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Using Nancy Fraser's (2007) concept of 'participatory parity' as a measure of gender justice, I make the case that the male dominated sex segregated "sport nexus" in North America contributes to gender injustice and therefore makes western societies undemocratic. Fraser defines participatory parity in both material and cultural terms and argues for a feminist politic that advocates for economic redistribution and cultural recognition. As Burstyn (1999) observes, key sports constitute a "public space" for a nation and confer differential attributes of and entitlement to citizenship. I argue that sport increasingly complements or even supplants the traditional role of the military in gendering citizenship and legitimating gender injustice. My use of Fraser's concept of 'participatory parity' as the basis of analysis and comparison of feminist strategies for the reformation of sport and the reformation of the military reveal the extent to which both these institutions are grounded in and serve to ground masculine economic and cultural privilege.