

Olympic controversy over intersex athletes about to ignite?

It's a ticking timebomb," Daniel Mothowagae says...as he anticipates the furore that is likely to explode when [Caster Semenya](#) runs in the Olympic Games...Semenya will suffer again as she is made to personify the complex issues surrounding sex verification in sport.

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The debate around [hyperandrogenism](#)...asks us to decide whose rights need to be protected most. Should [the] human rights [of intersex athletes] be ring-fenced so that...they are free to compete as women without being forced to take medication that suppresses their testosterone? Or should...female athletes be protected...so they are not disadvantaged unfairly against faster and stronger intersex competitors?

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"I've been told that they made the decision to withdraw her before the heats," [Wesley] Botton says. "But politicians forced her to run. They wanted that medal – and she was the first black South African woman to win a world track title. So they threw Caster to the wolves."

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Botton admits his own conviction wavers. "...Is it fair for her to run? I'm glad I don't have to make the decision...."

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