



**WHEELCHAIR
BASKETBALL
CANADA**

TRANSGENDER ATHLETE POLICY

Definitions

1. The following term has this meaning in this document:
 - a) “*Gender reassignment*” – medically-supervised program of treatment to change a person’s body to align with their gender identity, through hormone therapy and/or surgery.
 - b) “*Medical Practitioner*” – A person licensed to practice medicine in Canada and has ascertained a medical school diploma (“MD”) and is registered with the Physicians Credentials Registry of Canada.
 - c) “*Transgender*” – Transgender refers to individuals who have been assigned one gender (male or female) at birth but identify with the other gender. In order to align their bodies with their sense of gender, many transgendered individuals undergo medical therapy and/or surgery to transition to the other gender.
 - d) “*Transgender Female*” – Someone who was born with a male body, but who identifies as a girl or a woman and who is being treated for sex reassignment.
 - e) “*Transgender Male*” – Someone who was born with a female body, but who identifies as a boy or a man and who is being treated for sex reassignment.

Guiding Principles

2. Wheelchair Basketball Canada will utilize the following principles to guide its decision making process in accordance with this policy:
 - a) The implementation and administration of this Policy will consider a fair and equitable level of monitoring that is respectful, inclusive and respects a person's human rights.

Purpose

3. Wheelchair Basketball Canada believes in equal opportunity for all people to participate in the sport of wheelchair basketball, as athletes, coaches, officials, staff and other volunteers. However, in instances where a Transgendered individual wishes to compete, Wheelchair Basketball Canada will consider eligibility guidelines in order to ensure a fair and level playing field for all participants.

Eligibility Guidelines

4. The following guidelines will be used to determine the eligibility of Transgendered individuals:
 - a) *Gender reassignment before puberty*
 - i. Individuals undergoing gender reassignment of male-to-female shall be regarded as female
 - ii. Individuals undergoing gender reassignment of female-to-male shall be regarded as male

b) Gender reassignment after puberty

The following conditions will be used to determine the individual’s eligibility to compete:

- i. Male-to-female transgendered persons, to compete as a female, must submit documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment has been ongoing for at least one year.
 - ii. Female-to-male transgendered persons, to compete as a male, must submit documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment is ongoing.
5. Any Transgender person who is not taking hormone treatment for gender reassignment purposes will be deemed their birth gender.

Application for Eligibility

6. The applicant will initiate the process by submitting, by mail or email, documentation from a Medical Practitioner as outlined in Section 4 at the beginning of the playing season if gender transition has occurred during the off-season (after National Championships up to the registration deadline of the following season).
7. Athletes wishing to change, or circumstances change, the gender or sex they have registered as during a season will provide a declaration of gender letter to their applicable Provincial Sport Organization and Wheelchair Basketball Canada in addition to/including documentation from a Medical Practitioner as outlined in Section 4. Wheelchair Basketball Canada will decide each case based upon the documentation provided and may, with reasonable cause, request additional information. Upon review of the documentation provided and if it is deemed sufficient, the athlete will immediately be registered as their new gender and will continue to do so unless circumstances dictate that another gender declaration should be made.
8. Athletes, coaches, officials, etc. must be aware that they may be subject to doping control testing and will be subject to the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy according to the gender provided at registration or after declaration, as applicable.

Confidentiality

9. The Parties agree that they will not at any time disclose information identified by the other party as confidential to any person, corporation or third party and will make no use whatsoever of any information identified as confidential (other than in the ordinary and usual course of implementing this policy) without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party, unless required by law.

Appeal

10. Any decision rendered in accordance with this Policy may be appealed in accordance with Wheelchair Basketball Canada's Appeal Policy.

For more information, please consult:

CAAWS compiled 'emerging themes'

Eng: http://www.caaws.ca/e/resources/pdfs/emerging_themes_corbett.pdf

Fr: http://www.caaws.ca/f/ressources/pdfs/themes_degages_corbett.pdf

CCES "Sport in Transition" Paper

Eng: <http://www.cces.ca/files/pdfs/CCES-PAPER-SportInTransition-E.pdf>

Fr: <http://www.cces.ca/files/pdfs/CCES-PAPER-SportInTransition-F.pdf>