

2 Stratford Women Coaches File Discrimination Suit

Two Stratford girls' basketball coaches and the Stratford Education association have initiated a sex-discrimination suit in U.S. District court here against the Stratford Board of Education, its superintendent of schools, and the Town's director of athletics.

Charging that they have not been paid on an equal basis as male coaches, Lea Dickson of Stamford, and Barbara Hall of Stratford, are seeking orders from the court for an affirmative action program, and injunctions seeking a halt to the alleged discrimination.

In their complaint, the two fe-

male coaches claim an unequal system for remuneration is employed by the Stratford school system and that the determination of their pay is based on "a point system" in which a higher number of points can be accumulated by the boys' coaches.

The complainants added that they are also forced to coach Junior Varsity teams, while the male Varsity coaches have assistants for the Junior Varsity teams.

In addition to the members of the Board of Education, named as defendants were Supt. of Schools John Olha, and Ray Needham, director of athletics.

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