

USA Racquetball Competition Category Policy

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Rationale

The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) requires every National Governing Body (“NGB”) to align its athlete safety policy or another Board approved policy with Executive Order 14201 as follows: “USA Racquetball is committed to protecting opportunities for athletes participating in sport. USA Racquetball will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., USOPC, International Racquetball Federation, to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. § 220501 et. seq.”

Scope

This Policy applies to all competitions sanctioned by USA Racquetball and to all athletes and teams of athletes that USA Racquetball designates to represent the United States in events sanctioned by the International Racquetball Federation (“IRF”). It supersedes all previous policies or prior decisions by USA Racquetball addressing whether an athlete may compete in the Female Competition Category.

Female Competition Category

Consistent with the requirement in the Rationale, above, this Policy limits the Female Competition Category (including women’s and girls’ divisions and women’s/girls’ spots in mixed doubles) to athletes who meet the following definition of Female: “Female means a person belonging, at conception, to the sex that produces the large reproductive cell.” This requirement is implemented via the Administrative Application section, below.

Male Competition Category

The USA Racquetball policy with respect to participation in the Male Competition Category (including men’s and boys’ divisions and men’s/boys’ spots in mixed doubles) is that the category is open to athletes who are not qualified for the Female Competition Category and/or who self-identify as male. The Male Competition Category may be open to athletes in the Female Competition Category at amateur events under certain circumstances pursuant to the USA Racquetball Rulebook.

Administrative Application of the Female Competition Category

1. For purposes of determining whether a person is a Female under the Policy, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the person is Female if that person’s sex assigned at birth was female. This presumption may be rebutted by USA Racquetball.

2. In registering for membership as Female and/or registering for competition in the Female Competition Category, an athlete represents and warrants to USA Racquetball that the athlete was assigned as female sex at birth. The determination of whether the athlete was assigned as female sex at birth may be established through the person's original birth certificate or other reliable facts. Only USA Racquetball shall have the right to contest the athlete's Female Competition Category status.

National and International Racquetball Organizations with Divisions in USA Racquetball Sanctioned Competition

This Policy applies to USA Racquetball sanctioned competitions that include divisions regulated and managed by third party national and international racquetball organizations (not including the IRF). Such organizations may have their own additional competition category requirements, which athletes are responsible to comply with.

IRF Events

The IRF has adopted its own Policy for Transgender Athletes ("IRF Policy") applicable to IRF-sanctioned events ("IRF Events"). Athletes must comply with the IRF Policy for IRF Events. This USA Racquetball Policy shall also apply when USA Racquetball designates an athlete or a team of athletes to compete at IRF Events.

Dispute Resolution

At USA Racquetball-sanctioned competition, a member's qualification to play in the Female or Male Competition Category will be based on the competition category selected in their member profile. If a USA Racquetball member has a reasonable basis to believe that another member of USA Racquetball is not in compliance with this Policy with respect to their selected competition category, they may make a report to USA Racquetball but are not entitled to any further involvement in the process. For the sake of clarity, a member's qualification for the competition category they have selected is not subject to any courtside or field of play protest procedure.

Confidentiality

All information provided to USA Racquetball under this Policy will be dealt with in strict confidence and under applicable privacy laws. Such information will not be used for any purpose not contemplated in this Policy. It will not be disclosed to any third party unless that disclosure is necessary for the effective application and enforcement of this Policy or is required by law. USA Racquetball shall not publicly comment on individuals or decisions under this Policy except, in its discretion, it may do so in response to public comments attributed to the individual or the individual's representatives.

Compliance with Anti-Doping Rules

Nothing in this Policy shall affect an individual's obligation to fully comply with the Anti-Doping Rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), the United States Anti-Doping

Agency (“USADA”), the International Testing Agency, the USOPC, the IRF, or USA Racquetball. If the use of a substance on WADA’s Prohibited List is contemplated in connection with a gender transition, then the individual must first obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (“TUE”) from USADA before that substance is used.

Eligibility Requirements Not Affected

The application of this Policy shall not affect eligibility requirements or rules otherwise set out in USA Racquetball’s Bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies.

Member Agreement, Consent, and Release

All members of USA Racquetball represent and agree that:

1. All information submitted concerning their membership application or event registration is accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge, and no relevant information has been intentionally withheld.
2. The individual will fully cooperate with and provide any additional information reasonably requested by USA Racquetball in the administration of this Policy.
3. Neither USA Racquetball nor any USA Racquetball employees, directors, officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, or other persons involved in the administration of this Policy shall be liable in any way in relation to acts done or omitted to be done in good faith in connection with the administration of this Policy.

Future Policy Changes

1. USA Racquetball reserves the right to amend this Policy in its sole discretion at any time with or without notice.
2. At such time as any amendment to this Policy goes into effect, it shall immediately become the basis upon which any athlete’s current or future competition category will be assessed, regardless of the athlete’s status prior to the new or amended Policy’s effective date.