**Sam should continue to wear the skirt**

Don’t try to fit in when the best thing you can do is be yourself.

The book Sam the Athlete by Stuart McLean is a short story about the progression of a young boy named Sam, who accidentally joins a girls sports team in determination to become an athlete. Sam is determined to become an athlete so he tries out for his schools field hockey team and makes it! Shortly after, he realizes that he has mistakenly joined the girls team when his coach reffers to him as Samantha and is handed a skirt as a uniform. Throughout the book, Sam continues to play for his team disguised as a girl, not caring about what others think of him. He faces bullies and his own father who had seemed to jump to conclusions about him wearing a skirt, when he walked in on him he specifically said ‘’you don’t have to tell me this’’ thinking that his son was trying to come out but Sam insisted on explaining. In the end, Sam finds out that the team is co-ed and he is able to wear a boys uniform.

 Although Sam had the option to wear a boys uniform, he should continue to wear the skirt. He should continue to wear the skirt because he feels comfortable and happy in it. Sam is perfectly happy playing at practices and games in his skirt so he should follow his emotions and continue to wear it. Sam was happy in it and he didn’t care what other people thought because his happiness came first before anyone else.

 Sam also felt accepted and confident in the skirt. He had felt more accepted than he had ever felt before wearing that skirt. His skirt made him feel like he belonged somewhere, that he wasn’t just a nobody. He felt like he had finally been accepted into something, field hockey, and the fact that he could wear what everyone else was wearing made him even more confident. The skirt didn’t affect his physical gameplay either, he could play perfectly fine. In fact when his team won their first game, he was wearing that skirt. The mental aspect of him wearing his skirt boosted his confidence greatly to the point where he felt wanted and important.

Lastly, Sam should continue to wear the skirt simply because HE likes it. He enjoys his skirt so it shouldn’t matter what other people thought of the fact that a boy is wearing a skirt. He wanted to wear the skirt so he should. The skirt has helped him find himself and achieve his goals in becoming an athlete.

 Sam should contiue to wear the skirt simply becasue of how he felt when he wore it. He felt confident, accepted and comfortable in it. Sure there would be bullies and confusion as to why he was wearing a skirt, but he didn’t and shouldnt care what others thought because he, himself liked it and thats all that mattered.