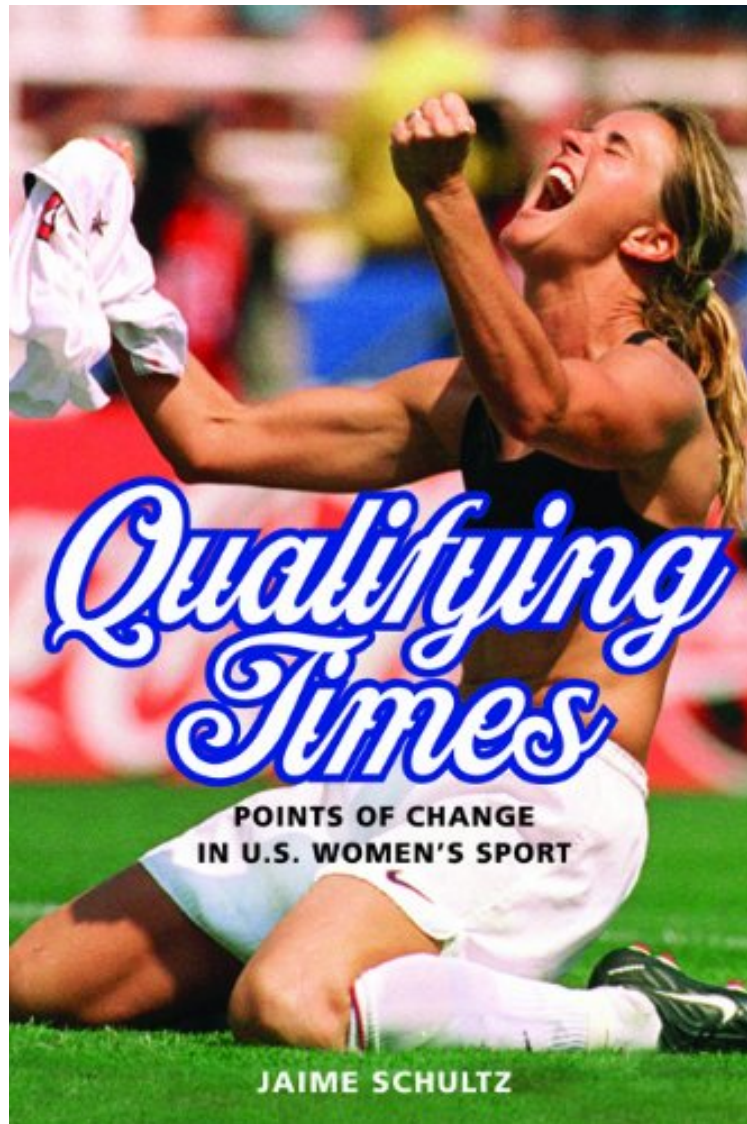


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**Jaime Schultz : Qualifying Times: Points of Change in U.S. Women's Sport (Sport and Society)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Qualifying Times: Points of Change in U.S. Women's Sport (Sport and Society):

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taught physical education for 34 years, 31 in a High School and served on the Section I Athletic Council in NY State for 18 years and the women's counterpart to this council for another 10 years prior. The 6 women who served on the Section I Athletic Council (we were nominated by our Athletic Directors to represent girls' sports), which was the governing body of all interscholastic sports in NYS were summarily dismissed in a surprise announcement in the final meeting of that 18th year of service. We were strong and vocal women and we believed they (the men on the Council) had had enough of our questioning and controversial reasoning/input. One of us did have the courage to rebut that announcement and I clearly remember the stunned faces on most of the men in that room. The dismissal decision remained, however. I went through the initiation of Title IX with all its contingent problems and assets. Harrowing times, in addition to "Qualifying Times"!! Even with Title IX, my girls' basketball team, when returning from an away game, had to change in my office because the visiting boys' team had use of our locker room (usually destroying it!) for years. We've come a long way, Baby!! Girls today just have no idea....Years after she graduated, a former student and member of 2 of the teams I coached contacted me and suggested that I write a book about my experiences and the evolution of girls' sports. Now I don't have to. Thank you, Jaime Schultz! Judi Forrest, Tarrytown, NY 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I go back and forth on this book. It's ...By AbbyI go back and forth on this book. It's certainly unique amongst books on women's sports, including chapters on the sports bra, tampons, and more, but in some ways, the topics are almost too specific to give the broader picture. As the title suggests, Schultz's goal is to pick out the vital moments for women's sports, but I question, then, why there wouldn't be a chapter specifically on the passage of Title IX. The book varies between giving a chronological account of women's participation in sports and a thematic one which I wasn't always fond of. All in all, though, I learned a lot from the book and Schultz clearly did her research.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Brookenicole04In great condition.

This perceptive, lively study explores U.S. women's sport through historical "points of change": particular products or trends that dramatically influenced both women's participation in sport and cultural responses to women athletes. Beginning with the seemingly innocent ponytail, the subject of the Introduction, scholar Jaime Schultz challenges the reader to look at the historical and sociological significance of now-common items such as sports bras and tampons and ideas such as sex testing and competitive cheerleading. Tennis wear, tampons, and sports bras all facilitated women's participation in physical culture, while physical educators, the aesthetic fitness movement, and Title IX encouraged women to challenge (or confront) policy, financial, and cultural obstacles. While some of these points of change increased women's physical freedom and sporting participation, they also posed challenges. Tampons encouraged menstrual shame, sex testing (a tool never used with male athletes) perpetuated narrowly-defined cultural norms of femininity, and the late-twentieth-century aesthetic fitness movement fed into an unrealistic beauty ideal. Ultimately, Schultz finds that U.S. women's sport has progressed significantly but ambivalently. Although participation in sports is no longer uncommon for girls and women, Schultz argues that these "points of change" have contributed to a complex matrix of gender differentiation that marks the female athletic body as different than--as less than--the male body, despite the advantages it may confer.

"Qualifying Times continues and deepens important discussions among scholars in recent decades concerning power, gender and athleticism. . . . a germinal text in the sense that it will certainly have influence, in myriad ways, on future work in sport history."--Journal of Sport History "Schultz examines the persistent divide between athleticism and feminism. Recommended."--Choice