

Timestamp	I understand that this is an UNOFFICIAL policy consultation and is not run by, or endorsed by Swim England. I understand information will be shared with Swim England as part of a campaign being organised by Edlen Elgetli	Do you believe Swimming in England should be easily accessible to everyone?	Do you believe that fairness for all should underpin any changes to a Transgender Policy?	Do you believe encouraging Transgender participation should be central to any changes to a Transgender Policy.	Do you believe the safety and wellbeing of transgender athletes should be central to any changes in a Transgender Policy?	Do you believe a blanket ban of Transgender athletes at all levels should be included in any changes to a transgender policy?	Have you answered or been invited to respond to Swim England's Policy Consultation?	Is your Gender identity different now, to how you were identified at birth?	How do you swim?	Have you ever competed in Swimming?	Do you have any thoughts to share?	Is this the first time you have completed this UNOFFICIAL consultation?
8/9/2022 13:18:07	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:12:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Juniors)	Trans people should be included in water sports	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:16:18	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I believe that transgender people should have the same rights to compete and take part in swimming and sport as cidgrnder people	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:17:04	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	i am SHOCKED to find out no one was consulted on this by swim england. pissed off	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:19:00	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I think everyone should have access to sports on all levels	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:24:44	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	It should be based on a hierarchy of needs (like in the Highway Code), with trans people at most risk and therefore protected most highly, followed by less able participants, then intersectional women, then women, then men.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:30:54	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	The direction things are taking re:inclusion within competitive sports is frankly scary	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:33:29	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Not at this time	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:33:29	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	N/A	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:33:40	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Non of the trans- exclusionary policies I've read so far are backed by objective evidence	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:41:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	I don't understand the purposes of the Swim England consult form. It seems incomplete and ineffective. It's important to me that everyone is given the same right to access swimming and competition, if that is what they wish to do. Why would I be negatively affected (or necessarily even know) if any of the swimmers in my race were trans?	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:41:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I can't believe that they would make you an ambassador and then not discuss this issue with you!	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:44:27	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I work at a swimming lake, we support and celebrate all our swimmers regardless of their gender, encouraging young people into the sport is crucial. The conversation around this issue is cruel and gives me concerns about trans people feeling excluded from the wonderful world of swimming	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:45:15	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	N/a	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:49:25	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I feel that there should be more inclusion in swimming, the barriers are higher than in other sports so it should have more support rather than trying to actively remove individuals. :(Thank you for being such a great ambassador for swimming X	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:50:23	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:52:41	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Please consider the safety of ALL swimmers before making sweeping changes that will certainly disadvantage some over others. We need to strive towards equality.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:55:17	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Let people swim ffs	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 14:55:36	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Stop giving in to pressure from the far right. All you are doing by attempting to bar trans athletes is making the lives of some of the most discriminated against in society even more unbearable. Any move to restrict trans people from swimming would be a disgusting act of cowardice and contribute further to the rise of the far right. Everyone deserves the right to participate in sport. If you ban trans athletes, which other minority will come next? Anti-trans rhetoric is simply a stepping stone to full blown eugenics and social cleansing	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:00:21	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I feel no one should be discriminated against being able to swim at any level including transgender people.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:03:29	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Frustrated and ashamed about how this could deter transgender people from participating in the sport that they love.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:05:39	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	One can see from current competition results that trans women are not dominant in sports or even frequently participating. Steps to exclude a marginalized and under represented group are inappropriate.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:08:34	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	N/A	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:12:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Juniors)	Competitively (Juniors)	N/A	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:13:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swim England, please ensure there is a way that transgender swimmers can participate at all levels of the sport. I believe in equal opportunities and we must ensure that no one is discriminated against because of their gender identity.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:18:34	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Please center trans safety and happiness in your trans policies!	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:20:56	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swim England should be working on how to include, encourage and empower all swimmers, including Trans swimmers. Trans people deserve our love and protection, and	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:26:23	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Not being published directly, I've only seen it shared in transphobic online spaces.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:29:06	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Surely the purpose of an 'inclusion' policy should be to enhance inclusion of the demographic that is being consulted in swimming. To exclude transgender athletes or simply put them all into an 'open' category is much like saying there is a maximum height for female competitors and anyone over 6 foot tall clearly has an advantage over a 5 foot tall athlete and so must go in the 'open' category. The blinkered attitude of Swim England flies in the face of the notion of having separate age or ability categories.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:29:19	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Every human should have access to swimming socially or competitively	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:35:36	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Swimming is a human right. Decisions surrounding identity and acceptance to a sport should not be dictated by few and making the sport accessible to everyone should be the core of any legalisation.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:36:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Fairness should include everyone	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:36:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Any inclusion policy must consult the transgender community	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:41:00	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Rights are a non zero sum game	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:41:15	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Swimming should be for everyone and I strongly disagree with recent moves by Fina and other bodies to ban transgender competitors. These bans are based on scaremongering and police supposed "gender norms" in a way that is harmful to all swimmers, not just those who are trans.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:41:49	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The consultation seems cynically engineered to produce support to exclude trans people.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:48:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Question 6 is worded very strangely with respect to nonbinary inclusion specifically. The first answer seems to say nonbinary people should identify as male or female. Whereas the second answer seems to suggest that trans and AFAB nonbinary people would be forced to compete in the open category even if they have not done any medical transition.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:48:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	It's concerning that the current transgender policy is not a selectable option in question 6. Why shouldn't the rules remain the same? The only real explanation is they want to roll back rights and push trans people out of the sport. And there needs to be more nuance in general. The use of the concept of "fairness" to push a cis-supremacist agenda is unfortunately common these days.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:48:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	The questionnaire was unfairly worded and weighted against transgender people. I feel that this has come about as a result of media bias, from a small minority of pundits and commentators, when the majority of public feeling is more supportive of transgender swimmers and athletes. The media has, of course, failed to be balanced in its reporting of the subject.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 15:48:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	The consultation should be just that, instead the people it's most going to affect have not been consulted - how are we going to be moving towards inclusion when trans people are excluded from giving a voice	Yes, this is the first time

8/9/2022 16:02:10	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Seniors)	Swimming has been a lifeline for myself and many others - to take this away from transgender swimmers and making the swim community / spaces hostile to trans people is needless and cruel	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:04:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I'd love to see the inclusion of both transgender athletes and cisgender athletes included in the conversation to ensure those who are excluded are centred in any policy changes.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:05:58	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	There has to be a way forward for all. It's not as simple as banning!	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:06:26	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	No	No	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	no	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:10:29	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Swimming, including competitive swimming, should be for everyone. Broadening categories so people who don't conform to any gender could swim under a separate category isn't a horrible idea, because people shouldn't be forced to choose a binary category to swim under if they don't identify within that binary or just don't want to. Maybe a 'free' category where anyone, cisgender women included, could participate? But trans women should still be able to swim in the women's category and trans men should be able to swim in the men's category as well. Also the fact that this kind of conversation always seems to centre only on women's sports smacks of sexism in the first place, as though women need special measures in place in order to win. I (cis woman) used to compete years ago and was faster than any of the cis men I knew back then!	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:10:41	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I don't have any skin in the game, so to speak, I don't swim competitively; but if this consultation concludes the way I expect it to, it will irreparably damage the love I have for swimming and any feeling that the governing body cares remotely about trans people.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:13:19	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I love swimming and I hate to think that my gender was a reason for stopping me taking part in and competing in a sport I love. In order to have equality it has to be equality for ALL. We cannot just pick and choose who deserves equality and who doesn't. Swimming, sport and all aspects of life should be accessible and inclusive to all FULL STOP.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:15:00	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I believe Swimming should be accessible and pleasurable for everyone, and the industry should take diverse needs into account when designing facilities and operating models.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:33:26	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I don't know where to start! Athletes are different builds, sizes, buoyancy regardless of their sex at birth. People have always competed to their physical advantages and cultural leanings in sport, ie, the sports to which they're naturally predisposed and that they've been raised doing. So, to exclude transgender men and women because they might be considered to have an unfair advantage is an utter nonsense.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:34:37	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	While an emotive subject singling out birth sex as an obstacle to "fairness" is simply transphobic. Fairness in sport can not be obtained by applying blanket bans, assessment of each individual athlete's needs to be undertaken regardless of their birth sex to determine if they have an unfair advantage due to any medical treatment they are receiving (or might have received in the past)	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:41:18	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Sports competitions are important. It is therefore important that trans people are able to take part in a way that doesn't conflict with their gender identity. What's important is taking part, not whether some cisgender women get upset about losing.