	Tucker, Altringer, Stevick, Tucker
	100 Medley Relay	1:12.89	1-Apr-89	FMY ND	Fargo	R. Garaas, K. Schindler, J. Rooks, M. Lysne
10 & U	200 Free Relay	2:11.48	17-Mar-17	MSC ND	Minot Swim Club	Osborn; Larson; VonBokern; Hill
	200 Medley Relay	2:31.97	19-Mar-16	MMSC ND	Mandan Marlins	Schaff, Vosberg, Jackson, Haag
12 & U	200 Free Relay	1:54.69	16-Mar-18	MMSC ND	Mandan Marlins Swim Club	Vosberg; Haag; Schaff; Jackson
	400 Free Relay	4:23.07	16-Mar-18	MMSC ND	Mandan Marlins Swim Club	E. Vosberg; T. Adamski; T. Haag; B. Schaff
	200 Medley Relay	2:08.97	16-Mar-18	MMSC ND	Mandan Marlins Swim Club	Jackson, Schaff, Vosberg, Haag
	400 Medley Relay	4:48.46	16-Mar-18	MMSC ND	Mandan Marlins Swim Club	Jackson, Schaff, Vosberg, Haag
13-14	200 Free Relay	1:40.76	23-Feb-18	MSC ND	Minot Swim Club	King, Brugman, Luzardo, Rist
	400 Free Relay	3:50.35	19-Mar-16	MSC ND	Minot Swim Club	Huss, Wolsky, Jessen, Webb
	200 Medley Relay	1:52.78	17-Mar-17	NLSA ND	NLSA	Strobel, Anderson, Brooks, Iverson
	400 Medley Relay	4:14.92	17-Mar-17	NLSA ND	NLSA	Strobel, Anderson, Brooks, Iverson
15-16	400 Free	3:40.68	17-Mar-17	MSC ND	Minot Swim Club	Huss, Webb, Jessen, Miller
	200 Free Relay	1:33.68	16-Mar-18	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming	Anderson, Hollingsworth, Lingle, Tracy
	200 Medley Relay	1:45.69	16-Mar-18	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming	Lingle, Anderson, Tracy, Hollingsworth
	400 Medley Relay	3:51.26	16-Mar-18	NLSA ND	NLSA	Lingle, Tracy, Hollingsworth, Anderson
15-18	200 Free Relay	1:33.04	20-Mar-16	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming	Poynter, Hollingsworth, Anderson, Lingle
	200 Medley Relay	1:44.88	19-Mar-16	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming	Johnson, Weisz, Winter, Anderson
	400 Medley Relay	4:01.06	16-Mar-18	RRV ND	Red River Valley	Ljunggren, Woidtke, Rygh, Craven
17-18	400 Medley Relay	3:59.47	20-Mar-16	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming	Lingle, Weisz, Smith, Anderson
18 & U	800 Free Relay	7:38.67	18-Mar-16	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming	J. Smith; G. Lingle; B. Anderson; C. Weisz
Open	400 Free Relay	3:25.94	19-Mar-16	NLSA ND	Northern Lights Swimming	Gabel, Hollingsworth, Anderson, Lingle

APPENDIX B

“Recommended Practices for Gender Diverse Minor Athletes”

By USA Swimming

https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/diversity-inclusion/5.-other-related-documents/recommended-practices-for-gender-diverse-minors.pdf?sfvrsn=c32c5332_20

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR GENDER DIVERSE MINOR ATHLETES

The following are recommended practices to assist USA Swimming member clubs who wish to develop a club policy for the inclusion of gender diverse minor athletes. These recommendations are consistent with USA Swimming values of equal opportunity and the right for all members to participate. USA Swimming strongly encourages the use of this resource and offers assistance to teams that need guidance in its implementation.

**Athletes qualifying for or competing in Elite level or senior competitions (with time qualifications) must follow current USA Swimming Policies and Procedures for selection, which also fall under the current IOC guidelines. **

DEFINITIONS (taken from transequality.org)

Transgender: a broad term that can be used to describe people whose gender identity is different from the gender they were thought to be when they were born

Gender identity: a person's internal knowledge of their gender

Gender expression: how a person presents their gender on the outside, often through behavior, clothing, hairstyle, voice or body characteristic

Sex: The classification of a person as male or female based on what our bodies look like at birth.

