

The issue of gay and lesbian participation in sport is still a taboo subject that is usually only talked about behind closed doors, but rarely discussed in the open. There is hardly a single area of society in which the participation of homosexuals seems as abnormal as in sport.

Even though society's attitudes to sexuality have changed, the assumption still remains that sport and homosexuality do not mix; lesbians and gay men are still largely ignored or openly rejected in sport.

However, the situation is slowly changing. Various social developments like the fact that sport is becoming a leisure activity rather than a form of physical training, the emancipation of women, the emergence of a gay and lesbian movement are starting to have an impact on sport, with the result that, even here, homosexuality can no longer be swept completely under the carpet.

The exhibition

Against the Rules – Lesbians and Gays in Sport, an exhibition presented by the acceptance campaign office of the ministry for youth, family and health of the North Rhine-Westphalia regional government and organised jointly by SC Janus, Cologne's Centrum Schwule Geschichte (Gay History Centre) and others, represented an initial appraisal of the subject. It was updated by the European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) in 2010 and translated into English.

The exhibition does not claim to be exhaustive, but aims to help remove the taboos from the subject of homosexuality and sport, and draw attention to the various forms of discrimination against sexual minorities in sport. However, it also hopes to demonstrate that sport offers lesbians and gays a chance to live their lives with total self-confidence.

The exhibition *Against the Rules – Lesbians and Gays in Sport* is a travelling exhibition by EGLSF. You can also show the exhibition yourself. You only have to pay for transportation costs. For information please contact:

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Against the Rules

Lesbians and Gays in Sport

An exhibition



Banner

The exhibition consists of 37 banners in total. The banners are variable at will, so that small rooms can be used as well.

Each banner stands on its own and is easily and fast to arrange.

Banner measures:

Height 180 cm; amplitude 60 cm; weight approx. 2kg

Exhibition text

- Introduction
- Leading the way-100 elite athletes
- Discrimination
- Higher, faster, different - LGBT in Sport
- Lesbian & gay clubs & federations
- Gay Games & OutGames
- EuroGames
- Football
- Future prospects

Portraits

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| Amelie Mauresmo | John Blankenstein |
| Babe Didrickson | Judith Arndt |
| Billie Jean King | Justin Fashanu |
| Bob Paris | Marcus Urban |
| David Kopay | Marie Carsten |
| Gottfried von Cramm | Mark Tewksbury |
| Greg Louganis | Martina Navratilova |
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