

APPENDIX – D - RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

IWWF RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES FOR WORLD AND CONFEDERATION TITLED EVENTS

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1. Nationality of Athletes for World and Confederation Titled Events

1.1. Principles

- a) Only athletes eligible and entered by their National Federation may compete in World and Confederation Titled Events.
- b) Being qualified for a country requires the athlete to be in possession of a passport of that country. Residency may be proven by a passport (current or expired), a birth certificate, a copy of a naturalization / citizenship certificate or any other relevant and accepted proof.
- c) Athletes may not represent more than one country at any one time.

1.2. Eligibility to compete in World Titled Events

A National Federation shall not enter in a World or Confederation titled event any athlete who:

- a) Has not participated in his National Championships during the 12 months preceding the World or Confederation titled event, unless excused from doing so by that Federation.
- b) Is suspended by that National Federation.
- c) Has competed in a competition not sanctioned by a National Federation, a Confederation or the IWWF, unless specific permission has been received from his National Federation.
- d) Each Federation shall adopt procedures providing due process for any competitor denied entry because of the application of these Rules of Eligibility.

2. Changing Countries

2.1. Athletes who have represented their countries internationally

An athlete who has competed in a World or Confederation titled event (either as a Team Member or Individually Qualified Athlete) representing one National Federation may not represent another National Federation unless

- a) He is designated as a resident in the country of that Federation and has shown proof of that residency to the new Federation.
- b) He is a member of his new Federation.
- c) He gives notice by letter sent by email to the President and Secretary General of the IWWF, the President and Secretary General of his Confederation, the President of the National Federation whom he has represented and his proposed new Federation. All of these individuals shall, within 30 days, acknowledge receipt of such notice to the athlete and copy those individuals named above.

2.1.1. Responses required

- a) The new National Federation must confirm that the athlete is a resident in that country and has shown proof of that residency (see “a” above) and confirms it accepts the athlete into its Federation.
- b) Such proof must be presented to the IWWF Secretary General within the 30 day timeframe.
- c) The National Federation already represented must respond within 30 days advising if it approves the change of Nationality or not.

2.1.2. Outcomes

Should the **National Federation already represented give its approval** for the change, a period of ineligibility of 12 months will be applied:

- a) The period of ineligibility will commence from the date of the athlete’s written request to change.
- b) The athlete will not be allowed to compete in World or Confederation Titled events during this 12-month period.
- c) The athlete may, however, compete in International Competitions under the IWWF flag during the period of ineligibility.

Should the **National Federation already represented object**, its President or other designated official must, within 30 days from the date of the athlete’s written request to change, notify by email the President and Secretary General of the IWWF, the President and Secretary General of his Confederation, the President of the new National Federation and the competitor, all of whom shall acknowledge receipt.

In such circumstances, the athlete will be ineligible to compete for the new Federation for a period of 24 months from the date of the athlete’s original letter:

- a) The period of ineligibility will commence from the date of the athlete’s written request to change.
- b) The athlete will not be allowed to compete in World or Confederation Titled events during this 24-month period. The athlete may, however, compete in International Competitions under the IWWF flag during the period of ineligibility.

2.2. Athletes who have not represented their countries internationally

In cases where an athlete moves to another country and has not represented his former country (either as a Team Member or as an Individually Qualified Athlete) at World or Confederation Titled Events, he may immediately, after receiving citizenship (official nationality), represent his new country.

The athlete must notify the IWWF President and Secretary General of this change of nationality so that the athlete data is updated accordingly in the IWWF Athlete Database.

2.3. Dual Nationality

If an athlete has dual nationality, he may choose which country he wishes to represent and must be a member of that Federation. But, having represented that country, he cannot also, except as provided for in paragraph 2.1 above, represent the other country in question.

3. IWWF Athlete Database

The IWWF maintains a database of all competitive athletes throughout the world. Once an athlete has requested to change his country of representation and the period of ineligibility is known, the national flag of the athlete will be changed to the flag of the IWWF. This flag will be used in all competitions and rankings lists during the period of ineligibility. As soon as the athlete is eligible to represent his new country, the IWWF flag will be removed, and the flag of the new country substituted.

4. Consequences of changing national representation

Athletes are reminded that, if they have received financial support from their original Federation or Government, there could be financial repercussions if they have signed a contract that stipulates that the financial support, or a part thereof, must be refunded before they change federations.

Addendum to the Rules of Eligibility for EC and E&A Titled Events

This addendum only applies to athletes.

Countries without a proper federation

This addendum solves the issues of active competitors whose Federations are either not affiliated or do not exist at all (non-full member or associated federations).

