



## **USBC GENDER CLASSIFICATION POLICY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**USBC has created the following Frequently Asked Questions to provide guidance for competitions wanting transgender female inclusion within the current policy.**

**Can a historically women's league allow transgender females to bowl in its league?** A historically women's league that votes to allow transgender athletes compete must certify as a mixed league moving forward. While leagues are invitational by nature and by rule can determine the make-up of the league, USBC must comply with USOPC directives and therefore a women's league must be comprised of only biological females. To change to a mixed league, the league would, by majority vote, adopt a rule the league is open to women and transgender females and when they certify the league, mark it as a mixed league.

**What does a tournament need to do to allow transgender females to compete with biological females in its competition?** A tournament manager would need a rule creating a mixed division restricting participation to females and transgender females.

**How can leagues be more inclusive for everyone?**

The easiest way is for leagues to be open without specific gender categories or awards. Mixed leagues without specific rules such as a minimum number of women on a team may be unaffected by the updated policy.