



March 13, 2023

Update from 2-27-23 Press Release

RE: Requests for Comments on News of Basketball Forfeit

To Whom it May Concern,

With feedback from membership at large, our Diversity Equity and Inclusion in Activities Committee, and our Activity Standards Committee, The VPA's Executive Council met today, March 13th, 2023 to discuss the relevant forfeiture. The result was a determination that policies have been violated at the school level, thus there is an immediate determination of ineligibility for Mid-Vermont Christian in VPA sanctioned activities and tournaments going forward.

- [Letter of Ineligibility to Mid-Vermont Christian 3-13-23](#)

The VPA again reiterates its ongoing support of transgender student-athletes as not only a part of building an inclusive community for each student to grow and thrive, but also as a clear expectation by [Vermont state law](#)(s) in the [Agency of Education Best Practices](#), and in [VPA Policy](#) regarding transgender student athletes.

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In response to recent news of a Vermont school opting to forfeit a basketball game in this year's tournament, the VPA reiterates its support for each student. We refer you to [VPA's Policy on Gender Identity](#) which supports transgender student-athletes. A portion from the policy reads,

“The VPA is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to participate in VPA activities in a manner consistent with their gender identity as is outlined in the Vermont Agency of Education Best Practices For Schools For Transgender And Gender Nonconforming Students. Vermont's Public Accommodations Act (9 V.S.A. 4502) and VPA policies prohibit discrimination and/or harassment of students on school property or at school functions by students or employees. The prohibition against discrimination includes discrimination based on a student's actual or perceived sex and gender.”