We cannot allow more than two athletes from the same such country to compete at any time. Our Associate Membership allows for only two athletes, so we cannot allow more individual athletes than an Associate Member is allowed.

A competitor from such country will be allowed to compete if he complies with the following :

1) He cannot compete for his country – no team result.

His results will not appear in any rankings list.

He will compete under the IWWF flag.

2) He has to pay a double entry fee – this will entice him to form a federation in his country.

This extra income will go 50 % to EC central and 50 % to the Council concerned.

The Entry Fee has to be paid directly to the EC representative before the competitor starts.

3) The organizer has to make sure that the competitor, before his start, presents a certificate of sport fitness and has insurance for personal accident, permanent disabilities and medical expenses which the competitor might have to pay to the organizer.

IWWF RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICIALS wishing to change their country of representation

This document refers to the IWWF Officials qualified through the relevant IWWF Sports Division Councils to officiate at IWWF and Confederation Championships and International Events.

In all cases shown below, the word “he” or “his” shall be deemed to represent “he/she” or “him/her”.

5. Principle

These officials are usually recognised with the country who first put them forward for election or within the exam process for Event Officials.

6. Requesting a change of Country representation

In the event that an Official wishes to change his country of representation, the following process shall be followed:

- a) The Official gives notice by letter sent by email to the President and Secretary General of the IWWF, the President and Secretary General of his Confederation, the President of the National Federation whom he has represented and his proposed new Federation.
- b) The Official provides IWWF with a proof of residence. Residency may be proven by a passport (current or expired), a birth certificate, or by a copy of a naturalization / citizenship certificate.
- c) All of these individuals shall, within 30 days, acknowledge receipt of such notice to the Official and those individuals named above.

7. The following Responses are required

- a) The new National Federation must confirm that the Official is a member of its Federation and confirm it accepts the Official to represent it in his role.
- b) The new National Federation must also confirm the Official is a resident in its country.
- c) The National Federation already represented must respond within 30 days advising if it accepts, or not, the new National Federation’s decision and its reasons for any non-acceptance.

8. Outcomes

- a) Should the **National Federation already represented give its acceptance** for the change, the IWWF records will be changed immediately to show the new Nationality of the Official.
- b) Should the **National Federation already represented not accept the proposed change**, the Official will be ineligible to officiate for the new Federation for a period of 12 months from the date of the Official's original letter.

The Official will not be allowed to officiate in World or Confederation Titled events during this 12-month period. The Official may, however, officiate in International Competitions under the IWWF flag during the period of ineligibility.

9. IWWF Officials Database

The IWWF maintains a database of all officials throughout the world. Once an Official has requested to change his country of representation and any period of ineligibility is known, the national flag of the Official will be changed to the flag of the IWWF. As soon as the Official is eligible to represent his new country, the IWWF flag will be removed, and the flag of the new country substituted.

IWWF RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BOARD and COMMITTEE members wishing to change their country of representation

This document refers to IWWF- EC representatives who have stood for election and been voted to sit on:

- The IWWF Executive Board or other IWWF Committees.
- An IWWF Confederation Board, Sports Division Councils, or other Confederation Committees.
- The Admincom, EC Councils or other EC Committees.

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10. Principle

These Representative Members are usually recognised with the country who first put them forward for election.

11. Requesting a change of Country representation

In the event that an Official wishes to change his country of representation, the following process shall be followed:

The Representative Member gives notice by letter sent by email to the President and Secretary General of the IWWF, the President and Secretary General of his Confederation, the President of the National Federation whom he has represented and his proposed new Federation.

- a) The Representative Member must provide proof of residence. Residency may be proven by a passport (current or expired), a birth certificate, or by a copy of a naturalization / citizenship certificate.
- b) All of these individuals shall, within 30 days, acknowledge receipt of such notice to the Representative Member and those individuals named above.

12. The following Responses are required

- a) The new National Federation must confirm that the Representative Member is a member of its Federation and confirm it accepts the person to represent it in his role.
- b) The new National Federation must also confirm the Representative Member is a resident in its country.
- c) The National Federation already represented must respond within 30 days advising if it accepts, or not, the Representative’s decision and its reasons for any non-acceptance.

13. Outcomes

- a) Should the **National Federation already represented give its acceptance** for the change, the IWWF records will be changed immediately to show the new Nationality of the Representative.
- b) Should the **National Federation already represented not accept the proposed change**, the Representative Member will be ineligible to officiate for the new Federation for a period of 12 months from the date of the official's original letter.
- c) Any change of country of representation must be reported to the relevant Confederation Congress or the IWWF Congress.