

## Quick Facts on Women and Girls in Athletics

### Participation

**Girls are just 42% of all high school athletes.** 2.78 million girls and 3.92 million boys play high school sports.

**Women are still only 42% of college varsity athletes,** even though women are over half of the college population.

**Female participation remains *below* pre-Title IX male participation:** 170,384 men played college sports in 1971-1972 ( Title IX was passed in 1972), and 150,916 women played college sports in 2000-01.

### Scholarships

In 2000, women in Divisions I and II received at least \$133 million less in scholarship dollars than men: Women received approximately \$372 million per year, while men received approximately \$505 million per year.

### Spending

Women in Division I colleges are over half of the student body, but receive only

- 43% of athletic scholarship dollars,
- 32% of recruiting dollars, and
- 36% of operating budgets.

In Division I, in 2000, for every dollar spent on women's sports, almost two dollars were spent on men's sports.

Football & basketball consume 72% of the average total Division I-A school's men's budget, but a 1999 study shows that 58% of Division I-A and I-AA football programs don't generate enough revenue to pay for themselves, much less any other sports. These programs reported **annual deficits** averaging \$1 million and \$630,000 respectively.

Of the \$3.57 million average increase in expenditures for men's Division I-A sports programs from 1997-2000, 68% percent of this increase (or \$2.46 million) went to football. This increase exceeds the entire operating budget for all women's Division I-A sports by over \$1.69 million.