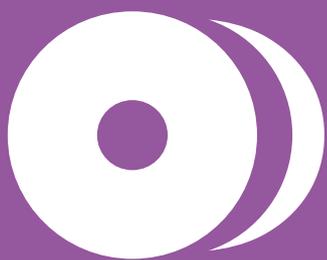


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IWF GUIDELINES ON NATIONALITY CHANGE

- 1 A condition of participation for a given country is that an athlete must hold the citizenship of that country, proven by an official document issued by such country (such as passport). In case a country does not issue its own passport or any similar document, for the determination of nationality the IWF accepts the applicable rules of the UN and/or the IOC.
- 2 An athlete may represent a new country in international competitions provided that:
 - a) the athlete obtains the citizenship of that new country, and
 - b) the athlete gets the approval of the Member Federation he/she is currently representing and
 - c) the approval of the Member Federation he/she wishes to represent and
 - d) the approval of the IWF.

If the athlete cannot get the approval of the Member Federation he/she is currently representing, then the athlete has to wait for a period of one (1) year (to be counted from the date of the request sent to the IWF for approval) before being automatically authorised to represent the new Member Federation.

In the case of a second or further change of citizenship, the condition of participation in international events is four (4) years of new citizenship, including one Olympic Games.

- 3 In the case of double or multiple citizenship proven by an official document issued by a Member Federation, an athlete may participate at IWF Calendar Events representing the country of his/her second or further citizenship given that he/she fulfils the following conditions:
 - a) the athlete was already in possession of his/her second or further citizenship(s) at the time when he/she competed at international level for the first time and;
 - b) IWF gives its written approval for the change of the athlete's represented country.
 - c) In case an athlete changes his/her country of representation for the first time, he/she may not represent more than one country in a period of 12 (twelve) months. In case it is the second or further change of the country of representation of the athlete, he/she may not represent more than one country within a period of 24 (twenty-four) months.
 - d) For a first change of the country of representation an exemption can be applied if both countries concerned and the IWF approve it. In such case the athlete becomes eligible to compete on behalf of the country of his/her second or further citizenship as of the date of the IWF approval.
- 4 In case the athlete wishes to enter to a competition representing another Member Federation, he/she shall obtain the written approval of the IWF at least 30 (thirty) days before the Competition in question to be eligible to compete on behalf of that Member Federation.
- 5 An athlete residing in a foreign country may only participate in competitions organised in that country if he/she has an authorisation from his/her Member Federation.

