

# The British Darts Organisation

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## TRANSGENDER GUIDELINES

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The British Darts Organisation issues the following Transgender Guidelines after due consideration of the references and guidelines as published by the World Darts Federation - 2017 and the International Olympic Committee – 2015

In view of the sensitive nature of the subject matter and the ongoing research taking place it is relevant to point out that the information and instruction enclosed within the following pages is subject to review by the respective UK Sports and Government bodies and as such the BDO cannot be held responsible for the consequences of any such review other than to affirm that at all times it will act in the best interests of the players so concerned

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## 1.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<b>B.D.O.</b>	Means the British Darts Organisation
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>	Medically supervised programme of treatment to change a person's body to align with their gender identity through hormone therapy and/or surgery
<b>Medical Practitioner</b>	A person licensed to practice medicine and has ascertained a medical school diploma ["MD"] and is registered with the Physicians Credentials Registry of the country where the Transgender Athlete resides
<b>Transgender</b>	Transgender refers to the individuals who have been assigned one gender [male or female] at birth but identify with the other gender. To align their bodies with their sense of gender, many transgendered individuals undergo mental therapy and/or surgery to transition to the other gender
<b>Transgender Female</b>	Someone who was born with a male body, but who identifies as a girl or a woman and who is being treated for sex reassignment. (MTF)
<b>Transgender Male</b>	Someone who was born with a female body, but who identifies as a boy or a man and who is being treated for sex reassignment. (FTM)

## 2.0 FOREWORD

2.1 The BDO believes in equal opportunity for all people to participate in the sport of darts, as athletes, coaches, officials, staff and other volunteers. However, in instances where a Transgendered individual wish to compete, the WDF will consider eligibility guidelines to ensure a fair and level playing field for all participants.

## 3.0 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The overriding sporting objective is and remains the guarantee of fair competition. Restrictions on participation are appropriate to the extent that they are necessary and proportionate to the achievement of that objective.
- 3.2 To require surgical anatomical changes as a pre-condition to participation is not necessary to preserve fair competition and may be inconsistent with developing legislation and notions of human rights.
- 3.3 Nothing in these guidelines is intended to undermine in any way the requirement to comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and the WADA International Standards.
- 3.4 These guidelines are a living document and will be subject to review in light of any scientific or medical or legal developments.

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4.0 **CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 The following conditions will be used to determine the individual's eligibility to compete:
- 4.2 Female-to-male (FTM) transgendered persons, to compete as a male, must obtain documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment is ongoing.
- 4.3 Male-to-female (MTF) transgendered persons, to compete as a female, must obtain documentation from a medical practitioner that gender reassignment has been ongoing for at least one year.
- 4.4 Any Transgender person who wishes to participate in any BDO event will be required to show to the delegated BDO Officer the original official government issued Identification Document that indicates their gender. (e.g. A Gender Recognition Certificate as issued under Section 9 of the 2004 Gender Recognition Act or similar)
- 4.5 Athletes, coaches, officials, etc. must be aware that they may be subject to doping control testing and will be subject to the BDO Anti-Doping Policy according to the gender provided at registration or after declaration, as applicable.

5.0 **CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 5.1 The Parties agree that they will not at any time disclose information identified by the other party as confidential to any person, corporation or third party and will make no use whatsoever of any information identified as confidential (other than in the ordinary and usual course of implementing this policy) without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party, unless required by law.