



Approved Board Policy

SUBJECT: Neutral Gender/"X" Gender Policy

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Current Policy:

USA Softball's Procedural Code states that Championship Play eligibility relies upon a person's sex classification as set forth on a person's:

- Birth Certificate; or
- Driver's License
- Valid Passport

UNLESS there is a local law that says otherwise, and then the local law must be followed.

Addition:

In the event the aforementioned documentation sets forth an "X" for gender/sex of the individual or some other indication of 'non-binary' status (e.g. "NB") as a gender/sex, then such person shall be classified into the male classification for programs for Championship Play eligibility, UNLESS there is a local law that says otherwise, and then the local law must be followed.

A failure to provide such documentation, or the absence of such documentation, shall require a person to be classified into the male classification for programs for Championship Play eligibility.

Reminder:

This policy only applies to USA Softball's Championship Play and does not limit a Local Association or the Local League's ability to provide different standards for non-championship play. As to non-championship play, each Local Association can decide for itself and allow or permit activities, eligibility, and participation in such non-championship play any way it sees fit – including disregarding sex classification or creating its own eligibility rules or classification for its Association's non-championship play.

To the extent the USA Softball Council addresses this matter in a Procedural Code update or revision, then the Procedural Code update shall control over this Board Policy.



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