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:44:04	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:45:09	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I don't see why trans ppl should be excluded like it does sort of make sense biologically if it's someone who hasn't been on hrt or anything but even that is still unfair	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:46:04	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	one of the official swim England questions said about different categories, male and female or other and female, if anything it should be male, female and open as that also includes us non binary folks that don't identify with male or female, it would allow and include everyone without discrimination.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 16:49:23	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans women are women. Trans men are men.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:01:29	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Banning transgender swimmers from competing is the opposite of fairness, it is instead a policy that seeks to further ostracise transgender from sport, both socially and competitively, and is a huge step backwards when it comes to positive social change and inclusion, not just in swimming and sport but in our society as a whole.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:08:46	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Seniors)	I have friends on both sides of the fence but my belief is that everyone who wants to compete or take part in a sport should have the ability to do so. What I would like Swim England to look further in to is the use of male puberty being the figurehead of these arguments. Does it really have any impact after transitioning to female, going through second puberty surely affects the previous advantage? Or is this a crux competitive swimmers are falling on? Either way how can this be rectified and made fair for all? This needs to be researched and actually put into numbers of what sort of advantage this talks about? As brown fat that ice swimmers have been talking about for years has been debunked....saying that the difference is miniscule when it comes down to side by side would this argument of trans women v cis women turn out to be the same? Either way male puberty or no male puberty the onslaught on gender in this sport is bonkers. Can we adapt to compete against people in our timings rather than our genders? If the Paralympics can iron out all the different categories for all the different disabilities why can't swimming take a different look at how they categorise on a whole? It's a system that needs to learn and adapt to the present day.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:10:38	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	FINA must take a more considered and transparent approach and consult with the communities affected by their policies. As it stands their official consultation is harmful and unclear.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:19:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I don't understand the need to ban transgender athletes? It's political and it's not what sport is about	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:20:18	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I am so surprised that Swim England consult so many anti trans people but hardly any trans swimmers. You just know they are not even going to try to be inclusive.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:26:38	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Perhaps more focus should be in how to encourage and include transgender social swimmers, than on how to exclude transgender athletes?	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:28:50	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The original survey is unclear. What does "fairness" mean in this context?	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:32:02	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I think surveys aren't the way to decide these matters. It should be evidence-based. All evidence seems to show trans swimmers pose no risk to safety or fairness. I think Swim England are attempting to create an exclusionary policy and falsely support it with a badly written survey	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:48:17	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Trans people already face so many barriers to participation - the focus should be addressing this, not gate keeping an already disadvantaged group.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:51:51	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Swimming should be for everyone!	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 17:54:58	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Banning transgender athletes would be cruel and demeaning. Participation for all is essential	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:01:11	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans folks deserve to not just be included but feel embraced, celebrated and always feel safe. It's imperative that swim England be the change we so desperately need the world over regarding trans inclusion/ safety.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:02:27	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Shocking that the official Swim England consultation has been designed with no input from people it will impact the most	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:02:54	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I used to swim regularly before covid. I also used to use the gym until they insisted on having Piers Morgan on the screens in the morning preaching how trans people shouldn't do sports because it was unfair on women & girls. I have not returned to either because of the escalation of transphobic rhetoric in the media and from Tory politicians, topped off by sports bans in Rugby, Swimming and Cycling. I don't feel it safe for me anymore. I now just cycle mostly solo as I don't want to join a club that is affiliated to British Cycling due to its transphobic ban & again I don't believe I would be safe joining a club from the transphobic rhetoric that is now pervasive in the UK thanks to the press & the many hate groups that sprung up under various disguises (pretend feminists, christians and supposed LGB Alliance).	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:07:49	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Transgender participation in swimming should be protected and encouraged	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:17:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Na	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:34:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	no	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:47:57	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	No	I love swimming and I am deeply saddened to see that swimming is now excluding members of its community. The knock on effect from other sports is also massively disheartening. Excluding the transgender community from swimming will only add to the hate that is circulating and gives transphobic people more ammunition. Swimming should and needs to be made accessible to all.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:48:03	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans women are women. They should be able to compete in womens sport.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:49:05	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I saw the same 'women and open' category pop up in athletics this year and I think it's outrageous. I do believe there needs to be some kind of categorisation, but this is definitely not it.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:49:09	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Swimming is already lacking in inclusion. Nobody within the sport, either recreationally or competitively, wants to exclude Transgender swimmers. Fairness means to treat everyone impartially, without favouritism or discrimination. Transphobia has no place in sport.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:49:28	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	If transgender folk aren't free, if their bodies aren't their own, then none of us are free. If any one of us is having their freedom restricted then we are all at risk. This is why the transgender community is at the heart of the body autonomy movement, and by extension, the movement advocating freedom to swim.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 18:51:07	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	It strikes me that the questions asked by Swim England were vague, narrowly framed, not accompanied by a proper briefing paper considering the options, and targeted at the answer they want to hear.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:04:30	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:07:00	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No trans women should be allowed to compete in female events	Yes, this is the first time

8/9/2022 19:08:36	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	There is no evidence that trans women have an advantage over cis women. A ban is unethical, harmful, and discriminatory. It is based on fear and quite frankly hatred. Sports are a human right and banning folks will disproportionately harm trans athletes who are already at risk for poor mental health outcomes and suicidality.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:13:49	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	excluding trans people will make swimming and sport a more hostile environment for all gender non-conforming people, including some cisgender women	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:14:05	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Inclusion of transgender people in all sports benefits ALL people. It is important to appreciate the concerns of competitive athletes of all gender identities when creating policy in this area and I think the creation of new categories, if deemed necessary once there is increased elite participation from transgender people, is a better approach than banning individuals from participating in elite sport. Transgender people should have the same opportunities to excell, compete and win sporting titles and be celebrated by society for their achievements.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:22:41	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	No sport should discriminate against anyone because of who they are and trans people need to be listened to on matters that concern them	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:25:36	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	This survey is much better than the swim England one!	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:27:39	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The lack of participation of trans athletes is the only major take away from the current situation. This should be the real issue at hand	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:32:27	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	panic over trans inclusion is just recycled panic over gay inclusion in 80s	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:32:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Sports should be open to all genders. Its important for transgender people to be able to play in the gender in which they are living. And to the binary community who oppose transgender people competing... there is nothing to fear other than your own ignorance. Why assume that if transgender people compete other competitors might be worse off? Maybe it's an opportunity to learn to perform better, rather than blame a vulnerable group of people for your own inadequacies.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:44:07	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Masters)	No	The framing of the official consultation is violent and degrading	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:48:46	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	As a sport, swimming should be accessible to all, including trans and non-binary folks. This is a huge and potentially harmful decision, which will affect trans swimmers at all levels. It requires more time, thought and consultation with trans folks (including your trans ambassador, Eden). Your equality and diversity policy states, 'The organisation is committed to treating everyone equally regardless of [...] gender (including gender reassignment).' Please honour this or remove it. We ask you to help trans people feel safe from harm and discrimination in swimming.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:51:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Seniors)	Competitively (Seniors)	its hard to really express my thoughts right now but it is utterly heartbreaking to see my right to compete in the sport i love be torn away from me. it is unfair, it seems obvious but it has to be said, something completely out of my control is the reason i can't achieve my life long dreams. my gender is personal, and frankly i don't give a fuck if some cis athletes are upset that i swim with them. we are the minority, furthermore, the second they start trying to manage sports participation based on testosterone levels, this shit gets weaponised. we're already seeing it, cis black women getting barred from competing because they have slightly too much natural testosterone. this shit opens doors you can't close. its heartbreaking.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 19:59:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I'm sorry you're having to do this. Thank you for your work	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:03:16	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Please just let people swim, we're people, we all long for the water. We need policies to support smaller groups who need our help and not the majority who can already do as they want.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:04:21	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Masters)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Whilst this survey is commendable, and a blanket ban is not the answer, this survey has its own flaws, and the participation of trans athletes in sports is far more complicated than a simple 'allow them to compete' or not. Cis-Men are fundamentally more competitive than cis-women at the vast majority of sporting events (there are some exceptions), and a true 'open' event would highlight that. The question in respect of fairness for all is important and really highlights the root of the issue. It has to be fair for cis-men, cis-women and trans athletes, at whatever stage they may be through their transition. As two ends of the spectrum, if Adam Peaty declared that he were trans tomorrow then allowing him to compete in 'women's' events from tomorrow would clearly be unfair to the women involved. On the other end of the spectrum a trans athlete who transitioned in their early teens and is now at a senior competition age is unlikely to have a significant advantage over cis-women and forcing them to compete with cis-men would be unfair to those individuals. To create a truly fair approach requires a significant amount of research and studies, which, as far as I'm aware of doesn't currently exist. A blanket ban on competition for trans athletes is not appropriate, but further consideration and allowances are also clearly required as this is not a black and white issue, and a clear, scientifically backed answer needs to be reached. This in itself will be exceptionally difficult because cis-men and cis-women have differing levels of hormones in and of themselves and a cut-off is always going to be harsh. It is however important that a fair level is found for all individuals competing, and whilst it is unfortunate to recognise not all individuals intentions are honest and good.