



Gender Classification Policy

Section A. Policy Ownership

This policy has been adopted by the USBC Board of Directors to comply with the Policies of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee ("USOPC") and the Ted Stevens Act. USBC's gender classification is based on the federal Executive Order 14201 of February 5, 2025.

This policy can only be changed by a majority vote of the USBC Board of Directors.

Section B. Gender Classification

Default gender classification for USBC competition will be determined by birth certificate (gender assigned at birth).

Female transition to male:

Those who transition from female to male are eligible to compete in the male category without restriction.

Male transition to female:

The Executive Order includes specific direction related to National Governing Bodies that "eligibility for participation in women's sporting events is determined according to sex and not gender identity or testosterone reduction."

Only athletes whose biological sex is female (as assigned at birth) may participate in USBC certified events in the female competition category. This covers USBC certified scratch female competitions which includes but is not limited to Junior Gold, USBC collegiate, PWBA, Team USA and USBC Women's Championships.

Section C. Additional Requirements

USBC is committed to protecting opportunities for athletes participating in sport. USBC will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., IOC, IPC, international federations, to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. § 22501, et. Seq.