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Guiding Principles

WWDGO is committed to being inclusive and respectful of all participants in the sport of Disc Golf Athletics. For the purpose of eligibility, members of WWDGO compete on the basis of biological sex classification. Since male sex confers physical performance advantages, it is particularly important to ensure that the female sex category is protected.

Definitions

The following terms have these meanings in this document:

- a) “Sex” - Either of the two categories (male and female) into which humans are divided on the basis of their reproductive and biological functions [as usually denoted on their birth certificate].

- b) “Gender” – (i.) an alternative word/vernacular term for the noun definition of biological sex. (ii.) an evolving set of social roles, expectations, and stereotypes that are ascribed to biological sex and vary with time and culture. [Note: Given the ongoing, shifting meaning(s) ascribed to this word, using “gender” to mean “biological sex” should be avoided.]

- c) “Gender Identity” - For some people: A personal, internal perception, subjective feeling, preference, or belief of belonging to, or associating with, a particular gender, that may change with time and circumstance. [Note: Many people do not feel they have a ‘gender identity’ given this may be perceived as accepting the sociocultural stereotypes of what it means to be a woman or a man.]

- d) “Gender Dysphoria”- A term used to describe an intense dislike or discomfort with one’s biological sex.

- e) “Transgender” person – A male or female person who identifies as the opposite sex and/or with the sex stereotypes associated either with the opposite sex or neither sex due to either ‘gender dysphoria’ or personal preference.



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Purpose

WWDGO believes in equal opportunity for all participants. However, in instances where an athlete self-declares as transgender or trans-identifying or having some novel form of gender identity, WWDGO will implement biology-based eligibility guidelines (see below) in order to ensure a fair and level playing field for each category: mixed and female.

Eligibility Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used to determine the eligibility of all competitors of any age.

i. An athlete born male must compete in the mixed or male divisions irrespective of identity.

ii. An athlete born female has the option of competing as male or female under the following provisions:

An athlete born female has the option of competing in the mixed or the female protected division. If she opts to compete in the mixed division her performance will be judged in comparison to the males or persons competing in those divisions. Once she makes this selection she must remain in the mixed division for one calendar year before returning back to the female divisions. In accordance with anti-doping regulations, exogenous testosterone treatment renders the female athlete ineligible to compete in the female division.”

NOTE: All athletes must be aware that they may be subject to doping control testing pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).