

Saint Joseph's University Campus Recreation Statement on the Inclusion of Gender Non-Conforming Students

Saint Joseph's University Campus Recreation affirms that students have the right to participate in gender-segregated programs, activities and use facilities based on their self-perception and regardless of their gender at birth.

Facilities

Students are permitted to use the restroom/locker room that corresponds to their gender identity.

Intramural Sports

Saint Joseph's University intramural program, in keeping with the University's policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of gender identity, will allow students to participate in any sport division with which they identify. Once an individual has participated as a particular gender, they must compete according to that gender for the remainder of that sport's season.

Club Sports

The Saint Joseph's University Club Sport Program will follow the guidelines of the national governing body for each club when determining the eligibility of each student. If no guidelines have been set by a governing body or the club does not belong to a governing body, the NCAA policy will be followed for that sport. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis with ultimate goal being the inclusion of the student.

The NCAA policy is as follows:

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), which organizes competition in 23 sports at over 1,000 colleges and universities, does not require gender confirming surgery or legal recognition of a player's transitioned sex in order for transgender players to participate on a team which matches their identity. However, things become a bit more complicated when hormones are used. The recommended NCAA policy requires one year of hormone treatment as a condition prior to competing on a female team. Conversely, athletes assigned female at birth remain eligible to compete in women's sports unless or until that athlete begins a physical transition using hormones (testosterone).

NCAA Policy on Transgender Student-Athlete Participation

The following policies clarify participation of transgender student-athletes **undergoing hormonal treatment for gender transition**:

1. A trans male (FTM) student-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 NCAA competition may compete on a men's team, but is no longer eligible to compete on a women's team without changing that team status to a mixed team.
2. A trans female (MTF) student-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication for Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for the purposes of NCAA competition may continue to compete on a men's team but may not compete on a women's team without changing it to a mixed team status until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.

Any transgender student-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) student-athlete who is not taking testosterone related to gender transition may participate on a men's or women's team.
- A trans female (MTF) transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may not compete on a women's team.

Additional consideration:

- When possible, athletes will be assigned lodging based on their gender identity and be afforded more privacy if requested.
- When possible, athletes will be afforded access to locker rooms, showers, and changing facilities based on their gender identity and afforded more privacy if requested.

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