

SECTION 700 – Educational Programs

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY CONFIRMATION

<i>PROCEDURE CODE:</i>	<i>722 AP 002</i>
Policy Reference: 722 – School Physical Activities	Exhibits: 722 E 002

OBJECTIVE

The promotion of fairness and safety in sport, by addressing matters of eligibility to participate in a relevant sport in accordance with the Government of Alberta's Fairness and Safety in Sport Act (the Act) and Fairness and Safety in Sport Regulation (the Regulation).

DEFINITIONS:

Applicant: means one of the following individuals who submits a confidential challenge to a student athlete's eligibility to participate in a relevant sport:

- student athlete (or parent or guardian of a student athlete if the student athlete is under 18 years of age), provided that the student athlete is participating in the same relevant sport; or
- principal of a school within Alberta with a team participating in the relevant sport.

Student Athlete: means a participant registered in a relevant sport.

Birth Registration Document: means a birth registration document as defined in the Vital Statistics Act or a similar document issued outside of Alberta that contains the following information respecting a student athlete:

- (i) full name of the student athlete;
- (ii) date and place where the birth of the student athlete occurred;
- (iii) and (iii) the sex of the student athlete.

Sex at Birth: means the sex of an individual that appears on the student athlete's birth registration document.

PROCEDURE

Extra-curricular athletics programs are to provide for maximum opportunities for both males and females to participate in a variety of activities (individual, dual, team).

1. This policy only applies to participation in a relevant sport by student athletes who are ages 12 and older.
2. To participate in a female-only league, class or division of a relevant sport, a student athlete must be of the female sex at birth.
3. Before a student athlete may participate in a relevant sport, a student athlete (or their parent/guardian if the student athlete is under 18 years of age) must confirm in writing through the [Fairness and Safety in Sport Confirmation Form](#) that they understand and meet the eligibility criteria in points #1 and #2.
4. Females may compete in male competition.
5. The eligibility of any individual in a female only competition may be challenged in writing by an applicant through Policy 618: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters.
6. A confidential challenge to a student athlete's eligibility must include:
 - a) the name of the applicant;
 - b) the name of the student athlete, their club/team and sport; and
 - c) information that supports the grounds for the challenge.

REFERENCES

School Sport Alberta Policy Handbook

[Policy 612: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments](#)

[Policy 618: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters](#)

[Fairness and Safety in Sport Act](#)

[Fairness and Safety in Sport Regulation](#)

[Education Act](#)

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