

Commonwealth Sport Policy

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1. Introduction

This Policy outlines Commonwealth Sport's ('CS') position in relation to the eligibility of Participants in the female, male and open categories at the Commonwealth Games and the Commonwealth Youth Games.

CS embraces all Commonwealth athletes, citizens, communities and member nations, and promotes fairness, non-discrimination and inclusion in accordance with its values of Humanity, Equality, and Destiny. CS believes all athletes should have opportunities to participate in sport within policies and competition categories that are informed by age, sex and level of competition, as defined by the relevant International Federation ('IF').

2. Eligibility Requirements

CS entrusts the IFs with applying their own policy, criteria and screening in a consistent and transparent manner when exercising their responsibility in implementing sport-specific eligibility rules for participation in the female category in any IF sanctioned event at the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games, while respecting the right to privacy, safety, wellbeing and freedom from abuse and harassment. This will also apply to any eligibility rules the IF applies to the male or open category.

For the avoidance of doubt, any challenges regarding the eligibility of an athlete under an applicable IF's regulations must be considered under the applicable IF's specific rules, byelaws regulations and/or processes. CS is unable to determine an athlete's eligibility under an IF's policy.

IFs are also entrusted with the application of their own policy regarding the participation of athletes with XY differences/ disorders in sex development.

3. Breach of Policy

CS is committed to a fair, inclusive, non-discriminatory Games and any reports of discriminatory conduct in breach of this policy will be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly in accordance with the procedures outlined in the CS Charter for Good Conduct and/or the Code of Ethics and Conduct.