

JVA Participation Policy for Transgender Athletes

Transgender Athlete Competition Policy

Athletes must compete in accordance with the gender assigned on their birth certificate. *For boys ages 13 and under, refer to the JVA [Participation of Play](#) guidelines

Tournament Roster Procedures

At check in, all coaches will sign and turn in the coach sign in form verifying eligibility according to birth certificate based on JVA event policies.

All coaches should be prepared to show proof or have access to a paper or digital copy of an athlete's birth certificate at any time before, during, or after a tournament.

When faced with a roster challenge, protest, or question about the eligibility of a player based on JVA's competition policy regarding Age and Gender, JVA's protocol (or suggested protocol) for tournament directors is as follows:

1. All roster issues brought to the attention of the Tournament Director must come from a rostered representative of a team. If anyone else brings this to the attention of the Tournament Director, that person will be advised that only a rostered representative of a team may request a roster check.
2. In the event that a roster check is initiated with a Tournament Director
 - a. The Tournament Director will locate the Head Coach of the team with the roster in question while the team is not playing. The Tournament Director will verify that the athlete meets the criteria to compete according to JVA's tournament policies based on their birth certificate.
 - b. Any roster challenges brought to the Tournament Directors attention, will be addressed either prior to the match or at the completion of the match, but not during the match
3. If a team is found to have an ineligible player on that team, all matches played up to that point will be forfeited and the player will no longer be allowed to participate in that tournament (or any future girls JVA tournaments). The team will be allowed to continue competing without the ineligible player for the remainder of the tournament and season.