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:17:57	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	All trans people should be included in sport. This is an unjust ruling based on misunderstanding and transphobic bias.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:18:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I'm so troubled by the way so many major sporting organisations talk about the need to preserve fairness as a justification for excluding trans people from sport. For me, sport cannot possibly be considered fair unless everyone has the opportunity to compete - excluding trans people only makes sport less fair!	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:22:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming should be an inclusive activity, underpinned by fairness and safety for all. It is vitally important that Swim England are supportive and inclusive of transgender swimmers and work with members of the trans swimming community to ensure inclusion, safety, and fairness within competitive swimming.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:25:43	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:27:33	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	N/A	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:38:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:39:56	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Transgender inclusion policy should safe guard the safety and respect towards transgender and non binary swimmers and offer them competition opportunity at every level. Transgender policy should be determined by asking transgender community	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:52:54	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	There has been a horrible shift in sports recently to push "fairness" at the cost of inclusiveness. If swim England goes down the road that FINA has taken we run the risk of marginalising those people that we should be trying hard not just to include, but to feel safe.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:53:22	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I would really like Swim England to be transparent about whether they have consulted the transgender community. The results of the official consultation cannot be treated as valid if representatives of the affected community have not been respectfully involved. I would really like to know how 'fairness' is being defined/justified, because many of the changes being enforced by sporting bodies recently seem to be disproportionately unfair for the transgender community, including FINA effectively banning transgender women from international competition.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 20:56:03	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:04:07	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Nope	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:06:43	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:10:40	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Competitively (Juniors)	I'm a swim coach at a grassroots club and see first hand how much the sport helps children build their confidence and resilience. No one should be excluded from such an important sport when the health benefits (both physical and mental) are undeniable. Swimming should be a safe space for everyone and the lack of understanding and empathy from the governing bodies is a huge shadow over the sport	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:10:45	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Competitively (Masters)	Trans women should be allowed to compete following a reasonable period (2yrs) of testosterone suppression.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:25:39	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Currently, transgender participation policies are grounded in biases against trans people. I urge Swim England to buck the trend and apply all the rules they impose on trans people, across the board, or remove them. Any other requirement is discriminatory in nature. They also need to ensure BIPOC participation is not adversely affected and that non binary people are given adequate opportunity to compete also.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:25:56	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Any transgender policy should protect trans athletes	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:26:02	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Sport should be inclusive to fairly achieve the many benefits of sports activity amongst the widest group of participants.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:29:37	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming should be open, accessible and welcome to all, and Swim England's policies should be explicitly and unapologetically inclusive of trans swimmers.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:30:02	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Fairness, safety and bodily privacy are all pivotal in this decision. I believe competition is best served by the Female / Open categorisation. Female for biological females only, Open for any athlete who wishes to join. No athlete can have a free pass on using testosterone. Bodily privacy is best served by having sex segregated facilities in addition to sufficient gender neutral single occupancy facilities for anyone who prefers to use them.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:31:47	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Their questions are obviously biased.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:35:39	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Thank you for your work! Excited to see true change in the swimming world xx	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:35:39	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Trans people should be included	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:39:16	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:40:30	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:44:16	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I agree fairness is the most important basis of any policy on the inclusion of minority groups in competitive sport. I am concerned that responses of "Yes" to the Swim England question will be deliberately construed as opposition to trans people, including children, being able to compete alongside their cis peers. This would be wrong. What is "unfair" is that trans people - a tiny population and an even tinier population in competitive sport - have to struggle to exist every day, not due to anything intrinsic to being trans, but because cis people repeatedly and increasingly are trying to bar them from participating in public life.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 21:54:14	I understand	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	No 100% fair solution for everyone. Unfortunately life isn't like that. Best we can do is go with what is fair for the majority.	Yes, this is the first time

8/9/2022 21:55:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Seniors)	Competitively (Seniors)	The key part of a transgender policy should be making sure trans people are included and encouraged to participate in the sport, and that their safety (psychological and physical) is paramount.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:01:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	No	I participated in a survey that British Triathlon issued ahead of drafting their own transgender policy. I received that survey as I am a member of British Triathlon but don't know if they approached the consultation process in a different way to that of Swim England. I just thought it was worth raising in case it's useful as an alternative example.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:08:24	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	It is crucial trans people have safe spaces to swim. I didn't swim for years due to fears around this and still often avoid swimming pools even though I love swimming	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:13:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I am a cis lesbian swimmer. I have never once felt threatened by the presence of transgender swimmers. I have however felt threatened by straight, cis men. Any changes to Swim England policies must only be to make swimming more inclusive and to ensure transgender swimmers are welcomed and feel safe swimming.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:18:52	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Horrendous that terfs are attacking a whole range of sports when it number of trans participants is so minimal compared to other actual risks. All sports should be welcome to everyone regardless of gender	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:22:07	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Thank you for doing this I can't believe how lacking the 'official' survey is.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:25:07	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Go Eden	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:28:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	no	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:30:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Seniors)	Competitively (Seniors)	Podiums all over the world are exclusively filled with cis gendered females, therefore all current restrictions are either too stringent or good enough. Banning people from participating without a REAL reason is just bigotry.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:36:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:46:39	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Transgender people should be encouraged and supported to take part in sport. Everyone deserves to participate in sport that they enjoy in an inclusive and safe environment.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:50:29	I understand	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Of course transgender athletes shouldn't be banned and of course participation should be encouraged. Until scientific evidence proves there is no advantage from male puberty then transgender athletes should compete in an open category. No female athlete of any age should be part of an experiment, lose medals, races, sponsorship. Female sport must be protected. Transgender athletes & scientists themselves have said this evidence could take 20 years.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 22:55:30	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans athletes do not pose a 'threat' to cis athletes and therefore should be allowed to compete without barriers.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 23:04:00	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Fairness and inclusion go hand in hand. To exclude is to be fundamentally unfair.	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 23:08:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	How am I to feel welcome swimming as an amateur, if there is such hostility to my participation in the governing body of the sport?	Yes, this is the first time
8/9/2022 23:58:30	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I think it's absolutely essential that transgender athletes have safe, fair, inclusive and positive access to swimming and all sport. The danger of excluding trans athletes at the upper levels - something that I do not agree with in the first place - is that we end up with trans children being banned from swimming and other sports, which they may look to for solace or just for the love of it, like any child. Further, the courage trans athletes must possess to be part of sport in the current cultural environment is huge and to make it harder for them is cruel and a travesty. Trans rights are human rights and trans rights within sport are integral to sport being fair and inclusive to everyone, regardless of gender.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 0:33:26	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Really disappointed by Swim Englands approach. More data and scientific studies need to be done to improve transgender access to sport and safety. We need to stop discussing bans and instead do the research so we can make it fair for everyone.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 0:36:32	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Juniors)	Competitively (Juniors)	N/A	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 1:26:07	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	the official consultation is an absolute joke in terms of the way in which it fails to define fairness and has no mechanism to verify membership of Swim England or even to prevent multiple responses from the same account	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 1:35:43	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Transgender women are women (and transgender men are men) and should therefore be able to compete in swimming competitions as themselves, in their gender category. I understand that there is a perception that trans women will have an advantage, swim England should commission unbiased research to clarify if there is/is not any advantage/disadvantage for transgender competitors. Fundamentally, competition should be open to and fair to all competitors and no one should be excluded.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 1:49:25	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Sport participation in the UK as a trans person just seems so hopeless, and as an underrepresented community in sport, we need encouragement the most.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 2:06:19	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Seniors)	Inclusion should be the central focus. An Open category when trans women have to compete against cis men is completely unfair and discriminatory.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 6:04:20	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I used to feel uncomfortable swimming at public pools, other than at the lido where I was part of a club from an early age, but my confidence was increased by joining a trans and non-binary swimming session at a community-run pool in 2019. During 2020, I started doing a lot more lane-swimming at both of those pools, and have now also joined a synchronised swimming group, who are very accepting of me as a non-binary swimmer.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 6:24:16	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The culture war on trans people, transgender women especially, will lead to oppression of cis women by cis men. In sport, that will look like invasive examinations, and medical history scrutiny. Trans women are being used by the patriarchy as an excuse to continue attacking all women. They are not a threat.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 6:45:39	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 7:08:29	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	One day history will look back at how UK sporting bodies made it harder for Trans people to take part in so many sports (and in some cases effectively banned Trans people) because of a spurious and fabricated moral panic based on lies and false information.	
