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## ECB update on transgender participation in women's cricket

The ECB is today announcing a change to its regulations regarding eligibility for transgender players in women's and girls' cricket. This is based on the updated legal position following the recent Supreme Court ruling.

With immediate effect, only those whose biological sex is female will be eligible to play in women's cricket and girls' cricket matches. Transgender women and girls can continue playing in open and mixed cricket.

Our regulations for recreational cricket have always aimed at ensuring that

cricket remains as inclusive a sport as possible. These included measures to manage disparities, irrespective of someone's gender, and safeguard the enjoyment of all players. However, given the new advice received about the impact of the Supreme Court ruling, we believe the changes announced today are necessary.

We acknowledge that this decision will have a significant impact on transgender women and girls. We will work with Recreational Cricket Boards to support people impacted by this change in our regulations.

We await updated guidance from the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and will study this carefully.

We maintain that abuse or discrimination has no place in our sport and are committed to ensuring that cricket is played in a spirit of respect and inclusivity.



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