

# Girls on the Run

## Stance on Abortion

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Girls on the Run International posted this response to the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* on June 24, 2022. They then turned off the comments on their post and made an updated statement about why they did this:

Today's Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* sets limits.... limits based on gender, race, ability and socioeconomic status. It moves our country in the wrong direction in the ongoing journey towards women's equality. This decision reinforces the vital need for our program. For 26 years, Girls on the Run has worked to ensure all girls and women can know and activate their limitless potential. We will continue to use our voices for change, which honors both our core value of standing up for ourselves and others, and our commitment to combating systemic inequities. We encourage you to do the same. Girls on the Run will keep girls at the heart of everything we do, and we will work to remove the barriers that limit them in the bold pursuit of their dreams. EDIT/ADDITION: Another one of our core values is to embrace our differences and find strength in our connectedness. We appreciate hearing various perspectives in the comments on this post, and we respect others' viewpoints and their freedom to share them. However, social media comments can be impersonal and unlikely to change minds, so we have decided to close our comments. We encourage you to meet with a friend who has a viewpoint that differs from yours to better understand one another's perspectives. Take action to share your thoughts with legislators and changemakers in your community as well.

This above statement was also reposted by other Girls on the Run chapters' social media pages:

[https://www.facebook.com/gotrpanhandle/photos/4733021003466254/?locale=ms\\_MY&paipv=0&eav=AfaQIONfHuzQpPatObvXyZratvIkAvVNufqFA7n98A8rLX30bXl7nQTgwMzVePeOy1w&\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/gotrpanhandle/photos/4733021003466254/?locale=ms_MY&paipv=0&eav=AfaQIONfHuzQpPatObvXyZratvIkAvVNufqFA7n98A8rLX30bXl7nQTgwMzVePeOy1w&_rdr)

[https://www.facebook.com/girlsontheruncentralia/posts/7964883190203417/?p\\_aipv=0&eav=AfYrNlJzT6Mn6ChiXDD1LRZ9pVvM3nQLFK0AD1CuGszG94oX6P4HtsxAZ\\_mIJMhP\\_I&\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/girlsontheruncentralia/posts/7964883190203417/?p_aipv=0&eav=AfYrNlJzT6Mn6ChiXDD1LRZ9pVvM3nQLFK0AD1CuGszG94oX6P4HtsxAZ_mIJMhP_I&_rdr)

## **Stance on LGBTQ+ Lifestyle**

<https://www.girlsontherun.org/inclusion-diversity/>

Girls on the Run DEI statement found on their website:

The Girls on the Run movement mirrors the communities it serves. People of all races, ethnicities, thinking styles, abilities, generations, social roles, income levels, **sexual orientations, gender identities**, educational levels, and religions are represented and serve as active members of our organization.

<https://www.girlsontherun.org/faqs/>

In response to the FAQ on their website, Girls on the Run answers the following below:

**Does Girls on the Run allow transgender youth to participate?** We respect and value the individuality and dignity of all people and **welcome children who identify as girls, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming to participate in our program.** One of our core values is to embrace our differences and find strength in our connectedness and this policy reflects that.

<https://www.gotrdc.org/news/details/gotr-celebrates-with-pride>

Girl on the Run chapter in Washington, DC, celebrated “PRIDE” month in this article on their website in June 2023.



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