

# Mass Golf Gender Policy

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Mass Golf strives to build an inclusive community of golfers who participate in its events, consistent with the history and tradition of honor as a fundamental value of the sport. To support its commitment to both inclusivity and fair competition for all entrants in its events, it has adopted this policy regarding identification of gender.

For all Mass Golf events limited to a single gender, Mass Golf will continue to rely on its entrants to register consistent with their sincerely-held gender identity, regardless of gender assigned at birth.

If circumstances warrant, Mass Golf may, consistent with Massachusetts law, require evidence that a gender identity is sincerely-held. Such evidence may include<sup>1</sup> (without limiting other forms of evidence that may be required):

- Sworn statement by witnesses relating to the player's sincerely held core gender-related identity;
- Sworn statements from the player and/or witnesses relating to the player's routine activities and conduct, such as dress, grooming, actions and use of gender pronouns;
- Sworn statements and/or medical records from medical or other professionals involved in the treatment of or transition of the player seeking, in the process of, or who has completed gender transition;
- Evidence of hormone use, gender affirming surgeries, and/or other procedures that are the purpose of affirming gender identity; and
- Evidence of an effort to effectuate a legal name change, revision of a birth certificate, passport or Social Security card, re-designation of gender on a Massachusetts Department of Transportation Registry of Motor Vehicles form, or other legal documents reflecting gender identity.

Mass Golf may from time to time adopt additional or different policies and procedures for eligibility in its events in order to reflect scientific, legal and industry developments relating to gender identity.

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<sup>1</sup> Criteria are taken directly from the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) guidelines, available here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/gender-identity-guidance-0/download>

The USGA may from time to time adopt different eligibility requirements for its events, and players seeking entrance to or qualifying for those events, whether by exemption or otherwise, will be subject to applicable USGA eligibility requirements. The current USGA Competitive Fairness Gender Policy (effective December 4, 2024) is available [HERE](#).