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MEDIA ALERT

ICONS Announces NCAA Volleyball Player's Emergency Motion for Injunction Pending Appeal Filed in the Tenth Circuit

Las Vegas, NV – The U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado issued a decision today denying emergency injunctive relief to Mountain West Conference women's volleyball student-athletes **Brooke Slusser, Kaylie Ray, Macey Boggs, Sierra Grizzle, Jordan Sandy, Katelyn Van Kirk** and **Kiersten Van Kirk**, the student-athletes challenging the Mountain West Conference's discriminatory policies and the Conference's failure to protect women from the physical advantages which men possess when competing in women's sports.

On behalf of the Independent Council on Women's Sports ([ICONS](#)) and Plaintiffs who are preparing to compete in the Mountain West women's volleyball tournament in Las Vegas, NV on this Wednesday, November 27, we have filed a notice of emergency appeal to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and submitted our [request for relief](#). Our appeal asks the Tenth Circuit to enter an emergency injunction pending appeal to address the Mountain West Conference's continuing violations of Title IX and the rights of women.

The relief sought is:

1. **Reseeding of the conference tournament** to eliminate the forfeits (and resulting wins and losses) assigned by the Mountain West Conference for games against the SJSU team that were canceled to protest the Mountain West's discriminatory policies and to protect the safety of women's volleyball players.
2. **Ruling that the trans-identifying male player** on the San Jose State University women's volleyball team **is ineligible** for the conference tournament.

Bill Bock, counsel for ICONS and the Plaintiffs said, "We respectfully disagree with the decision of the Colorado District Court and have filed an emergency appeal with

the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. It is shameful that the administrators at the Mountain West Conference and the NCAA are unwilling to do their jobs which is solely to protect fair competition and the safety of athletes who compete in college sports. However, because Mountain West Conference Commissioner Gloria Nevarez and NCAA President Charlie Baker won't do their jobs and are apparently afraid to stand up for the rights of women student-athletes, we are forced to ask the federal courts to do their jobs for them."

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