

## **13. TRANSGENDER PARTICIPANT POLICY**

### **13.01 Definitions**

The following terms have these meaning in this Policy:

- a) "Transgender" – People who have been assigned one gender at birth but who identify with the other gender.
- b) "BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) team or event" – includes any member, team, tournament, training opportunity or other sanctioned event organized or managed by BC Lacrosse Association or any member association/club/team.
- c) "Participant" – any player, parent, guardian, manager, trainer, coach, official, volunteer, organizer or other individual involved in the administration, support or conduct of a BC Lacrosse Association and/or member team or event.

### **13.02 The BC Lacrosse Association supports Inclusion of Transgendered Participants**

- a) The BC Lacrosse Association is an inclusive organization and welcomes participation of all individuals in our programs and activities, irrespective of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, religion, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, or physical or mental disability.
- b) The BC Lacrosse Association supports inclusion of transgendered participants in all aspects of Lacrosse.
- c) The BC Lacrosse Association will assign a BC Lacrosse Association Support Contact person and provide contact information on the BC Lacrosse Association website to assist in issues relating to this policy.

### **13.03 Participation in the Gender Group with which the Player Identifies**

- a) For the purpose of registration on gender-based BCLA/member teams or events, a player may register under the gender with which the player identifies.

### **13.04 Disclosure**

- a) Disclosure of a player's transgender status is that player's choice.
- b) While the BC Lacrosse Association is entirely supportive of transgendered participation and welcomes disclosure of same where an individual prefers, disclosure of transgendered status is not a requirement of participation. Such disclosure should not be sought of any Participant by any Participant.

#### **Exception**

- c) A transgender player must inform the BC Lacrosse Association Support Contact and may need to disclose their transgender status more generally where the player wishes to participate in a BC Lacrosse Association/member team or event that could be subject to doping control (see Doping Control), or when participating in an extra-jurisdictional event which requires said disclosure (see Extra-jurisdictional Participation).

### **13.05 Doping control**

- a) All athletes must be aware of and have a responsibility for meeting eligibility requirements based on doping control.
- b) Transgender athletes are encouraged to contact the BC Lacrosse Association Support Contact, and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), to assist in establishing eligibility at relevant events and what process, if any, may be required to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) related to gender reassignment, if necessary.

### **13.06 Extra-Jurisdictional Participation**

- a) All athletes must be aware of and have a responsibility for meeting eligibility requirements based on the rules and regulations of extra-jurisdictional events within which they wish to participate.
- b) Some BC Lacrosse Association/member teams and events occur in conjunction with other organizations or occur outside of BC. These extra-jurisdictional events may be subject to rules or requirements for transgendered participation that are different from this policy.

Transgender athletes are encouraged to contact the BC Lacrosse Association Support Contact, and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), to assist in determining eligibility at relevant events in advance of competition.

**13.07 Confidentiality**

- a) Any communication to the BC Lacrosse Association regarding participation or transgender policies between a transgendered athlete and the BC Lacrosse Association will remain confidential to the extent requested by the athlete and/or their family, except as necessary for the purposes of implementing this Policy.

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- b) All individuals participating with the BC Lacrosse Association/member teams or events are expected to observe and follow this policy.
- c) Any member of the BC Lacrosse Association and/or participant in a BC Lacrosse Association/member team or event who becomes aware of conduct that violates this policy should report the conduct to a person within the BC Lacrosse Association.
- d) Any participant in a BC Lacrosse Association/member team or event in violation of this policy may be subject to sanction, including exclusion from the BC Lacrosse Association/member teams or events.
- e) The BC Lacrosse Association will endeavour to apply this policy in a reasonable and flexible manner, respecting the importance of fostering fair and equitable participation and competition at all levels of play, maintaining and promoting the BC Lacrosse Association as an inclusive organization for transgendered participants, and the privacy interests of those participants.

**13.08 Facility Use – Washrooms and Change rooms**

- a) Participants may use washroom and change room facilities consistent with the gender with which they identify. The BCLA recommends provision of gender neutral facilities where available.

**13.09 Ongoing Monitoring**

- a) This policy is informed by the recommendations of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, as detailed in “Creating Inclusive Environments for Trans Participants in Canadian Sport”– May 2016
- b) The BC Lacrosse Association commits to monitoring ongoing developments regarding national and international participation guidelines for transgender athletes and pledges to review and/or revise this Policy whenever new information becomes available, and at a minimum every 3 years.