



US OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TRANSGENDER GUIDE.

The US OPEN Pickleball Championships has designed these policies after taking into consideration, the nature of the sport, and policies created by various sports organizations including, The International Olympic Committee, The International Tennis Federation, The NCAA.

This policy will apply solely to the US OPEN Pickleball Championships held in Naples, Florida.

Spirit Promotions and the US OPEN Pickleball Championships have every intent to be respectful, inclusive and welcoming to all athletes. We strive to create an environment that accepts and embraces diversity.

All information will be confidential. Spirit Promotions holds the right to make decisions based on each individual circumstance and is not bound to the policies of any other organization.

US OPEN PICKLEBALL - PROFESSIONAL EVENTS:

(Spirit Promotions will use the IOC policies as guidelines for pro events but are not bound to these policies.)

[International Olympic Committee](#) (IOC) Consensus Meeting in November 2015 agreed the following guidelines to be taken into account by sports organizations when determining eligibility to compete in male and female competition:

1. Those who transition from female to male are eligible to compete in the male category without restriction.
2. Those who transition from male to female are eligible to compete in the female category under the following conditions:
 - 2.1. The athlete has declared that her gender identity is female. The declaration cannot be changed, for sporting purposes, for a minimum of four years.
 - 2.2. The athlete must demonstrate that her total testosterone level in serum has been below 10 nmol/L for at least 12 months prior to her first competition (with the requirement for any longer period to be based on a confidential case-by-case evaluation, considering whether or not 12 months is a sufficient length of time to minimize any advantage in women's competition).
 - 2.3. The athlete's total testosterone level in serum must remain below 10nmol/L throughout the period of desired eligibility to compete in the female category.
 - 2.4. Compliance with these conditions may be monitored by testing. In the event of non-compliance, the athlete's eligibility for female competition will be suspended for 12 months.

US OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – PRO EVENTS:

Spirit Promotions may require athletes who enter any Pro level events, to obtain all required tests at their own expense. If requested, results must be submitted to Spirit Promotions by the registration deadline of each year of competition.

AMATEUR EVENTS:

Each case will be treated on an individual basis. MTF will be accepted in female events, with an approved rating by Spirit Promotions. Athlete and Spirit Promotions will agree upon the rating used by athlete. Rating must be completed by the registration deadline of each year of competition.

NOTES:

Trans athlete is a resource for students, athletes, coaches, and administrators to find information about trans inclusion in athletics at various levels of play. This site pulls together existing information in one central location and breaks down information into [easy-to-reference areas](#) to help you find what you need.