



POLICY CATEGORY: 5 - COMPETITIONS

POLICY TITLE: GENDER INCLUSION POLICY

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PURPOSE:

The Nova Scotia Curling Association encourages all interested persons to participate fully in our sport and we aim to create an open, safe and welcoming environment for Curling in our province. While it is true that there are gender specific categories and rules in curling (“Men’s”, “Women’s” and “Mixed”) which traditionally were seen to refer to birth gender, the NSCA permits, where possible, curlers who do not identify with their birth gender to participate and compete as the gender with which they identify.

Curling, more than most other sports, requires the participants to self-police their play and to individually follow all rules and ethics it is therefore the intention of the NSCA that such sportsmanship will be followed by all who make use of this policy.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Nova Scotia Curling Association sanctioned events, however for events which lead to qualification for national competitions (for example Curling Canada or Canada Games) or lead to competition under another jurisdiction the policies of that jurisdiction will apply to the NSCA competition.

POLICY:

All players participating in an NSCA sanctioned event may compete as the gender with which they identify.

For any event which leads to subsequent competition (provincial championships, qualifiers etc.) the policy of the jurisdiction holding the subsequent competition will apply to the NSCA sanctioned event.

Note: Nothing in the policy precludes any appeal or disciplinary policy of the NSCA.

As an example of the application of this policy, the Nova Scotia Tankard Competition, the Scotties, Provincial Mixed etc. will follow Curling Canada's Gender Inclusion policies and not this NSCA policy.

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