											Younger generations will ask how sensible adults could have possibly justified this and we will point to the spurious and fabricated moral panic based on lies and false information aimed at Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people in sport of the 70s-90s.	
											The connection with how the Nazi government treated the Jews and how this government treats Trans people is uncomfortably stark so ... just let Trans people swim for goodness sake.	
8/10/2022 7:10:25	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	None	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 7:12:26	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	It's so important that Swim England recognise their role in making swimming open and welcoming to ALL, and any transgender policy should reflect that.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 7:13:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 7:13:45	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	N/A	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 7:16:01	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I think it is really important to distinguish competing which should be sex based (that which is observed at birth and immutable), and keeping the hobby of swimming open to all. These are not exclusive even tho it can seem that way.	
											Opening female sport to those who are biologically male would exclude women who are female at birth from results and isolate them from joining the sport at a hobby level as women only spaces are important for religious reasons for some.	
											It is a difficult thing to have to say, but the categories need to be female (protected characteristic) and then open (everyone else, even including females that want to compete in it) for competition. However this must be balanced with swimming staying inclusive to all as a hobby and exercise. It is only in the results of races that things should be seeded.	
											Swimming should be open to all but sport must be set at birth based for females and open. It must be horrible to feel excluded, but the implications for females in a sport setting would have impacts on all women.	
											I would not feel comfortable competing if trans women can compete in a female category, as it wouldn't be fair and would exclude natal females from the sport more than trans people.	
											Eden, in open categories it is great seeing you compete and challenge yourself but I haven't yet found the evidence that changes my stance on female categories being female only, which is that at time of birth. I don't believe that the changes isolated trans people. It protects females. And that must be upheld in my opinion	
											I know this probably isn't the response you want to read, and I am not against trans people in sport, just keeping the categories fair to female and men, using characteristics of birth as the binary results marker where necessary. Races are open to all. The results list should be mixed. The heats should be mixed in swimming. Just the results are categorised.	
											(My definition of female is those female at birth as I don't believe sex can be changed)	
8/10/2022 7:36:28	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I didn't understand the fairness question sorry. I think trans and non binary people should be asked how they want to be included.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 8:12:41	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Ni	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 8:13:58	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	The "official" policy questionnaire is a joke and an insult to responders intelligence in that it is deliberately ambiguous, misleading, and evasive	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 8:22:46	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	At the very minimum transgender people should always be included in these discussions - we can't decide what's "fair" when only talking about fairness to one group of people	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 8:27:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	If innate advantage scientifically shown then fairness for ALL competitors would mandate a separate category for trans women. This is not a referendum on the validity of trans womens identity but a means of preserving fairness for competitors, which is the only thing a SPORTING body should care about. Turning sport into a referendum on trans womens gender validity is a really bad move, because sport is one arena in which everybody knows there's a meaningful difference between trans and cis women.	Yes, this is the first time

8/10/2022 8:31:06	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Adopt the latest IOC rules "Sporting bodies should not assume that transgender women have an inherent advantage over cisgender women, nor should transgender women have to reduce their testosterone levels to compete."	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:31:48	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	As a non-transgender person I find it sad and worrying that trans people are being excluded from sports. They are people just like us and just want to have fun/push themselves physically. To exclude trans people or have them compete in different events is othering and not what the majority of people want. The scientific evidence suggests that after 6 months on HRT that trans bodies function the same as their cis counterparts. It therefore is illogical to exclude them based solely on identity and not the medical facts.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:34:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Someone who is transgender faces organised discrimination from lots of different groups in the UK, what a pity it would be if Swim England were to follow suit. The concept that Transgender women cannot go through puberty if they wish to compete in a water based event is inhumane and unrealistic. Inhumane, because the suggestion they should be forced to make this kind of decision for the sake of being able to compete is absurd and therefore effectively is a ban on participation by proxy. Unrealistic, because the NHS waiting times for the kind of treatment for young transgender girls is measured in years because of this many transgender boys and girls are forced to go through a puberty they know will affect them for the rest of their lives, therefore this also is an effective ban. Given these points, any sporting organisation and in this case Swim England would not be acting fairly.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:40:58	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:41:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Regarding the official Swim England consultation: a consultation done badly might as well not been done at all	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:44:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming should be accessible for all.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:45:25	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	All I can say is that it seems absolutely ridiculous that this is even up for debate. I see no reason why transgender people should be treated any differently in any way, especially if that means that they are being excluded from participation of anything they wish to join. There are so many mental and physical benefits to swimming, that I have learnt from reading Eden's posts. Everyone should have fair and equal rights to participate regardless of their gender, race, sexuality or anything else.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:50:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Thank you for creating a more representative survey	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:52:44	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:53:07	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Juniors)	No	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 8:59:02	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Yes, thank you for your courage and care to face and stand up for the rights of transgender swimmers	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 9:29:47	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	N/a	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 9:30:44	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Yes	No	Thank you for putting this together. I'm appalled at the way a non-issue in elite sports, and some very dodgy "science" is being used to make participation in swimming at all levels harder, less safe, or completely impossible for trans, non-binary and intersex swimmers.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 9:37:36	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	It's disappointing that Swim England (whilst representing their counterparts in Wales & Scotland) seem to have "chosen" an anti trans route as a starting point for this consultation by i) permitting the consultation be over run by anti trans movement and ii) NOT having consulted with a transgender woman even though she IS A SPORT ENGLAND AMBASSADOR . The survey/questionnaire lacks a robust and evidence based approach and seems to "seek opinion". If Swim England are to approach this important topic based on "opinion" they might just have well run a poll on twitter. There is no scientific evidence that proves trans women competing against CIS women is "unfair" and SE should be reminded (CAS rulings) that the onus of proof lies with the NGB: Note: studies comparing CIS men versus CIS women do NOT provide evidence of " fairness " or otherwise between trans women and CIS women and there are NO studies that provide data comparisons between trans men and CIS men or trans women v CIS women. Based on this current status and despite the loud noise of anti trans activists backed by the media and opinions of certain government ministers pushing "trans women are biological males" when it comes to Sport, Swim England should look to avoid "the noise and pressure " of the anti trans movement and do what is right for the future generations of swimming who are far more open about their gender identity (as well as sexuality) than EVERY previous generation (Justlikeus annual survey). FINA'S World policy is in the process of legal challenge. Inclusion, in 2022, is the right decision. A message that promotes Exclusion will cause damage to the Sport of swimming for generations (see Tom Daley's documentary transmitted 9thAugust)	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 9:48:43	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Swimming should be open to transgender athletes. The number of trans athletes is so small in comparison to the number of swimmers, and these athletes are not choosing to be trans just to win a medal. Life is hard enough for these people, let them enjoy and compete in the sport that they love	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 9:53:23	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming should be for everyone, it has proven health benefits and we should not be penalised an already oppressed minority for wanting to take part and compete.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:00:25	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Sport is for everyone	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:05:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)		Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:07:18	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Seniors)	Version of a comment I (someone who is still learning and unlearning) submitted to SE: Humans are incredibly diverse. The location we are born, the schools we attend, our parents income and their engagement in our early life all give some people an advantage over others. Genetic variation influencing height, foot size, arm length, hormone levels all impact our ability to compete effectively in certain sports. And there is substantial variation within sexes, not just between them. At what point do any of those variations become 'unfair'? It simply isn't reasonable to think we will be able to mitigate all human variation, and we need to be very very careful about the variation that we try to mitigate against, and why we are doing this. To what extent are social norms and internalised bias influencing our decisions about what is a fair vs unfair advantage? To what extent are they influencing science? Because yes - even rigorous science is subject to bias. Randomly controlled phase 3 clinical trials are the closest thing to 'unbiased' science we have, and even they aren't perfect. And we don't have phase 3 research on trans athletes involvement in competitive sport - because there are already unnecessary social and policy barriers to trans athletes competing in aquatic sports. So we do not have adequate data to assess what is 'fair'. And even if we did have this data - why are we considering data on trans athletes but not data about other forms of variation? Why aren't we also looking at other potentially unfair biological advantages? Should we have separate categories for height etc? I am aware my point is somewhat hyperbolic. But please, consider the route cause of your decision making. Consider whether we actually have enough good scientific evidence to warrant excluding or restricting the involvement of trans athletes in swimming and other aquatic sports. And consider the implications of making regulations that do exclude these athletes - the ramifications for athletes physical and mental wellbeing, making the aquatic sports community less diverse, depriving other competitors of friends, and sending a message that inclusion matters less than a gold medal.