

体育科学家们发表文章强调，目前市场上缺乏专为女性设计的足球装备。他们说，使用专为男球员设计的球鞋和足球可能会增加女球员受伤的风险。

The **profile** and popularity of women's football has **soared** in recent years. But most products are still **predominantly** designed for men. This even includes football boots.

近年来，女子足球的受关注程度和人气都大幅上升。但大多数足球产品仍主要为男性设计，其中还包括足球靴。

Women's feet are not the same shape as men's – they also move differently on the pitch – so wearing boots designed for men makes **blisters, stress fractures** and **injuries** more likely.

女性的脚和男性的脚的形状不一样。其次，女球员在场上的移动方式也不一样。因此，让女性穿专为男性设计的球鞋更易导致脚起水疱、应力性骨折和受伤。

But the authors **acknowledge** there has been progress, and it's hoped many of the major manufacturers will develop boots specifically for women for the World Cup next year.

但文章作者们承认，缺乏为女球员专门设计的装备的现象已经得到了一定的改善，同时，他们希望大型球鞋制造商能为参加明年女足世界杯的女球员专门设计球鞋。

1. 词汇表

profile	受（公众）关注度，知名度
soared	飙升，猛增
predominantly	主要地，占绝大多数地
blisters	水疱
stress fractures	应力性骨折
injuries	受伤，损伤
acknowledge	承认

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. Who are most football boots designed for?
2. Why is wearing men's football boots difficult for women footballers?
3. By when do scientists hope mainstream manufacturers will develop football boots specifically for women?
4. What is more likely to happen to women's feet after wearing men's football boots?

3. 答案

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