

## **United Kingdom Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Association (UKBJJA) Transgender Policy**

### **Purpose**

To ensure fair and inclusive participation in BJJ competitions while respecting the safety and dignity of all athletes.

### **Policy Statement**

Male and Female Divisions:

Athletes must compete in the division corresponding to their gender assigned at birth.

Transgender-Specific Division or Exhibition Matches:

A Transgender-Specific Division may be created based on demand.

Exhibition matches can be arranged for transgender athletes when requested and a suitable opponent is available, or a refund granted in line with the event's policies.

Compliance:

Attempts to circumvent this policy will result in a minimum one-year suspension from competition.

For the avoidance of any doubt, nothing in this policy will limit or affect the UKBJJA Anti-Doping policy.

### **Implementation**

Registration:

Athletes must declare their gender assigned at birth during registration.

Athletes may also express interest in the Transgender-Specific Division or exhibition matches as their preferred alternative to their birth assigned gender division.

Competition Rules:

Rules are consistent across all divisions to ensure fairness.

Privacy and Medical Considerations:

Personal information is kept confidential.

Dispute Resolution:

All disputes will be handled under the UKBJJA's existing complaints procedures.

Commitment to Inclusivity:

The UKBJJA is committed to fostering an inclusive environment and providing equitable competition opportunities.

**Review and Amendments:**

This policy will be reviewed annually for relevance and effectiveness.

**Contact Information**

For any questions or further information, please contact the UKBJJA at [info@ukbjja.org](mailto:info@ukbjja.org).

This policy aims to balance fairness in competition with the inclusion and respect of all athletes, providing clear guidelines while protecting individual privacy