



## **100 – Participation**

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### **101 - Inclusion**

1. The Soccer Association for Youth membership is open to all persons and organizations interested in the purpose for which it is organized without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or national origin.

### **102 - Team Assignments**

1. The Soccer Association for Youth teams are registered on a birth gender-basis.
2. Co-Ed teams are permitted and are designated as a birth gender-based boys team. If only one boy plays on a girls team, it is designated as a boys team. Any number of girls can play on a boys team and it remains as a designated boys team.
3. A player may play in the next older Age-Division, if and only if:
  - 3.1. A parent requests, in writing, prior to the player-draw proceedings that his/her child play in the next older Age-Division, AND
  - 3.2. Such a player assignment is to be made with the written approval of the District Representative.
4. A player with a disability or a development problem may be assigned and play in the next younger Age-Division, only if approved by the SAYArea and only if all of the following criteria are met:
  - 4.1. The request is initiated by a parent, in writing, prior to the player-draw proceedings
  - 4.2. The request is accompanied by a written document from a doctor attesting that the child's developmental problems would best be served by playing in a younger Age-Division
  - 4.3. Such a player assignment is approved, in writing, by the District Representative
  - 4.4. Upon approval by the SAYArea and the assignment of the player to a team, there shall be no limitation on the participation of that team with other Districts or SAYAreas

5. Transgender participants may register with the birth gender-based team with which that player identifies, confirmation sufficient for guaranteeing access is satisfied by documentation or evidence that shall be provided to the SAY National Office by the SAY Area. Such documentation/evidence shall:
  - 5.1. Show that the stated gender is sincerely held, and is part of a person's core identity
  - 5.2. Satisfy the herein-stated standard which includes, but is not limited to, government-issued documentation or documentation prepared by a health care provider, counselor, or other qualified professional not related to the player
  - 5.3. Upon approval by the SAY National Office and the assignment of the player to a team, there shall be no limitation on the participation of that team with other Districts or SAYAreas