Gender Diverse: equitable or fair representation between genders, most commonly the ratio of men and women and may also include non-binary gender categories.

RECOMMENDED POLICY FOR PARTICIPATION

A minor transgender athlete member of a swim club should be allowed to participate in accordance with his/her/their gender identity, irrespective of the sex listed on the athlete's birth certificate or other records and regardless of whether the athlete has undergone any medical procedure.

This means an athlete who is biologically female but identifies as a boy/man should be allowed to participate in men's events and an athlete who is biologically male but identifies as a girl/woman should be allowed to participate in women's events.

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR CLUBS AND MEETS

1. When a current minor member athlete transitions and wishes to compete in his/her/their gender identity, the athlete or his/her/their designee should request a change of the athlete's gender in SWIMS by contacting Diversity & Inclusion staff at USA Swimming at inclusion@usaswimming.org. Once this process is completed, the athlete will be able to be entered and compete in events that match his/her/their gender identity.

2. At all times, teammates, coaches, and all others should respect the confidentiality of an athlete. Discussion or disclosure of an individual's gender identity should only take place after expressed permission is given by the individual or the individual's parent or another designee.

3. In all cases, teammates, coaches, and all others should refer to an athlete by the name and pronoun they go by.

4. An athlete should be able to use the locker rooms, changing facility, and restroom that is consistent with his/her/their gender identity. When requested and/or where available, an athlete should be provided access to a gender-neutral bathroom or changing facility (i.e., family restroom, gender neutral bathroom).

5. When overnight travel is involved, an athlete should be assigned to share a hotel room based on his/her/their gender identity. An athlete who requests extra privacy should be accommodated whenever possible.

6. An athlete should be permitted to dress consistently with his/her/their gender identity, including warm-ups and team gear.

7. Per USA Swimming's Rule Book in article 102.8.1 B "In swimming competitions, the swimmer must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces, except as provided in 205.10.1. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials. For men, the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel nor below the knees, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee" Any athlete requesting a deviation from this policy must submit a swimsuit waiver to the Chair of Rules and Regulations Committee. The current Chair is Clark Hammond (ruleregs@gmail.com). No exemption to the swimsuit rule will be made that gives a swimmer a competitive advantage (i.e. tech suits). It is important for all members to be aware of relevant state laws with regards to appropriate coverage.

8. Meet Directors and Club Leadership should identify and publicize available gender-neutral bathroom and changing room options at the host facility for meets and practice. Where possible, include information about availability and location of gender-neutral facilities in meet information and on the club's website.

9. Meet Directors and Club Leadership should be aware of and abide by the relevant state and local laws and the rules of the host facility for meets and practice.

10. Clubs should provide training to their staff and regular volunteers regarding their responsibilities to prevent, identify, and respond to bullying, harassment, and discrimination. Such topics should include terms and concepts of gender identity and expression and bystander intervention strategies related to bullying. Contact USA Swimming Diversity & Inclusion staff for training program recommendations.

The US Center for Safe Sport and USA Swimming prohibit discrimination against any member or participant on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity is prohibited (304.3.3). In the event that a question should arise about whether an athlete's request to participate in a manner consistent with his/her/their gender identity is bona fide, USA Swimming will refer to the Code of Conduct and follow its standard procedures of enforcement.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Trans*Athlete: a resource for students, athletes, coaches, and administrators to find information about transgender inclusion in athletics at various levels of play.
www.transathlete.com

NCAA Inclusion of Transgender Student-Athletes:

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/inclusion/lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-and-questioning-lgbtq>

National Center for Transgender Equality:

<https://transequality.org/>

GLAAD Reference Guide (updated 2016):

<https://www.glaad.org/reference>

APPENDIX C

“Poll: Stunning Percentage of Generation Z Identifies as LGBT”

By Jack Davis, The Western Journal

<https://www.westernjournal.com/poll-stunning-percentage-generation-z-identifies-lgbt/>

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Poll: Stunning Percentage of Generation Z Identifies as LGBT

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The percentage of emerging voters who identify as LGBT is roughly eight times as high as that of older Americans, according to a new survey.

