## NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## **TRANSGENDER POLICY**

- 1. A transgender student, defined as a student whose gender identity differs from the student's sex assigned at birth, shall be eligible to participate in accordance with either their birth sex or in accordance with their gender identity, but not both. Exceptions to this policy shall be subject to appeal to the Eligibility Appeals Committee.
- 2. In the event of a positive test result under the NJSIAA's "General Prohibition Against Performance Enhancing Drugs," a transgender student's use of a banned substance for the purposes of hormone therapy may be considered by the NJSIAA medical review officer as a medical reason for the positive result.
- 3. Any member school may appeal the eligibility of a transgender student on the grounds that the student's participation in interscholastic athletics would adversely affect competition or safety. Any appeal under this paragraph will be heard by the Eligibility Appeals Committee and shall be confidential. The Eligibility Appeals Committee will not consider whether the school has properly determined the student's sex-assignment.
- 4. If a transgender student has not yet declared their transgender status, this policy shall not apply. If a transgender student, at some point during their high school career, no longer identifies as a transgender student, this policy shall not apply.

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