

# **WCF Gender Policy**

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## **Terminology**

Transgender: someone who identifies with a gender that is different from the sex that they were assigned at birth. A transgender man is a man who was assigned female at birth; a transgender woman is a woman who was assigned male at birth.

Gender identity is the personal sense of one's own gender. Gender identity can correlate with a person's assigned sex at birth or can differ from it.

## **WCF Policy**

The WCF supports inclusivity, embraces diversity and welcomes all players. It does not wish to impose any undue restrictions on transgender players in any of our events. Accordingly, the WCF welcomes entries from transgender players in accordance with the guidance below.

WCF Members and RCOs are encouraged to adopt their own inclusive transgender policies for domestic play.

## **WCF Guidance**

This WCF guidance sets out the considerations affecting the participation of a transgender person in WCF singles and team world championships ("WCF Events").

All WCF Events are covered by this guidance. The WCF currently has a mix of Open Events and Women's Events. There are no Men's Events.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Any player wishing to compete in a WCF Event should only apply for events that are open to all genders or that are intended for the gender identity that they persistently and consistently use. If the MC feel that there is any uncertainty with respect to an individual's gender identity, they may require the individual submit a statement or evidence to support their entry.

## **Appeal procedure**

Should an applicant be refused entry on the grounds of failure to comply with the above eligibility criteria, they should request a review by emailing the Secretary-General within 14 days of being notified that they may not compete. The S-G will convene a panel to review the evidence submitted and respond within a further 14 days.