

ELIGIBILITY OF TRANSGENDER STUDENT-ATHLETES

The MHSAA does not prohibit girls from participating on boys teams. Therefore, the MHSAA will not be involved in matters involving trans boy (female to male) student-athletes on boys teams.

When questions arise involving trans girl (male to female) student-athletes, the MHSAA executive director will determine eligibility for MHSAA tournaments on a case-by-case basis after being provided at least 30 days prior to the opt-out due date for that tournament, by the administration of the school for which the student seeks to participate, documentation that answers the following questions:

1. What gender is recorded on these school documents for this student?

- a. High school registration
- b. High school transcript
- c. Health/immunization records
- d. Preparticipation physical examination form

2. What do this student's other records indicate?

- a. Medical
- b. Psychological
- c. If applicable,
 - (1) Driver's license
 - (2) Voter registration
 - (3) Selective service
 - (4) Social Security

3. Has the student commenced . . .

- a. Hormone therapy? (If so, when?)
- b. Gender-affirmation surgery? (If so, when?)

The MHSAA discourages submission of documents providing medical or psychological information that is unrelated to a student's gender identity and/or transgender transition.

The MHSAA will require the petitioner if 18, or parent/guardian if not, to sign a waiver which states: "I hereby give my consent for the above student to engage in interscholastic athletics and for the disclosure to the MHSAA of information otherwise protected by FERPA, HIPAA or Michigan law, including but not limited to medical and mental health records, for the purpose of determining eligibility for interscholastic athletics under any one or more of MHSAA's regulations."

It is recommended that member schools include these or similar questions and documents when making decisions regarding regular-season sports participation, as well as related accommodations.

Application of MHSAA Wrestling Weight Monitoring Program

A student whose written records (see 1 and 2 above) all indicate female will be assessed as a female (12% minimum body fat). If the written documents are not consistent, then the question is referred to the MHSAA executive director to determine on a case-by-case basis, following the same procedures as when making the decision for MHSAA tournament eligibility as outlined above.