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:15:45	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Seniors)	Competitively (Juniors)	Swimming is a really important part of my life and my wellbeing, and the idea of having to choose between my gender identity and competing in the sport I love makes me extremely sad and angry. Swim England should be encouraging trans participation as much as possible, and not excluding an entire group who are already marginalised, just to appease a small proportion of people with extreme views.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:18:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Central to any policy on Transgender participation should be the protection of all swimmers. I find it deeply misogynistic and transphobic that bans on transgender participation in sport are focused on Trans Women. These kind of bans harm transgender people at all levels of competition while not making any difference to "fairness " for Cis Women.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:26:51	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans people are often included in society, so any policy should active include them.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:38:26	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Transgender athletes do not have any unfair advantage and should be allowed to compete at all levels. Athletes such as Michael Phelps have physical advantages which make them better swimmers and they haven't been banned from swimming. Increased policing of transgender swimmers is bad for everyone, see - cis women who naturally have 'too much' testosterone. Are we going to ban cis women too? Only let straight white men compete? Diversity benefits us all.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:44:22	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:45:39	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	I think that swimming is a place where everybody should be welcome, but there will be a difficulty in navigating this topic. As a female former elite swimmer, I would be concerned about any biological advantages and disadvantages in top level competition but as a human being, I want everybody to feel safe in a space and welcome. I think policy should be created for the trans community with the trans community being involved, rather than an unfair blanket ban. There needs to be a balance between everybody's rights with inclusion and fairness being at the core. The top level competition is such a tiny percentage and ultimately a safe space needs to be created for everyone to feel welcome.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 10:54:33	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 11:07:44	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Competitively (Juniors)	I appreciate that the policy on transgender participation is not necessarily straight forward and it is a very emotional topic. However that said we should be starting from a position of fairness for all, and not be trying to marginalise one of the most marginalised groups in society. Banning or discouraging participation in swimming by trans people will make swimming worse for all. The current policy implies that people might be trans to further their ambitions in sport which is simply not the case.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 11:11:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	It's a disgrace that people are being banned from swimming based on their protected characteristics. All people should be free to participate in sports competitively and socially, period. Rather than isolating a group of people (who are already more vulnerable to social isolation and abuse), create spaces in the world where they are accepted, welcomed and celebrated. It is a bitter shame that we are debating people's freedoms in 2022 and promoting a culture of segregation.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 11:12:07	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	No real helpful thoughts just incredulous that NGBs aren't engaging with members of the community they are making policies about. They shouldn't be giving the rather weak "more research is needed" response as meanwhile, people's lives are being affected and they need to work with the communities to resolve it.	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 11:28:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	-	Yes, this is the first time	
8/10/2022 11:28:59	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	I am unsure	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Pro inclusion but I don't know how to balance the needs of fairness in female category competitive swimming	Yes, this is the first time	

8/10/2022 11:30:43	I understand	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, it is the same	Competitively (Juniors)	Competitively (Juniors)	Males who have been through male puberty have an advantage which cannot be eliminated. It is grossly unfair on girls who train hard and make huge sacrifices to swim against biological males. Look at the times at the recent Nationals - the fastest women are beaten by 14/15 year olds in most events. The requirement for validation by competing in the female category by trans woman sets back the cause. I am indifferent to how people identify and live but expecting girls to give up spots to support trans women is grossly unfair.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:31:12	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	It is not scientifically proven that allowing trans swimmers/athletes has a negative impact on cis swimmers/athletes. On the contrary it means a positive and more inclusive club for all.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:33:47	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:39:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:39:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Competitively (Juniors)	Fairness includes fairness to transgender people.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:47:02	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Trans people need to be included in sports, the idea of trans people having an unfair advantage is rooted in transphobia and myth and only seems to rear its ugly head when trans people achieve things.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:51:28	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:53:59	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Transgender athletes and swimmers deserve to be able to participate in sports at any and all levels. The transphobia we have seen recently in sporting regulations is abhorrent.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:54:26	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I think that inclusivity should be a priority over 'fairness'. I understand that it may be considered unfair for eg a transwoman to compete against cis women if they have a natural advantage given their biology. But I would happily compete against trans women, and lose to them, rather than see them excluded. Not only should they be included, they should be proactively welcomed - even just seeing consultations like the Swim England one where inclusion is up for debate must feel really hostile for trans swimmers.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:55:47	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I think it's very telling that Swim England have not publicised their survey and I really would like to believe that inclusion is a priority for them, when it is clearly not. I would love for everyone, everywhere, to be able to swim safely and confidently.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:56:01	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	None	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:59:22	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Fairness is important, but so is appropriate accommodation of trans people. Trans women who medically transition are safely absorbed into the bellcurve for all women (studies that "prove" we retain an advantage are speculative and highly questionable). Forcing trans women to compete with men (whether in a "male" or "open" category) is not only unfair, but also outs them (there is data to show this increases hostility towards trans people) and puts them in a potentially unsafe environment, forcing us out of the sport. Accommodation for women with high testosterone and trans women who are early in medical transition, or not undergoing one, should also be considered without forcing them into a de facto "male" category, whether that is through different sports formats, or low-level competition.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 11:59:49	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	In today's world where transphobia is rife, I think officials, organisers, committees and anyone in a position of power in swimming should seriously reflect and consider what is driving their views and subsequent policies towards transgender athletes in aquatic (and all) sports. I strongly agree that inclusion, accessibility, fairness and safety for all (explicitly including transgender people) should be of paramount importance for the integrity of the sport.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:00:13	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:12:05	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I am answering this on behalf of my transgender daughter. Knowing the benefits that sports has had in my life, for friendships, physical and mental health, and community, I believe sports should be available to all, and trans women and girls should compete in the women's category	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:15:04	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	-	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:17:06	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	N/a	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:17:14	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Transgender athletes should be allowed to train alongside everyone else and should be allowed access to compete. However, I am unsure on which category they should compete under as sex carries a significant difference in ability/racing times in swimming between male and female and sport must remain a fair playing field. So either a trans category is needed or all trans people compete under male as otherwise cis-women are unfairly disadvantaged in their own category.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:20:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	There should be no blanket trans ban, the policy should be inclusive for all.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:31:11	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	trans rights are human rights	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:40:22	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Competitively (Juniors)	everyone should have access to swimming and fair competition but I think there should be acceptance that physiology of differently sexed bodies makes competition unfair	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:47:33	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	Na	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 12:48:48	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	These questions are leading to place our trans community at a disadvantage. The trans community are already at a disadvantage and face prejudice and discrimination, to achieve equality with their cis peers there needs to be carefully thought through policies that will allow trans people to participate in sport to which ever level the want or are able to. Trans women are women.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:02:13	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I think the challenge is securing fairness and safety of biological females while also allowing inclusion for trans women. I honestly do not know if there is an answer that will fill both these criteria. I believe trans athletes should be allowed to compete in some capacity however if the literature to date shows trans males retain a physiological advantage over biological females despite hormone treatment, I don't think this is fair to biological women who train endlessly for competition and believe in the concept of a level playing field.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:03:37	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	N/A	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:05:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I'd urge Swim England to accept the obvious limitations of anyofficial consultation exercise about a minority group and work with Eden to make use of the info she is gathering here.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:09:01	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Swimming should encourage inclusivity for all bodies, shapes, background and economic social levels	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:10:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming and all sports should be for everyone	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:17:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	By excluding trans people from sport we are effectively telling the general public that they are "different" and promoting their exclusion from wider society. This is similar to the way in which other LGBT+ groups have been treated throughout history, and within these groups we have seen an increase in hate crimes, mental health issues and suicide attempts. Trans people are already at higher risk, and this will worsen if we continue with this dangerous and divisive rhetoric.