



Policy for Transgender People Competing in Domestic Competition

Statement of Intent

Croquet England is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. In a sport that prides itself on being one of the few where men and women can generally play on an equal footing, the overwhelming majority of domestic croquet tournaments, competitions, leagues and other events are open to everyone, regardless of sex or gender.

In non-contact sports, such as croquet, the determination of policy for inclusion of transgender people in competition is about being fair to all the players and giving consideration to possible unfair advantage when competing in single sex and/or mixed-sex competitions.

Scope

This policy will **only** be applicable to the few domestic tournaments or other events that are specifically classed as single sex or mixed sex.

For International events, run under the auspices of the World Croquet Federation (WCF), competitors should refer to its transgender policy.

Definition of transgender

For the purposes of this policy document the term transgender describes a person who was assigned a gender at birth but identifies and lives as the opposite gender. This will include people who are in the process of transitioning from one gender to the other. It also includes other terms by which people may describe themselves such as, but not limited to, trans, transsexual, non-binary, gender variant, MTF and FTM.

Definition of single sex and mixed sex events

A single sex event is one restricted to male or female contestants only. A mixed sex event is one where a doubles pairing has to comprise one male and one female, or a team event that requires male and female participants.

Changing gender

A fundamental aspect of our sport is the assumed integrity of croquet players. It is therefore not the intention of Croquet England to expect anything other than self-determination when ascribing gender.

In the same way that a croquet player can change the country they represent but cannot change back again for at least 3 years, a designation of change of gender cannot be reversed for at least 3 years.

The procedure for notifying change of gender and for a transgender person to enter a single sex or mixed sex domestic competition are described in the associated procedures.

References

Procedures for Transgender People Competing in Domestic Competitions.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
Anti-bullying Policy

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