

Inequities in Women's Professional Sports

- Each member of the U.S Women's National team received \$2,500 for making the World Cup roster this spring. Last year's members of the Men's National Team earned \$20,000 for making the final cut, 87.5% more than the women.
- For winning the World Cup, the members of the Women's National team each received a bonus between \$40,000 and \$50,000. However, if the men's team had won in 1998, it is reported that each member would have taken home a bonus of \$400,000.
- The average salary for a player in the WNBA in 1998 was \$50,000, only 2% of the average salary in the NBA of \$2.3 million.
- When compared to the PGA in 1999, the LPGA annual prize money was \$36.2 million, only 26.8% of the purse for the PGA of \$135 million.
- Of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments, only the U.S Open offers equal prize money for men and women. Wimbledon is notably the worst, with a difference of \$72,800. At the Grand Slams in 1998, the women's finals received higher ratings on US television than the men's finals.
- In 1995, the prize money for female surfers was \$300,000, while it was almost \$3 million for men

