



NYSPHSSAA Transgender Guidelines

The NYSPHSSAA recognizes the value of participation in interscholastic sports for all student athletes. The NYSPHSSAA is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to participate in NYSPHSSAA activities in a manner consistent with their gender identity and the New York State Commissioner of Education's Regulations.

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) prohibits discrimination and/or harassment of students on school property or at school functions by students or employees. The prohibition against discrimination includes discrimination based on a student's actual or perceived sex and gender. Gender includes a person's actual or perceived sex as well as gender identity and expression.

Procedure:

1. The student or the parent(s)/guardian shall notify the Superintendent (or designee) that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies as.
2. The student's home school will determine the eligibility of a student seeking to participate in interscholastic athletics in a manner consistent with his/her gender identity where the student's gender identity does not correspond to his/her sex assigned at birth.
3. The Superintendent (or designee) will confirm the gender identity asserted for purposes of trying out for an interscholastic sports team through information from the parent, guardian, student, guidance counselor, or from a doctor, psychologist or other medical professional.
4. On a seasonal basis the school will provide approval of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student's gender identity.
5. The Athletic Director should notify the NYSPHSSAA if any accommodations are needed.
6. **Appeals:**
All appeals with respect to a District's determination as to eligibility of a transgender student to participate in interscholastic sports will go directly to the Commissioner of Education.