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OFA Transgendered Athletes wishing to compete in a OFA sanctioned event

The following policy clarifies participation of transgendered athletes within competitions sanctioned by the Ontario Fencing Association (OFA).

1. The OFA shall use the guidelines outlined in the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports (CCES) [“Creating Inclusive Environments for Trans Participants in Canadian Sport”](#) document, specifically Policy Guidelines #1 and #3:

Policy Guidance #1:

Individuals participating in developmental and recreational sport, that is LTAD stages Active Start, FUNdamental, Learn to Train, Train to Train, Train to Compete (until international federation rules apply) and Active for Life, should be able to participate in the gender with which they identify and not be subject to requirements for disclosure of personal information beyond those required of cisgender athletes. Nor should there be any requirement for hormonal therapy or surgery.

Policy Guidance #3:

Individuals should not be required to disclose their trans identity or history to the sport organization in order to participate in high-performance sport, that is LTAD stages Train to Compete (once international federation rules become a factor) and Train to Win, unless there is a justified reason requiring them to do so.

2. Athletes in developmental and recreational sport should be able to participate in the gender category in which they identify, without any need for disclosure of information or other requirements.
3. The same policy of inclusion would apply to high performance athletes up until the point where they must comply with international federation rules
4. Hormone therapy should not be required for an athlete to participate in high performance sport (up to the point where international federation rules would take effect).
5. There should be no requirement for an athlete to disclose their transgender identity or history to compete in high performance sport (up to the point where international federation rules would take effect) unless there is a justified reason for them to do so.
6. Surgical intervention should never be required for a transgender athlete to participate in high performance sport.
7. At both recreational and competitive levels, an individual shall participate in the gender category in which they identify.



8. Individuals are not required to disclose their transgender identity or history to the OFA or any other members (e.g., coaches, staff, Directors, officials, etc.).
9. All athletes must be aware that they may be subject to doping control testing pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program. The administration of hormones as a component of gender reassignment will, in most cases, contravene the World Anti Doping Code. Transgender athletes undergoing gender reassignment are encouraged to contact the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) to determine what procedures, if any, are required to obtain a TUE. Confidentiality
10. The Association will not disclose to outside parties any documentation or information about an individual's gender identity.