



## Olympic Athlete Turns Back on America

Her message was simple, "... my mission is bigger than sports." However, her message is NOT bigger than her country that she represents, the United States of America. Gwen Berry is a known activist and previously raised the red flag at the 2019 Pan American Games by raising her fist. Rule 50 of the International Olympic Committee is clear, "No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas." Having said this, what will the IOC do? Although this was during the Olympic trials, the IOC may not do anything, according to some news outlets.

Berry's hate for America is her own and she has every right to express how she feels. However, she is participating in a sporting event representing the U.S.A., and in doing so she is expressing her hypocrisy by participating and representing the U.S.A. while showing her hate for the U.S.A.

There is a time and place for a peaceful protest, the Olympics, whether it is only the trials or the actual games, is NOT the place. With Rule 50, the IOC, her team, her team coach and sponsors should all be banning her from any further participation of this any or any other Olympic sporting event that Berry may want to participate in. Permanently. Her bronze medal should be returned.

Personally, I would like to see her on the receiving end of catching the hammer.