



Policy: 9.12

Category: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe School

Fairness and Safety in Sport

BACKGROUND

Participation in amateur competitive sports at school provides students with the opportunity both to engage in healthy activity as well as to learn important sportsmanship and teamwork skills. Accordingly, CAPE believes it is important to provide students with opportunities to engage in such activities. However, it is incumbent on the school to ensure that such involvement is undertaken in a manner to ensure the safety of all participants as well as the fairness and integrity of amateur competitive sport.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The CAPE Charter Board supports student involvement in amateur competitive sports and is committed to creating an environment that upholds the principles of **fairness, safety, and equity** around such involvement as outlined in the *Fairness and Safety in Sport Regulation*.

GUIDELINES

2. Athlete Eligibility Requirements

- 2.1 **Female Divisions**

Participation in female-only leagues, classes, or divisions of amateur competitive sport designated as female 12 years or older is restricted to athletes who are born biologically female and provided they meet age, grade, and performance criteria (if applicable). The legislation does not apply to recreational sport, such as intramural activities or physical education classes.

- 2.2 **Male Divisions**

Participation in leagues, classes, or divisions designated as male is open to all athletes provided they meet age, grade, and performance criteria (if applicable).

2.3 **Mixed or Open Divisions**

All students may participate in mixed or open divisions provided they meet age, grade, and performance criteria (if applicable).

2.4 **Verification of Eligibility**

The school reserves the right to request verification of eligibility for participation in any division in accordance with the processes outlined in the *Fairness and Safety in Sport Regulation, 124/2025*.

3. Reporting Requirements

3.1 The school will submit reports as required by the Ministry of Tourism and Sport in accordance with the frequency and content guidelines outlined in *Regulation 124/2025*.

3.2 Records of athlete eligibility decisions will be retained and safeguarded in compliance with privacy legislation and school record-keeping protocols.

4. Implementation

The principal or designate will be responsible for the implementation of the policy and ensuring all coaches, teachers, and athletic program supervisors understand and apply eligibility criteria.

References:

*Alberta Fairness and Safety in Sport Act
Regulation 124/2025*

Adopted:

Motion: