



Optimist Gender Policy

Proof

In any Optimist tournament in which it is required that a player is a specific gender (male or female), the player must participate under their birth gender unless the following conditions are met. Failure to provide any affidavit or supplemental documentation as set forth in this Policy, and to comply with the process and procedures set forth in this Policy, may result in disqualification from the championship.

Eligibility Guidelines -- Birth Gender

Unless notified by Optimist Junior Golf (45 days) in advance of the first tee time, no proof of gender shall be required for a player to enter a gender-specific when playing under their birth gender.

Trans Participants:

Any Trans participant in a gender-specific Optimist Junior Golf tournament must file an Affidavit declaring their gender identity as set forth below.

Trans Male (FTM) Participants: A trans male (FTM) player who is not taking testosterone related to gender transition may participate in any Optimist Junior Golf Tournament as either a male or female. A Trans male (FTM) player who is receiving treatment with testosterone for diagnosed Gender Identity Disorder, gender dysphoria, and/or Transsexualism, may participate in any Optimist Junior Golf tournament as a male, but is not eligible to compete as a female.

Trans Female (MTF) Participants: A trans female (MTF) player who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may not compete as a female in an Optimist Junior Golf tournament. A Trans female (MTF) player being treated with testosterone suppression medication for Gender Identity Disorder, gender dysphoria, and/or Transsexualism, may participate in any Optimist Junior Golf tournament as a male but may not participate as a female until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.

Procedures and Documentation for Submitting Proof of Gender (First-time Applicants)

1. As set forth in the entry application, each applicant must comply with this policy and these procedures. Eligibility to play in an Optimist Junior Golf tournament will only be evaluated in connection with a player who has submitted an entry application to play in that Optimist Junior Golf Tournament. The specific Optimist Junior Golf tournament must be identified in writing with the accompanying documentation specified below.
2. Any Trans player wishing to compete in a gender-specific Optimist Junior Golf tournament must submit an affidavit signed by the participant and at least one Parent or Guardian. Such affidavit must be marked "Confidential" and addressed to Optimist Junior Golf, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 and received at Optimist Junior Golf no later than five (5) days after the close of registration.

The Affidavit, reviewed by Optimist Junior Golf, must include the following:

- Identification of birth gender;
- Identification of gender identity;

- date of beginning of hormone therapy (if any);
- nature of hormone therapy (if any);
- date of ending of hormone therapy (if any);
- and an acknowledgement that Optimist Junior Golf may request to contact treating physicians and statement of compliance with any such request by Optimist Junior Golf.

In the event that Optimist Junior Golf requests further documentation, including medical records, participants submitting an affidavit of gender identity agree to cooperate fully with Optimist Junior Golf in providing any medical records or HIPAA waiver forms, as requested by Optimist Junior Golf. Failure to comply with any request by Optimist Junior Golf may result in disqualification for any gender-specific Optimist Junior Golf tournament.

Procedure for Applicants who have been Previously Approved Under this Policy

If eligibility for entry in an Optimist Junior Golf tournament has been previously approved under this policy, subsequent Optimist Junior Golf tournament entry applications, whether in the initial or subsequent years, will be accepted without the documentation required.

Additional Considerations

If questions relating to a player's compliance with this policy arise, either prior to or after commencement of a competition, or after a competition has been completed, Optimist Junior Golf may contact the player for verification, and request that the player provide appropriate documentation in accordance with this policy. A player has seven (7) days after receipt of such a request within which to provide the required documentation to Optimist Junior Golf at the above referenced address.

If the competition has commenced, a player may be permitted to continue in the tournament until a determination has been made on the player's eligibility in accordance with this policy. If it is determined that the player should be disqualified, any award, prize and/or ranking arising from participation in the championship shall be forfeited. The player shall not be banned from future tournaments so long as the player satisfies the requirements of this policy in connection with future tournaments.

Questions regarding the process and procedures can be addressed to Optimist Junior Golf at (314) 881-1307.

Privacy

Optimist Junior Golf will maintain such information and documentation in confidence, with only counsel, the Optimist Junior Golf leadership, and any medical professionals contracted by Optimist Junior Golf having access to such information and documentation.

If the player wants Optimist Junior Golf to release to any golf association or other similar entity information confirming that the player has followed the procedures of this policy and was deemed eligible to play in a particular Optimist Junior Golf tournament, the player must execute the Optimist Junior Golf Authorization For Release of Information and forward the executed Authorization for Release of Information to Optimist Junior Golf, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.