

**Archer Athletic Association
Inclusion and Participation of Transgender Youth Athletes
(Proposed)**

Guiding Principles

The Archer Athletic Association is committed to providing safe and inclusive team sports activities for the families and children in our community. The development of the AAA Policy on Inclusion and Participation of Transgender Youth Athletes was based on the following guiding principles:

1. Participation in youth recreational athletics is a valuable part of the physical, social, and emotional health for all students.
2. Transgender youth-athletes should have equal opportunities to participate in sports.
3. The integrity of girl's sports should be preserved.
4. The AAA policy should be based on sound medical knowledge and scientific validity.
5. The AAA policy governing the participation of transgender youth in sports should be fair in light of the tremendous variation among individuals in strength, size, musculature, and ability.
6. The AAA policies governing the participation of transgender youth in athletics should comply and shall not supersede any state and federal laws protecting youth from discrimination based on sex, disability, and gender identity and expression.

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1. A trans male (FTM) youth-athlete who has received a medical exception for treatment with testosterone for diagnosed Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for purposes of athletic competition may compete on a boy's team, but is no longer eligible to compete on a girl's team.
2. A trans female (MTF) youth-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication for Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for the purposes of athletic competition may continue to compete on a boy's team but may not compete on a girl's team until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.
3. Any transgender youth-athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in sex-separated sports activities in accordance with his or her assigned birth gender.
 - A trans male (FTM) youth-athlete who is not taking testosterone related to gender transition may participate on a boy's or girl's team.
 - A trans female (MTF) transgender youth-athlete who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may not compete on a girl's team.

Procedure for Requesting Participation

Participant's responsibilities:

1. In order to avoid challenges to a transgender youth's participation during a sport season, the parent or guardian of the youth athlete who has completed, plans to initiate, or is in the process of taking hormones as part of a gender transition should submit the request to participate on a sports team in writing to the Archer Athletic Association President when the decision to undergo hormonal treatment is made.
2. The request should include a letter from the youth's physician documenting the youth-athlete's intention to transition or the youth's transition status if the process has already been initiated. This letter should identify the prescribed hormonal treatment for the youth's gender transition and documentation of the youth's testosterone levels, if relevant.

AAA's responsibilities:

1. The AAA President should meet with the youth's parent or guardian to review eligibility requirements and procedure for approval of transgender participation.
2. If hormone treatment is involved in the youth-athlete's transition, the AAA President will notify the sport director of the youth's request to participate with a medical exception request.
3. All discussions among involved parties and required written supporting documentation shall be kept confidential unless the parent or guardian of the youth makes a specific request otherwise. All information about an individual's transgender identity and medical information, including physician's information provided pursuant to this policy, shall be maintained confidentially.