



# TRANSGENDER PARTICIPATION

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Relevant Documents:	SAISA Code of Conduct, SAISA Member Protection Policy		

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to affirm SAISA’s commitment to supporting the inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse identifying people in figure skating sports in South Australia.

## Scope

This policy applies to all skaters participating in competitions in South Australia, training programs, and any events sanctioned by the SAISA. In addition, it applies to all SAISA members, SAISA affiliated clubs and volunteers.

## Application

Except for the conditions in the section “Exclusions”, this policy applies to all local and state level competitions in South Australia.

## Exclusions

This policy does not apply to any events governed by Ice Skating Australia, including but not limited to Champ Series Events held in South Australia, Australian Figure Skating Championships, Australian Adult Figure Skating Championships, and any event governed by the Ice Skating Union, including international events held in South Australia.

For clarity, any skater who is wishing to compete or participate in any Ice Skating Australia, and/or the Ice Skating Union, sanctioned events must comply with the eligibility requirements and policies of Ice Skating Australia and/or the Ice Skating Union.

## Policy

SAISA is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants. SAISA affirms its commitment to recognising and supporting the diversity of gender identities within the South Australian community.

## Participation and Gender Identity

All skaters are entitled to participate in events covered by this policy in accordance with their gender identity.

Skaters may nominate the gender category (Male or Female) in which they wish to compete, based on their gender identity and personal preference.

A skater's nominated gender category must be declared at the time of registration for the competition. Declaration will also be required when applying for SAISA membership each year.

Eligibility to compete in competitions covered by this policy is not contingent upon the completion of any medical or legal gender transition.

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It is recommended, though not a requirement, that skaters aged 13 years and over compete in the same gender category for the duration of the local season (February to December), taking into consideration individual circumstances and wellbeing. The purpose for this is to ensure consistency across the local season, where possible.

## Privacy and Medical Requirements

Skaters are not required to disclose personal medical or surgical information in relation to their gender identity to participate in South Australian local or state level events and competitions, to which this policy applies.

SAISA will not request, require, or conduct medical examinations for the purpose of gender classification at these events.

Where personal medical or surgical information is provided, then anyone who is privy to that information is to treat all personal information regarding gender identity as confidential, even if it has not been explicitly stated to be private and confidential.

The only information about a skater's gender that will be made public is that which is necessary to indicate the event category they have entered.

The only exemption to the disclosure of information, will be when required for Ice Skating Australian and/or Ice Skating Union sanctioned events, and in accordance with the law. Permission from the skater will be sought prior to this disclosure.

## Respect and Inclusion

All skaters, coaches, officials, and volunteers must treat transgender and gender-diverse athletes with dignity, fairness, and respect at all times.

Any form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying on the basis of gender identity or gender expression is strictly prohibited and will be managed in accordance with SAISA's Code of Conduct and Member Protection Policy.