



POLICY

CHICO AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT (CARD)

POLICY TITLE: Participation of Transsexual and Transgender Athletes in Recreational Sports Programs

In May of 2004, the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) set forth requirements for the participation of athletes to compete in the Olympic Games who have undergone sex reassignment (male to female or female to male). CARD’s policy with respect to participation of such individuals in CARD’s recreational sports programs is created with the intent to follow the model set forth in the IOC policy and is as follows:

1. Sex reassignment before puberty: Individuals undergoing sex reassignment surgery of male to female before puberty should be regarded as girls and women (female). This also applies to individuals undergoing female to male reassignment, who should be regarded as boys and men (male).

2. Sex reassignment after puberty: Individuals undergoing sex reassignment from male to female after puberty (and vice versa) are eligible for participation in female (or male) competitions under the following conditions:

- Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy;
- Eligibility should begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy;
- Hormonal therapy appropriate for the assigned sex has been administered in a verifiable manner and for a sufficient length of time to minimize gender-related advantages in sports competition;
- Legal recognition of their reassigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities; and
- A confidential case-by-case evaluation should occur.

3. An individual applying to participate in any recreational sports program who believes that he or she meets the requirements set forth in Section 1. or Section 2. is required to provide supporting documentation, including the written opinion of a licensed and qualified physician wherein the physician declares that the individual has met the requirements set forth in Section 1. or Section 2. above. The documentation must also identify from a medical standpoint the individual’s sex (male or female) for the purpose of participating in CARD’s recreational sport programs and appropriate official recognition of the individual’s reassigned sex.

4. In the event that the validity of the documentation provided by the individual is questioned, CARD reserves the right, at its cost, to have a licensed medical physician review and/or investigate the medical facts upon which the individual relies for the determination of his or her sex for participation in CARD’s recreational sport programs. CARD will make every effort to protect the privacy of the individual and the confidentiality of each case.

5. In order to ensure safety and fair competition and following the model set forth by the IOC, individuals who have not met the requirements set forth above, but whose birth sex differs from his or her perceived gender identity (commonly referred to as “transgender” individuals), are eligible for participation in female or male recreational sports programs according to his or her birth sex until such

time as the requirements set forth above in Section 1. or Section 2 are met and established as set forth in Sections 3 and 4.