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Winner of NH Girls High Jump Is Biological Male

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Kearsarge Regional High School sophomore **Constitution** a biological male, took first place in the girls high jump competition on Sunday, beating every female in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) indoor track and field championship.

As expected, **Control** dominated and finished with a 5'1" mark, an inch better than any other athlete in the girls Division II competition. In the boys Division II, the lowest high jump was 5'8", and the winning jumpers hit 6'2". The NHIAA did not respond to NHJournal's request for comment last week. The non-profit group that oversees high school sports allows athletes to compete in whatever gender division they choose.

participation on the girls team, as well as string of wins over the last two indoor track seasons, have garnered national attention. Outspoken supporter of women's athletics and 12-time All-American swimmer Riley Gaines blamed Kearsarge parents for allowing their child to take wins away from female athletes. "How could the parents of this boy allow their son to cheat deserving women out of opportunities? And why don't the parents of the girls stand up and say 'no' for their daughters?" <u>Gaines posted on social media. (https://twitter.com/Riley_Gaines_/status/175465141131112215)</u> "This country is full of failing, gutless mothers and fathers."

Meanwhile, Democrats in the New Hampshire legislature continue to oppose legislation that would protect girls sports from male athletes. Rep. Tim Horrigan (D-Dover) dismissed concerns about domination of the girls high jump, calling it an "obscure competition." (https://nhjournal.com/nh-dem-defends-male-high-jumpercompeting-as-girl-its-an-obscure-competition/)

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