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**Privileged or unprivileged?**

People might say that some sports at North High are more privileged than others, while other people say they are equally privileged. Privileged, meaning they get more attention, more recognition, more materials, etc. In this article you will read different perspectives, and opinions from both genders, and a variety of sports at North High.

"Everything at North should have equal funding. We care about winning, or performing well, but we can't do that without the materials to do so," said Cheyann Neades, junior cheerleader.

**Baseball vs. Softball**

Senior and Varsity Softball Player Justina Negrete says, "In my opinion, the baseball team is more privileged than softball, but at the same time they aren't more privileged than softball. For the softball team having a better record than baseball, we don't get anything. We get left in the back. I believe it's due to them having a bigger outcome with players on the baseball team. But at the same time if they work hard and fundraise for what they get then they deserve to get what they want and need. The softball team hasn't had new uniforms in years, and I don't know why but a few seasons ago we did really good and still didn't get anything for the hard work and dedication. It's time for the softball team to get equally treated on the field repairs and uniforms and equipment."

Junior and Varsity Baseball Player Kameron Russell says, "I do believe there are certain privileges that the guys enjoy, that the girls don't get. However, it's the same for them in certain aspects. For example, we had games that were out of town that we had to carpool to whereas they received a bus. So I do think that there are different things that each team is privileged with. I believe that they should be able to get team bats as well, that's something that should be done. There are people on the team who don't have bats of their own, and having team bats would be a helpful solution to that problem."

Russell goes on to say, "As far as the guys' uniforms go, we've been in the same uniforms for as long as I can remember, I believe it is time for an update. I can't speak on the girls' uniforms because I don't know exactly how long they've had the current ones, but I believe that if they are old their uniforms should be updated as well."

Junior and Varsity Baseball Player Andrew Phillips says, "We don't just focus on baseball we focus on making ourselves better men."



Andrew Phillips

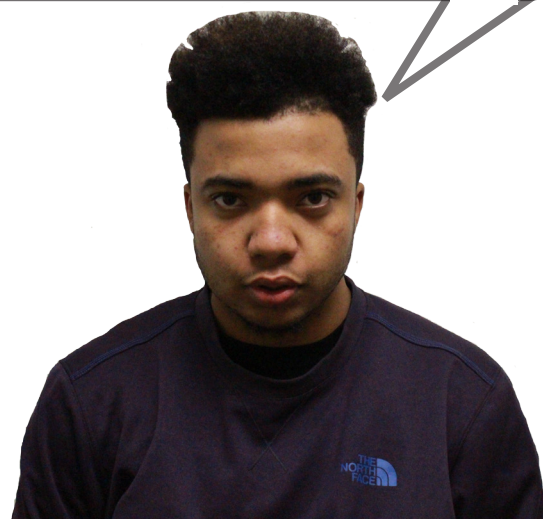
**Are North's sports biased?****Girls vs. Boys Basketball**

Senior and Varsity Basketball Player Jaylen Trotty says, "It's really cool getting new things, like our locker room and our warm ups, and shoes. But we are just really blessed and just thankful to receive these things. I wouldn't say the guys' basketball team is more privileged, only because I believe we earned everything we have gotten. I also believe that the girls' team should receive more things as well. It might actually motivate them to do better."

Sophomore and Varsity Girls Basketball Player Lationna Robinson says, "The guys basketball getting their new locker room and the girls not having one isn't fair, not one bit. And not only for the girls basketball, but for every other sports team at North. The boys basketball team gets all the money spent on them and no other sports team gets anything. The guys basketball are way more privileged, because only they can use the locker room. If things are the 'Polar Bear Way', and we are all a family, we should all have equal rights to things. Not only the girls feel this way. Compared to every other sport at North, they get treated like princes. They don't even have to pay for their warm-ups or shoes, while the girls have to buy both. We need to be the 'family' that they say we are."

Sophomore and Junior Varsity Basketball Player Jaihon McCaleb says, "In my opinion, the guys' basketball team is not more privileged than the girls'. It's just a matter of fact that the guys' coach does more for the guys than the girls' coach does for them, in order for them to get the things they want. We deserve the locker room that we received, and all the other things we receive as well. Coach Ryan puts all of his effort into the team. I do think the girls should get their own locker room, but that means their coach needs to strive to get those types of things for his girls. That way they can get the things the guys get. I also believe that's why they get less recognition."

Junior and Varsity Girls Basketball Player Shamekia James says, "The boys basketball gets more than any other sport at North, not just basketball. If we are so-called a family, why do the guys get all the money put towards them? The new locker room is cool and all, but only those guys get to use it. It's not fair to the other guys in the school that it's only for basketball. The guys take all the food provided for the athletes after their practice. They get charter busses while the girls get school busses. They don't even act like they want any of it. They always mess around while the girls work their butts off. They do earn some of it but they are completely spoiled. Coach Ryan treats them like his own children and that's family. But at other times you have to know when to draw the line."



Jaylen Trotty

**Football**

Senior and Varsity Football Player Cameron Hansen says, "I feel it is a privileged sport but equally as privileged as many others. I believe this because yes, the team does get some privileges but not a lot. A lot of stuff the team gets is from people in the community giving the team money. We don't get new uniforms or new equipment every year, most of the teams pads were breaking because of the use over the years and a lot of our practice pads, pads we hit, are ripped up and most of our machines are also. You can find many other sports are like this as well. Basketball and football both are a little more privileged than other sports, because we do normally get more praise than other teams because we are bigger influence in the school on students rather than tennis, golf and other sports."



Cameron Hansen

**Volleyball**

Senior and Varsity Volleyball Player Jodecy Petithory says, "I don't think it's fair that volleyball isn't recognized like basketball and football. I think it's because it is volleyball. People don't really think that volleyball is as important as basketball or football, but volleyball is just as important. Especially if you love the game. I also really wished we would get our team pictures on the video board. It would get us recognized and not only that but it would make us feel like we matter. I don't think it's fair. We may not be as good as the other sports at North, but we should still get recognized. We support our school they should support us volleyball players as well."

We all have our opinions, some may be the same or just similar, but some will be completely different. As you have read, there are many different views on how North may give privilege or not give privilege to specific sports at school. Some sports may have more because they do more to earn it. Some may have less because they don't do enough. Everyone will look at these things and have their own opinions. So what's yours?

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