Pride in Sport

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Sheffield Students' Union notes:

1. NUS research into the experiences of LGBT+ students in university college report revealed the following:
   a) Of LGBT+ students who do not participate in sport, over 45% find the culture around sport unwelcoming.
   b) Of those who do participate, over 20% are concerned that being out may open them up to homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic abuse.
   c) Trans people are the most likely not to participate in any sport.
2. At the time of writing, Sports Sheffield has no public guidance on trans-inclusion in sport.
3. Sports at all levels are often gender segregated.

Sheffield Students' Union believes:

1. LGBT+ people should be able to participate in university sports.
2. In the long run, gendered teams should be replaced by an equal and inclusive system for all.
3. BUCS’ current guidance on trans inclusion is inadequate.

Sheffield Students' Union resolves:

1. For training on homophobia, biphobia and transphobia to be mandatory for inclusions officers of sports committees.
2. For all teams apart from those that compete at BUCS level to let trans students join whichever team-best matches their gender identity.
3. To lobby BUCS to adopt a uniform, trans-inclusive policy on trans athletes.
4. To investigate the policy of organising sports teams by other methods rather than by gender.
5. To investigate the impact of gendered facilities in Sports Sheffield on trans students.
6. To provide more support to sports that are already trans-inclusive such as Korfball and Quidditch.
7. To investigate how non binary and intersex students can be more included in sport.

POLICY HISTORY:

The original Pride in Sport Policy was approved by Students’ Union Council in May 2017.

This policy is next due for review in November 2019.