

FAQ PRONOUNS



QUESTION

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What are pronouns, and why are they important in sports?

Pronouns are words used to refer to people without using their names. In sports, respecting individuals' chosen pronouns is crucial to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all athletes, regardless of their gender identity. Using the correct pronouns shows respect and recognition of each person's identity.

How can I avoid misgendering in sports?

Misgendering can be hurtful and disrespectful. To avoid it, ask for and use individuals' pronouns. If you make a mistake: thank them, apologize, correct yourself, and move on without making a big deal about it. Practice and familiarity will help you become more accurate over time.

How should sports organizations handle pronoun usage on official documents, rosters, etc?

Sports organizations should update their official documents, rosters, and uniforms to include spaces for athletes to specify their pronouns. They should also respect athletes' confidentiality and only share pronoun information as requested by the athlete.

What if someone refuses to use an athlete's preferred pronouns?

Refusing to use an athlete's preferred pronouns is disrespectful and discriminatory. Sports organizations and governing bodies should have policies in place to address such situations, including education and potential disciplinary actions to ensure an inclusive and respectful sports environment. Remember, respectful pronoun usage is a fundamental aspect of creating an inclusive sports community. By acknowledging and using individuals' preferred pronouns, you contribute to a more diverse, welcoming, and supportive sports environment.