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EXCLUSION AND DISCRIMINATION: TRANSGENDER, GENDER-DIVERSE AND INTERSEX ATHLETES IN AUSTRALIAN SPORT

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The eligibility of transgender and intersex athletes seeking to participate in women's sporting competitions has long been contentious, particularly in individual sports such as athletics. Only relatively recently have these issues been publicly aired and debated in team sport environments. In Australia, this has largely arisen in Australian Rules football. Numerous international and domestic sporting organisations, including the IAAF and AFL, have introduced regulations and policies governing transgender and intersex athlete eligibility, most critically focusing upon testosterone levels.

This presentation considers the Australian discrimination law framework that applies to the exclusion of transgender, gender-diverse and intersex athletes from sporting environments. Current laws permit exclusion where the 'strength, stamina or physique' of athletes is 'relevant'. These exemptions remain underdeveloped and have rarely been considered in literature or case law, yet ostensibly provide the basis for sporting organisations to prevent certain athletes from participating. A broader normative analysis is undertaken to assess the merits of these exemptions, and determine whether there are rationales for their continued existence.



Date and Time

Wednesday 14 November
12:30-1:30pm

Lunch provided

Free event

Location

Piper Alderman Moot Court
Ligertwood Building
The University of Adelaide
North Terrace
Adelaide SA 5005

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