

SOCCER SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Soccer struggles with overcoming homophobia, transphobia, and queerphobia due to deep-rooted cultural attitudes, lack of openly LGBTQ+ figures, and persistent homophobic chants and behaviors among fans and players. Efforts to address these issues require comprehensive educational programs, stronger anti-discrimination policies, and greater support from clubs and governing bodies to foster inclusivity and respect.

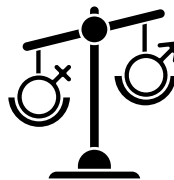
SOCCER SPACES

Thinking about the spaces that are specific to soccer and taking action in those spaces is a direct way to apply allyship principles to your sport. Make sure locker rooms have inclusive signage and policies, think about conditions for athletes (especially youth athletes) to change in during away games, take note of behavior on the pitch, and work off the pitch with local LGBTQ+ organizations to support each other.

- Locker Rooms
- Away Games
- On the Pitch
- In the Stands
- Off the Pitch

COMMON ISSUES IN SOCCER CULTURE

- Toxic masculinity / machismo
- Use of slurs by fan bases + players
- Religious-based discrimination
- Sexism and gender-policing



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [LGBTQ+ History and “the beautiful game”](#)
- [Future of Football: What will football look like for trans players?](#)
- [Machismo in soccer video games](#)
- [Free speech or homophobia in soccer](#)
- [Soccer ad showcasing gender perception](#)

