

**Question for written answer E-000719/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Fairness in sport and participants with an unclear date of birth – Part 2

I refer to written question E-003323/2019 and repeat the first question:

Does the Commission consider fair competitive conditions to prevail if so-called asylum-seekers, for whatever reasons, say on arrival that they are several years younger than they actually are, with the result that, for example, 21-year-olds end up competing in sports categories for which 18 is the upper age-limit?

I would urge the Commission to remedy its failure to answer this part of the question, as it is not only migrants who deserve fair treatment, but also those athletes who have lived here for a long time and whose date of birth can be proven beyond doubt by a complete birth certificate, and not merely on the basis of a statement made in their own interests by somebody 'seeking protection'.

It is precisely in age-limited sporting competitions that a very significant unfair advantage can be conferred if a minor has to compete against an adult, and this only because one of them claimed to be a minor when entering the EU, in order to gain advantages such as additional benefits or a lower risk of deportation, but is in fact significantly older.

The second question was not properly answered, and I have now rephrased it slightly:

How can the Commission address the issue of deliberately incorrect age claims in the context of asylum procedures in the Member States?

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