

UNOFFICIAL SWIM ENGLAND TRANSGENDER POLICY CONSULTATION

Infographic showing highlights of the Unofficial Swim England Transgender Policy Consultation that was run during the last 36 hours of Swim England's own official consultation.

ACCESSIBILITY

99.1% of respondents believe that swimming in England should be accessible to everyone

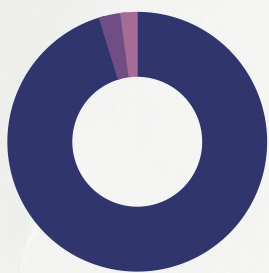


SAFETY

97% of respondents believe the safety and wellbeing of transgender athletes should be central to any changes in a transgender policy



Yes
2.7%

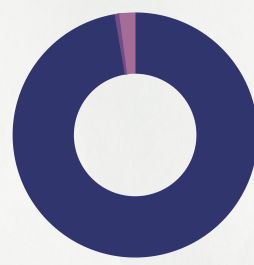


No
95.2%

Blanket Transgender Ban

Respondents were asked if they believed a blanket ban of transgender participation at all levels should be included in a new policy

No
2.1%



Yes
97.3%

Encouraging Participation

Respondents were asked if they believed encouraging participation should be central to a new policy

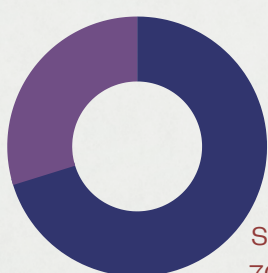
Free Text Responses

262 of the 329 respondents wrote a free text response sharing what was important to them, with the vast majority citing zero evidence of transgender participation being an issue in the sport

RESPONDENTS

Those responding were asked if their gender identity was the same now as it was at birth

Different
29.8%



Same
70.2%

Dodgy Data?

Swim England is unable to confirm how many transgender participants their membership base has, if there are any problems with participation and is unable to provide scientific evidence comparing Transgender to Cis-gender swimmers

Overview

About The Author

Eden Elgeti, Transgender Ambassador to Swim England works closely with NGB's and Brands to help create visibility and ensure a safe environment for transgender participants in sports at all levels. Eden has a modest following of engaged LGBTQIA+ Allies, Venues, Brands and NGB's on her Instagram @TheTransgenderSwimmer

Why run an Unofficial Consultation?

In the final 48 hours of Swim England's own consultation, it was shared through direct message by an instagram follower. This was the first she been told about a consultation and what seemed like an inevitable plan to bring in harsher rules for transgender participation due to the phrasing of questions.

Eden wanted to ensure hers and other voices were heard and felt no other way than to publish an unofficial consultation to get Swim England's attention. Within 12 hours she had published her own response online and had created her own unofficial consultation.

After 24 hours of the Unofficial Consultation being live, Eden was invited to schedule a meeting with Swim England to discuss her views and findings on the subject.

Why are harsher rules expected?

On the 19th June 2022 Fédération Internationale De Natation (FINA) the world governing body for swimming effectively bared transgender women from the highest levels of women's international competition unless they began a process to suppress production of testosterone from the age of 12 or at the start of puberty if that starts earlier. This is currently under legal challenge, however there seems to be a strong push to exclude in main steam media in the UK currently.

Swim England's Own Consultation

In their own Members Only Consultation, Swim England chose not to implement a way to ensure answers could be verified to be either unique or that responders were members of the Swim England Membership base.

It has been confirmed that Swim England are aware that their consultation was shared outside of their membership and that answers collected may not represent their members interests.

Swim England are still not choosing to abandon their consultation results and intend to find a way to verify the responses.