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SECTION 700 – Educational Programs

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY CONFIRMATION

PROCEDURE CODE:	*722 AP 002*
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) (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: Safe and Caring Learning and Workplace Environment that Fosters and Maintains Respectful and Responsible Behaviours
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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