

German Olympic Gymnasts Debut Unitards to Combat ‘Sexualization in Gymnastics’

The German gymnastics team has debuted unitards at the 2021 Tokyo Games, stepping outside the sport’s norm to make a statement in condemnation of sexualization of their sport. Throughout the games, the team will wear full-length uniforms that cover their legs and most of their bodies rather than the customary leotards.

Wearing the unitard violates no Olympic rules, which allow for a “one-piece leotard with full-length legs—hip to ankle,” per the Daily Mail. The world learned of the change when German gymnast Pauline Schaefer posted a photo to Instagram showing Elizabeth Seitz, Kim Bui, Sarah Voss and herself wearing the fashionable yet much less revealing garments: