

# UKA ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION: TRANSGENDER AND FEMALE CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS

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## Introduction

As a national federation, UKA is governed by the [World Athletics Book of Rules](#). The World Athletics Eligibility Regulations for Transgender Athletes (Transgender Regulations) and World Athletics Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification came into effect on 1 October 2019 and 1 November 2019 respectively and replaced previous IAAF Regulations.

UK Athletics is responsible for regulating the participation of persons as competitors in all disciplines of athletics within its jurisdiction in the United Kingdom and promotes an inclusive approach to participating and competition.

Adhering to these Regulations is a sport-wide responsibility that starts primarily with the athlete. UKA will follow due process and athletes need to take responsibility to ensure that they conform to the Rules.

These Regulations do not apply to athletics activity such as training, friendly or fun runs, or to athletes taking part in mass participation events, including charity events.

## World Athletics Eligibility Regulations for Transgender Athletes

The term 'Transgender' is used in World Athletics Regulations to refer to individuals whose gender identity (i.e. how they identify) is different from the sex designated to them at birth, whether they are pre- or post-puberty, and whether or not they have undergone any form of medical intervention.

Gender reassignment is one of the protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010 and applies to people who are proposing to undergo, are undergoing or have undergone a process (or part of a process) for the purpose of reassigning their sex. This legislation prohibits discrimination against a person to whom the protected characteristic applies but sets out exemptions for sporting activities and competitions.

The World Athletics Regulations apply to transgender participation in UK where qualifying marks, selection standards and records can be set.

## World Athletics Eligibility Regulations for the Female Classification

World Athletics Eligibility Regulations in relation to the Female Classification for athletes of Differences of Sex Development (DSD), as defined in those regulations, also apply in the UK where qualifying marks, selection standards and records can be set.

## General Information

UKA will address transgender and female classification queries on a case-by-case basis and may request support from World Athletics.

For general enquiries regarding these Regulations, please contact [rules@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:rules@britishathletics.org.uk).

For confidential enquiries regarding cases affected by these Regulations, please contact [dutyofcare@uka.org.uk](mailto:dutyofcare@uka.org.uk).

Information within this document is based on the [World Athletics Book of Rules C3.5 Eligibility Regulations Transgender Athletes](#); [C3.6 Eligibility for the Female Classification](#).

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