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:22:38	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I find it upsetting that people are being excluded. There is no other reason than transphobia and hate. I wish they stoped this hate on others for no reason	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:26:39	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I don't think transgender people should be excluded from swimming, I think it should be available to all, at all levels. But I am of the opinion/understanding of the science behind biology, therefor I don't think cis people and transgender people should compete in the same category. I think cis and transgender people should compete in their own categories.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:30:11	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I swam for a club for most of my teenage years. I always loved that the focus was on what I could do with my body rather than what it looked like. I believe that everyone should have that experience in the sport they love, regardless of their gender identity.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:33:07	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Masters)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Exclusion is, by definition, not fair. Until there is peer reviewed, repeatable scientific evidence that trans women have an advantage then transgender people should not be prevented from competing against women. Not only is the precautionary principle not reason enough it is not accepted by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, CAS, as a good enough reason for an NGB to be discriminatory.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:38:03	I understand	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Transgender swimmers should not be allowed in women's or men's swimming because regardless of how they identify, their physical attributes and DNA remain what they are from birth and can give them an unfair advantage. Instead, why don't they have their own categories like handicapped people have their own categories and let them compete fairly amongst themselves. Why force people to have to coexist uncomfortably around athletes in their own categories that have other sex bits. One question, would you let your under aged daughter have to share a locker room with a transgender boy that has a penis and goes around showing it off in front of your daughter while changing under the guise that he takes hormone blockers and feels like a girl. And what if he likes girls and gets excited in front of her. Is that normal? Just because he feels like a girl. Would you allow this uncomfortable situation to occur?	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:41:12	I understand	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes, it is different	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	This is a non issue. Transgender athletes, especially female transgender athletes should not be allowed to compete in the category that they identify as, robing changes from athletes that are truly female or truly male in whichever case applies.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:42:58	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 13:48:11	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Swim England have emailed me about all of their other consultations but not this one. Their policies are not in the interests of fairness in sport, but are based purely on the transphobia. Trans women do not dominate the sports that they take part in, there's no evidence to support this.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:07:12	I understand	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	A Governing Body should seek to involve both experts and those with lived experiences when consulting on any matter. To not include actual Trans people in the consultation is harmful, dangerous and a tremendous oversight that needs to be addressed and challenged immediately, & they need to listen otherwise they will be on the wrong side of history	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:08:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Competitively (Seniors)	Sport is for all	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:13:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Consultation should be focused on the views of those most impacted - transgender people - and what they need to be supported in the sport. It is also important that further rules and checks based on an idea of binary categorisation of sex are not brought in as this can also have detrimental impacts on cis-women who may be subjected to additional barriers due to higher testosterone etc or just due to the rules giving the opportunity for people to abuse their powers and perform additional checks.	Yes, this is the first time

8/10/2022 14:24:45	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No			Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:36:06	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	The world is changing and all parts of society will have to make adjustments but banning entire groups from activities or sports because people fear a disadvantage is not the right way to go about things. Did society learn nothing from different races participating in sport and the 'unfairness' spouted by frightened people losing their dominance then?		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:44:29	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The official consultation was poorly written, ignored transgender men completely and was clearly designed with the aim of excluding trans women from competing.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:57:33	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The trans community make up such a small percentage of England. Such a huge focus on restrictions and bans is nothing other than self-initiated discrimination because there is no threat.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:57:55	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	I'm a cis lesbian English channel swimmer and I support transgender people and all genders to participate in swimming at all levels		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 14:58:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Seniors)	Competitively (Seniors)	I think swimming should be encouraged for everyone but for competitive swimming I think there are unfair advantages for transgender athletes swimming in a female race. You may identify as female/ non binary etc but have the muscle strength of a person born male		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:11:19	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Na		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:11:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:13:42	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	If trans women have to medically transition (hormonally) to compete in elite sport & in turn their testosterone levels drop to the same level as their cisgender counterparts, they are not 'biologically advantaged' & therefore there should be no issue... Trans women belong in sport.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:17:06	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Trans inclusion in sport benefits everyone and harms no one		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:20:54	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Should transgender people be allowed to compete in swimming should not even be a question asked. Transgender people exist as part of society and therefore should exist in competitive swimming. The much more interesting question is how and if that doesn't work with your current way of running things, the way of running things is wrong not transgender people.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:22:25	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:27:33	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I find it really hard to understand why there is such a toxic heated argument at the moment about whether to include trans people in swimming or sport. Of course trans people should be included, encouraged and empowered, of course they should be able to compete. Of course they should be supported and valued and their bodily autonomy supported and cared about. The argument that trans inclusion negates women's rights is so poor and not true, it's trying to put women and trans and gender non conforming people against each other. I agree that there should be classifications but not like this! It's not fair and it's not ok. all it does is silence a group of already vulnerable and marginalised people and harm them.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:29:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Make access to swimming sports and beyond accessible to all, especially the transgender community		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:29:13	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	It is the role of a governing body to provide equal access to their sport for everyone in society. It is surely on this basis that they are funded in the first place. Swimming is a particularly important sport to encourage inclusion in because it is a life-saving skill - to prevent or discourage access to swimming at any level seems against core principles of equality and access.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:32:18	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:35:57	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The lack of education pored with media misinformation is terrifying for us as trans individuals. A quick scour of journals would tell anyone that physiologically and psychologically there are no advantages or disadvantages to trans people competing in their categories.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:42:41	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Let alone the majority of trans people can't access this anyway because they're too busy trying to meet basic needs such as safety and security, which in this political and social climate is near impossible		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:45:13	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	the difference a club sport (such as swimming) can have to someone's wellbeing and sense of purpose, let alone their fitness and health is enormous and the premise of removing this real ability to participate from a whole group of people just because of a hypothetical and statistically unfounded risk they supposedly pose, is unethical.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 15:49:27	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No			Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 16:00:03	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming should be accessible to everyone		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 16:09:42	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I want to see trans athletes included in all sports and an end to discrimination against trans people.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 16:33:10	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming is for all and it is ridiculous that there is even any debate about this. Inclusion is the most important thing we can do to move forward.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 16:34:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming is a skill that every person should be encouraged and included, to learn this skill. It is good for survival, exercise and mental health. By excluding the transgender community there will be direct damaging outcomes and therefore the only way to stop this is to include the transgender community. Everyone deserves to be included.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 16:45:46	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Everyone should be safe to take part in any competitive sport they want to and being transgender has absolutely no bearing on this.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:00:06	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	A blanket ban absolutely cannot be the answer here. How is excluding anyone on that basis right or fair? It implies that there isn't a space in which cis and trans women, and cis and trans men can compete fairly against each other, which strikes me as beyond sexist. I hope swim England can push back against pressure from trans exclusionary voices (it appears that this consultation is being run on their behalf) whose reasons I believe are rooted in fear, not fairness.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:02:47	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I hope the views of everyone can be taken into consideration		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:05:31	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Seniors)			Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:10:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	The current rhetoric around trans inclusion is scientifically inaccurate, and the social and political ramifications are appalling. Society is meant to protect and support people, it's important we remember that.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:11:58	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans people should be able to compete as the gender they are not forced out of the sport.