



USA Shooting
Athlete Participation Policy
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Application: The policy applies to all current and prospective Competing Athlete Members of USA Shooting when competing in USA Shooting competitions where USA Shooting membership is required (e.g. USA Shooting sanctioned competitions). Additionally, USA Shooting, its clubs and members are subject to local, state and federal legislation and such legislation supersedes the rules of USA Shooting.

Purpose: USA Shooting is committed to protecting opportunities for athletes participating in sport. USA Shooting will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF), and World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) and others to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C § 22501, et. seq.

Policy:

Women's Competition Categories: Athletes assigned female at birth and who meet all other USA Shooting requirements are eligible to compete in a women's category, except:

- Athletes assigned female at birth who have begun hormone therapy (e.g., testosterone) may not compete in any women's categories.
- Athletes assigned male at birth may not compete in any women's categories.

Men's Competition Categories: Regardless of sex assigned at birth or gender identity, an athlete may participate in a men's category, assuming they meet all other USA Shooting requirements.

Athletes who qualify for ISSF or WSPS events must also meet those organizations' athlete participation rules, which may differ from this policy.



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