

[Transgender]

[Appoint a Working Party for Transgender Athletes]

A submission from the Women’s Forum

Purpose or Objective

Creation of a Working Party on Transgender and the introduction of a World Sailing Policy for Transgender Athletes.

Proposal

To form a Working Party (WP), which will be tasked to study relevant issues regarding transgender athletes and propose to the Council a policy for Transgender Athletes and Transgender Athlete Participation.

The WP should consist of at least a member from each of the Women’s Forum, Events Committee, Athletes Commission and Medical Commission.

It is hoped that this WP will consult transgender athletes.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

1. World Sailing does not have a Transgender Athlete Policy.
 2. World Sailing should be proactive and establish a policy for Transgender Athletes and Transgender Athlete Participation.
 3. Other International Sports Federations already have policies and regulations in place to enable the participation of transgender athletes. These may be useful as information to aid the World Sailing Working Party.
 4. In 2015, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) changed its rules allowing transgender athletes to compete as a woman if their testosterone levels are below a certain threshold. Testosterone is a hormone that increases muscle mass. Please refer to the ‘IOC Consensus Meeting on Sex Reassignment and Hyperandrogenism – November 2015’ at: <https://bit.ly/3ild5wa>
 5. Whilst not formally part of the proposal, the Women’s Forum requests urgency in appointing the Working Party and that its work progress to the following timeframe:
 - a) The Working Party be appointed within one month of approval of this submission, which it is anticipated will be approved at the World Sailing Annual Conference in November 2021, and
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- b) The Working Party shall present their proposal on a Transgender Athlete Policy to Council at the World Sailing Mid-Year Meeting in 2022, in order that the Council can vote at that same meeting time on the proposed Policy.