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:14:56	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:18:10	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:20:09	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Blanket exclusion of a group of people from an activity is discrimination, any policy should be produced from a standpoint of including all, and to be clear renaming a male category as open and forcing trans women to compete in that category is brutal, exclusionary and discriminatory, no matter how you label it. It does not promote inclusion and participation.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:22:06	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	natural advantages have always been a part of sports, e.g. Micheal Phelps		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:24:28	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No one should be excluded from any sport or activity they enjoy or have a talent for. I don't know enough to be able to say if the current system (before banning trans athletes) is suitable or not, but banning a part of the population and swimming community is not the way to solve this.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:36:40	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	It's critical.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:37:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:45:24	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Competitively (Juniors)	Swimming should be available to all with funding to increase the presence of those in minority groups, including those who are trans. Categories should be defined based on robust scientific fact and evidence, ensuring fairness. Most importantly discussions should be inclusive, honest and considerate.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:56:21	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	It's 2022. It's high time we respected that gender is not a simple, binary, predetermined thing. We are all people. We all should be able to access sport, be it for physical exercise, mental health, or competitive purposes.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 17:58:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	It is interesting how everyone jumps to the defence of cis women when they are seen to be at a disadvantage, but very rarely will people bring up trans masc people/trans men who are at a disadvantage, according to their logic, because they don't want to defend trans people's rights or reputation, but want to erase trans people from sports all together. Also worth noting how creating a separate category for trans binary athletes and non binary athletes still others trans binary people, and creates a narrative that they can never be included in wider society.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:01:22	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Even just changing the rules at lower level sport would allow trans people to be slightly more included, as surely whatever advantage trans women have won't be as prevalent or important at a lower level. Not to mention the bogus science that the supposed 'advantages' are based on, when natural biological variances within cis women are dismissed.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:01:26	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans athletes belong in the group with which they identify. All bodies, abilities, and backgrounds are different, and all should be welcome to compete		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:13:02	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Thus discussion has been driven by hate by a transphobic media and those with anti trans views, but not on the evidence from trans swimmers and the impact they may or may not have had. It has become discriminatory in tone instead of attempting to be about inclusively which should the priority		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:25:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	There is no reason to ban transgender swimmers.		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:35:14	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No		Yes, this is the first time

8/10/2022 18:35:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	'Fairness' is so often used as a way to prevent trans people from participating, all the TERF rhetoric about it being 'unfair' to cis women is toxic and violent and dangerous. Sports are so important for physical, mental and social wellbeing, they should be accessible to all and should not be used to further marginalise those who need its benefits the most	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:35:48	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I absolutely believe all levels of swimming should be accessible to all. There should be a plan in place to include transgender people	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:39:54	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Sport access for everyone! I'm not trans, but I hope to be an ally. It feels incredibly important that folks who have suffered in their bodies can find joy through physical activities, anyone who does sport knows the benefits it has for connecting with ourselves on a physical level. Rebuilding our sense of self, and value, and this should not be limited to certain kinds of people. It should be fair, and accessible no matter who you are.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:42:03	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Including transgender people in sports and values that match their gender identity is life affirming, fair and factually correct.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:48:27	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:48:28	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	I think any decision to ban all transgender athletes from competing in their appropriate gender category would be grossly unfair to those athletes and a violation of their human rights.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 18:53:04	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	If the circumstances of swimmers in general haven't changed, then why would there be a need to do a consultation on a policy that was already established in 2017? This usually points to changes behind the scenes (such as political pressure) to make changes in order to appease those in power.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:04:13	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Swim England needs to ensure that any rule changes still allows fair access to all swimmers. Trans people are already excluded from parts of society and swimming should NOT be one of them.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:18:05	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I have been a teacher and coach for many years and even had children who were trans that I've taught. There is no reason for exclusion, they are still there and able to learn next to all the other kids. The idea of having a ban to those who are not cis just fails to make sense in any way to me.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:20:47	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	If you wish to change policy then a gold standard evidence-based systematic review is required by scientists that are not gender critical liking all the hate that is shown against trans people on their personal Twitter accounts (calling out Jon Pike, Emma Hilton and Ross Tucker here)	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:24:54	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Trans swimmers are swimmers. Policies that segregate and exclude them are demeaning and cruel. The world of competitive and amateur swimming adopted inclusive policies toward trans swimmers for nearly 20 years, unobjectionably and with little notice. It was only when a concerted effort of disinformation and transphobic attacks was launched in the past few years that the idea of trans people being inappropriate in swimming competitions became an issue. Trans people should be allowed - indeed, encouraged - to swim and compete alongside cis people, without discrimination.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:26:27	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans, non binary and gender non conforming people MUST be allowed to compete in all sports	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:31:13	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Blanket bans on transgender people are wrong, potentially illegal and should not be advocated by major sporting bodies. Trans people deserve the right to swim in the right category for their gender.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:37:17	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I absolutely want inclusion of trans people in swimming, but just that they compete in their sex category. Why should females make way for trans women, why can't males make their category a more accepting space?	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:44:04	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Let transgender people take part in sport!	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:49:35	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	N/a	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:49:49	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 19:55:34	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Disappointment in the apparently lack of consultation with those most effected by the proposed changes. Be better Swim England. As an organisation that is quick to proclaim the physical and mental health benefits of swimming, it's shocking to see Swim England appear to be expressly excluding the trans and intersex community, who are already disproportionately affected by such health issues. This policy and the manner in which Swim England have collected responses sets a dangerous precedent reflective of an exclusionary agenda. This is not representative of a governing body I wish to be associated with my sport.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 20:00:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No more than TALK TO TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IF YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE A TRANSGENDER POLICY ON WHAT TRANSGENDER PEOPLE CAN OR CANNOT DO	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 20:15:18	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I believe making sport accessible and inclusive for all people benefits all people	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 20:36:12	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Swimming is one of the most accessible sports, for different bodies and abilities - we should only be making it more accessible.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 20:44:51	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I think it defies logic that a consultation on transgender swimmer inclusion didn't invite their transgender ambassador, or anyone in the community that will be most affected by outcomes. It sets an incredibly dangerous precedent at a time where we need to give everyone, especially marginalised communities, MORE access to swimming and visibility in the sport not less.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 20:49:05	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I support the rights of transgender people to participate in sports at all levels.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:07:40	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	No	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:15:44	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Masters)	Diversity and inclusion should be principles of sport	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:17:13	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Cutting trans people off from swimming will only serve to increase already existing health inequalities, continue to dehumanise and endanger trans people's safety when accessing swimming pools, and isolate trans youth from finding joy through moving their body. People's safety and health is more important than a sports competitions rules.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:19:44	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No		Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:32:01	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Excluding people based on how they identify is just wrong.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:39:05	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I feel excluded from swimming because going to a pool makes me potentially open to harassment from staff. I was once housed into a staff member's office, alone and only dressed in my swimming costume and asked intimate questions such as whether I'd had gender reassignment surgery, and that experience was only in relation to attending a social, non-competitive swimming session.