A Gallup poll conducted for the year 2020 found that in the age group classified as Generation Z — people between 18 and 23 in 2020 — almost 16 percent said they were in a category that was not heterosexual.

Among Americans age 56 and over, only 2 percent labeled themselves in this way.

Gallup editor Jeffrey Jones said the generational shift reflects a greater acceptance of varied lifestyles.

“Younger people are growing up in an environment where being gay, lesbian or bisexual is not as taboo as it was in the past,” Jones told NBC News.

“So they may just feel more comfortable telling an interviewer in a telephone survey how they describe themselves. In the past, people would maybe be more reluctant.”

The percentage of those who identify as something other than heterosexual declines with age, the survey found.

According to the survey, the LGBT population among Millennials (ages 24-39) was at 9.1 percent, while for Generation X (ages 40-55) the same population reported was at 3.8 percent. Among Baby Boomers (ages 56-74), 2 percent identified as LGBT. Among what the poll called Traditionalists who were over the age of 74, 1.3 percent said they identified as LGBT.

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The survey found that overall, 5.6 percent of those surveyed said they were LGBT — up from 4.5 percent in 2017 when Gallup previously conducted a similar poll.

Within the LGBT population, 54.6 percent identified as bisexual, 24.5 percent as gay, 11.7 percent as lesbian and 11.3 percent as transgender. Respondents were also able to choose more than one category.

The Gallup poll surveyed 15,349 adults aged 18 and older in the U.S. and reported a margin of error of +/- 1 percentage point.

Jones told NBC that because identity can be perceived in different ways, not everyone who responded to questions the same way would act in the same fashion.

“People may think of it differently, in the same way they may have different ideas of what a liberal or a moderate or conservative is,” he said. “Basically, we try and use terms that are familiar to most people, that are fairly well understood. But we recognize that people may understand the terms differently.”

Gary Gates, a demographer who has previously worked with Gallup, said the poll is an imprecise snapshot.

“What they’re trying to come up with is the people who self-identify,” Gates told NBC. “It’s a measure of identity, not behavior or feelings or some other measurements we might use. They weren’t trying to count all the people in the closet.”

Some said the numbers could be impacted by the fad of identifying as transgender.

Glenn Greenwald 
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Some really fascinating findings in this big new Gallup survey on Americans identifying as "LGBT." It should lead to lots of deeper investigation to understand what explains some of these astronomical changes, but for now, a few points to note:

LGBT Identification Rises to 5.6% in Latest U.S. Estimate

Gallup finds 5.6% of U.S. adults identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, with the majority of them saying they are bisexual.

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In a California Polytechnic University study, titled “Political Behavior of Sexual and Gender Minorities,” liberal arts and political science professor Royal G. Cravens III noted, “The majority of the literature reveals sexual minorities to be politically distinct from heterosexuals, in that sexual minorities are more ideologically liberal and, in the United States, more likely to support Democratic partisans.”

“Largely because of heterosexism, sexual and gender minorities are also more likely to participate in political activities that directly implicate their sexual orientation or gender identity,” he wrote.

In a Tuesday Facebook post, Rev. Franklin Graham issued a warning concerning the LGBT agenda.

“Have you heard of the Equality Act? The name might sound good, but it’s deceiving. It has nothing to do with equality. It’s just a smokescreen to force Americans to accept the LGBTQ agenda and it creates a lot of INEQUALITY for Christians and all people of faith. It punishes individuals and organizations that disagree based on their moral convictions,” Graham wrote.

“If passed into law, the Equality Act could prohibit religious organizations — Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Muslim, all — and churches from hiring only like-minded people who believe what they believe.”

“The Equality Act would destroy women’s and girls’ sports in this country as we know it. It would allow biological males who choose to identify as females to compete for titles, scholarships, and recognition at all age levels,” Graham continued.

“The Equality Act would erase women’s privacy—in locker rooms, dressing rooms, homeless shelters, restrooms, and more.”

“God made us male and female, and that’s it. With some 6,000 years of human history, it has only been in the last few years that people have come up with all of these additional designations for gender identity.”

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