



To: **Florida Region Junior Club Directors/Leaders**

Date: August 4, 2025

Re: **Gender Competition Policy**

In July 2025, a Federal Executive Order was issued regarding gender competition in sports. In response, USA Volleyball released an update to its Gender Competition Policy ([Policy](#)), along with a corresponding FAQ document ([FAQ](#)).

This updated policy is consistent with the current policy of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, which has been in place since the 2022–2023 season. Our regional policy was developed following the enactment of Florida Senate Bill 1028 (June 2021), known as the **Fairness in Women’s Sports Act**.

Historically, we have granted waivers for developmental purposes and in geographic areas where gender-specific teams are not available. We will continue to honor this long-standing practice for elementary school-aged athletes, as outlined on the second page of this document.

If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our office.

Best regards,

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Revised policy for 2022/2023 season.



MIXED GENDER POLICY:

Teams participating in Florida Region sanctioned events must be gender specific for all age groups, as outlined in the Fairness in Women's Sports Act (SB 1028) and signed into Florida law on June 1, 2021, except as noted below for developmental purposes:

- Boys competing on girl's teams
 - Only boys in grades 5 or below are eligible to compete on a girls' team
 - A maximum allowance of 3 boys can be on the roster per team.
 - 5th grade (or max 11u) can play Girls 12u
 - 4th grade (or max 10u) can play Girls 11u
 - 3rd grade (or max 9u) can play Girls 10u
- Girls competing on boy's teams
 - This is permissible if no opportunities exist within 75 miles of the home address, however the female athlete can play up no more than one (1) age division on a boys' team at Florida Region sanctioned events.

Note: For any of the examples above, the Region would need to approve the roster prior to competing in any Florida Region sanctioned events. These waivers, if granted, would only be applicable to regionally sanctioned events in the Florida Region.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This policy is for Florida Region USAV sanctioned events only.