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:48:16	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Competitively (Masters)	Competitively (Juniors)	All should be able to compete with people of equivalent ability	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:50:47	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Seniors)	Na	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:50:57	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	Sporting competition is primarily about encouraging participation and therefore inclusion, not about who wins which prize. This goes doubly so for women's sport, triply for minorities, and even further for groups that have been historically marginalised in sport e.g. the queer community. As an example, the second active premier League footballer in the UK to come out, did so this year. Only one out trans woman has ever competed in the Olympics, she was not competing for the UK, and she is still being lambasted and attacked continuously, despite losing. And held up as an excuse to attack all trans women. And of course Lia Thomas, one reasonably exceptional athlete, is being held up as if her achievements are purely because she is trans; and not because she has worked as hard as any other woman. This is the environment we are talking about. One where exclusion is the default and expectation, and all done on the grounds of unspecified "fairness". If the issue is certain, measurable attributes then fine. Apply that to everyone. But until someone proves (and apologies for the flippancy) that whether or not one had a penis at birth provides an actual advantage that is greater than any other natural advantage, and that it somehow remains despite medical intervention (e.g. does it act as an invisible propeller?); then it can be for no reason other than spite to only target one, already vastly underrepresented minority for exclusion. It should be particularly noted, that transphobia even in recreational swimming is so endemic that trans only sessions are a thing. The only other minority I know of with such a wide spread requirement for this is disabilities. That we are having to have this conversation at all, despite the empirical evidence of 0 trans women in the top level of any sport across the world, and almost two decades of evidence to draw upon should be enough to show this is not a material issue. That the evidence being put forward does not involve active participants in the top levels of sport, and instead rely on proxies and hypotheticals speaks volumes. And what they are screaming is "nothing".	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:58:23	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Club Swimming (All Ages)	No	I love swimming and water polo, and those running Swim England should to. I want as many people from as many backgrounds and life experiences as possible to also have the chance to love swimming, and to have the same opportunities to be nurtured and encouraged to become top athletes should they wish. To ban any marginal group is wrong and taints the sport entirely.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 21:58:44	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans people are just people and deserve to swim at any level just like anyone else	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:04:20	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I am unsure about the ban as I do not want anyone who has not done anything wrong to be banned from participating in sport, but I am concerned about the fairness of women's sport. I'd be interested to read more research on this.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:12:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I support an approach that is inclusive of all genders	Yes, this is the first time

8/10/2022 22:12:42	I understand	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, it is different	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Yes. Your question about 'fairness' near the beginning is unclear and dangerous as it depends on the definition used. The word is employed by gender critical campaigners lobbying for the exclusion of trans participants in sport as implying that the participation of trans women in female categories is inherently 'unfair'. The Swim England official consultation had the same 'weasley question'. It's a shame your survey didn't ask whether respondents' clubs were inclusive and whether they would wish to see them continue to be so. It could also ask whether they had any direct experience of any participant being disadvantaged by the inclusion of a trans participant. I suspect the response would be zero or close to it. Finally, however these consultations are carried out, it is a terrible idea to decide people's fundamental rights by an open opinion poll. Nobody would think it was acceptable to hold a consultation on whether racial or religious minorities should be excluded from any sphere of society. I find it outrageous that it should be deemed ok to put trans people's equality, humanity and dignity to a public vote.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:18:09	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Any modification to rules surrounding access for transgender people should be about breaking down barriers, not building them. Otherwise it is not progress at all!	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:20:17	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	There is a lot of misinformation in the sport sector, driven by transphobic mainstream media. I'm concerned those responding to the Swim England consultation will be basing their answers off this misinformation and so the new policy will exclude transgender swimmers when it should include them at all levels and encourage their participation in swimming.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:24:58	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, it is the same	Socially	No	A blanket ban is not a constructive or fair way to progress in sport. Athletes could be categorised by hormone levels not by gender assigned at birth	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:28:53	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	A 'fairness' policy which excludes a marginalised group is not fair, and everyone should have equal opportunity to pursue the career/hobby they love	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:35:01	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I think people should be free to participate in sport.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:41:30	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Including transgender people in sport, to me, is to acknowledge the full breadth of ability and variety within both cis and trans people of all genders. As a tall and muscular cis woman who swam competitively in juniors I heard from my peers, both jokingly and seriously, that I had an "unfair" advantage for my age group due to my height and build. As an adult I now know trans people who are shorter and slightly than me. Am I less of a woman because of my size? No. Is my existence "unfair"? No. But people would argue that trans women who may be slighter, taller, shorter, or stronger, than me should be excluded from competitive sport. So why shouldn't I be for being tall and strong? Not only are the arguments for trans exclusion illogical but they are offensive to ALL cis and trans women, and people, as they deny the beautiful variation that is found amongst us. To include is to celebrate our differences and therefore yo encourage participation in sport from everyone.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 22:55:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	Swim England is failing at inclusively and not consulting the people impacted by these policies. The UK is subject to ridiculously high rates of anti-trans views thanks to our biased media - Swim England should not bow to the loudest bigoted voices. Cis women's rights are not impacted by trans inclusion at all. Trans exclusion can and will only lead to disgusting regulation of all bodies (including cis) like we have seen in sports already. If Swim England introduce a blanket ban they should categorically not be allowed to advertise or advocate as inclusive or diverse, but be explicit that they are an exclusive club for cis and patriarchal privilege to reign. Absolutely shameful.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:01:15	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Transgender swimmers should be at the heart of this consultation; the idea of fairness needs to be properly explained, because it's used very manipulatively in popular (cisgender) discourse on trans rights - eg by the anti-trans group 'Fair Play for Women'. Hormone levels fluctuate a lot within cis and trans communities; by excluding trans people based on hormone levels you're also likely to exclude cis-women, as has happened in other elite sports. Thus you'll be defining 'womanhood' as 'x-level of this hormone', which is incredibly reductive.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:05:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Sport is so important to health and wellbeing for all people and it makes me so sad to think that anyone could be denied access to it, especially at a time in their lives when they might need it most.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:14:02	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans rights are human rights.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:17:38	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	-	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:19:47	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Juniors)	If trans swimmers aren't consulted in Swim England's questionnaire then it can never be defined as fair or representative	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:22:50	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Trans people should absolutely be allowed to participate in sports and compete. It should be considered on a case by case basis and blanket bans serve no one. Studies show that trans men and women have much the same physiology and ability as those they would compete against matching their gender. Stop discriminating against trans women in particular.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:27:39	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Club Swimming (All Ages)	Transgender inclusion is crucial to the sport of swimming. No one should be excluded based on who they are. As a female (both at birth and as my gender identity) and former NCAA swimmer, I support all gender identities in all levels of competition.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:33:42	I understand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	-	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:36:16	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	I wholly support inclusive sport and competition that allows participation of transgender athletes. I do think there needs to be more research and discussion about the future of sport and how to make it inclusive while not disadvantaging athletes of any gender identity, perhaps the gender binary structure we currently have is not the best way and an ability based structure or other format would be better.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:42:34	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Sport can have such a transformative effect on the life and well bring of an individual I believe its vital that sporting bodies make sure that transgender men and women are actively encouraged to participate in sport so that they can live, as others do, as their true selves and have the opportunity to both shine and act as role models for the trans youth.	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:44:28	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	Transgender swimmers should not be excluded from participating in swimming at any level and their safety should be a top priority	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:46:24	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes, it is different	Socially	No	I have a general problem with professional sports in that it comes down to celebrating someone's "superiority" based on a mix of genetics, access to training facilities and sure, also skill and tenacity. As such, professional sport is generally a bit eugenicky and unfair to me. Having said that, trans people do not have an unfair advantage overall (assuming the usual 2 years or so of cis-typical hormones or whatever), or if they do (debatable) then there are almost certainly also cis athletes with similar unfair advantages. Therefore, trans exclusion makes no sense to me. While I have rather extreme views on professional sports, I acknowledge that it does help in motivating a wider range of the population do lead an active lifestyle and excluding trans people will create further negative effects on an already disenfranchised population. (I do think there should be better ways to encourage a healthy life style than problematic professional sport, but that is not part of this survey.)	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:47:35	I understand	Yes	Yes	I am unsure	Yes	Yes	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	There needs to be a place in sports for trans athletes however, men transitioning to women shouldn't be allowed to compete with those who were female from birth	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:50:04	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	Competitively (Seniors)	Swim England (and all other sports bodies) need to make sure sport is accessible for our trans siblings - and welcoming / caring too!	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:53:14	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	/	Yes, this is the first time
8/10/2022 23:59:08	I understand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, it is the same	Socially	No	There have to be better ways to change any sports at any level than banning a group of people from competing. If the very core of sports is a fair competition, team spirit, and that participating is the most important thing. Then how can any sport be in favour of singling out and banning a group of people.	Yes, this is the first time