

TRANSFER REGULATIONS AND RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYERS

1. REGISTRATION UNDER A FEDERATION

- 1.1. A player may be registered under a Federation if he or she has citizenship, naturalization or residency in the country of that Federation.
- 1.2. A player may only be registered with and only represent the same Federation at any particular time.
- 1.3. A player who has dual citizenship must be registered with and only represent the same Federation at any particular time.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. For the purpose of these regulations, **FIDE events** are all competitions under the aegis of the World Championship & Olympiad Commission or Events Commission and Continental competitions that provide qualifiers to any of the aforesaid competitions. The Presidential Board shall decide if otherwise.
- 2.2. The **old Federation** is the Federation that a player currently represents and wishes to transfer from. If a FIDE flag player was formerly registered under a National Federation, then this National Federation is considered to be the old Federation.
- 2.3. The **new Federation** is the Federation that the player wishes to transfer to.
- 2.4. The **notification date** is the date that documents described in 3.1 are submitted to the FIDE Secretariat.
- 2.5. The **last representation date** is the last date that the player represented the old Federation in a FIDE event.
- 2.6. The **length of residency** is the period of time prior to the notification date that the player resides in or became citizen of the country of the new Federation. In order to determine the length of residency, the dates of issue of the following documents can be taken into account:
 - 2.6.1. Identification card or travel documents by the authorities of the country of the new Federation.
 - 2.6.2. Contract of house rental or utility bill mailed to the player at an address in the country of the new Federation.
 - 2.6.3. If the date of last representation is later than the date of issue of the above documents, then the length of residency is calculated from the next day after the last representation date.
 - 2.6.4. If definite proof of residence is not available, then the length of residency starts from the Notification date.
- 2.7. The **transfer date** is the date that the transfer procedure is completed and the player is registered under the new Federation. This date is displayed in the Transfer registry available on the FIDE website.
- 2.8. The **eligibility date** is the date from which the player can represent the new Federation in a FIDE event.
- 2.9. If a player's rating is required for the calculation of the Transfer fee and/or the Compensation fee, then the rating of the player shall be that as published on the last standard chess FIDE rating list before the notification date.

3. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FEDERATIONS

- 3.1. All transfers shall be the responsibility of the new Federation and must be submitted to the FIDE Secretariat on the prescribed form in Annex A "Notification of change of Federation" together with the supporting documentary evidence of date and place of

birth, citizenship and residence. A Notification Fee of € 250 is payable for all transfers.

- 3.2. No notification fee is required for FIDE flag players who have never been registered with a National Federation.
- 3.3. Upon receipt of a "Notification of change of Federation" form, FIDE shall inform the old Federation and request their consent to complete the transfer. No transfer is completed before either the old Federation has written a letter of non-objection or 90 days have passed since the old Federation was informed.

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER FEE AND THE COMPENSATION FEE

- 4.1. When the last representation date is 5 years prior to the transfer date or earlier, then the eligibility date is set 1 year after the transfer date without payment of the Transfer Fee and the Compensation Fee.
- 4.2. When the last representation date is less than 5 years prior to the transfer date, then the eligibility date is set 2 years after the transfer date without payment of the Transfer Fee and the Compensation Fee.
- 4.3. No Transfer Fee is required for players under the FIDE flag who have never been registered with a National Federation.
- 4.4. The new Federation may apply to FIDE to allow a player to represent the new Federation in a FIDE event before the eligibility date, by providing supporting evidence to determine the length of residency.
- 4.5. The length of residency and the player's rating are calculated according to articles 2.6 and 2.9, with the Notification date as a reference date.
- 4.6. A Transfer Fee payable by the new Federation to FIDE must be provided together with such an application according to the following scale:

FIDE Title/rating	Length of Residency	
	0 to 12 months	More than 13 months
GM	€ 5000	€ 3500
IM	€ 2000	€ 1500
FM or rated above 2300	€ 1000	€ 750
WGM	€ 2000	€ 1500
WIM	€ 1000	€ 750
WFM or rated above 2100	€ 500	€ 300
Others	€ 500	€ 300

- 4.7. If the player has a rating of 2100 or higher, a Compensation Fee is payable by the new Federation to the old Federation and this should accompany the application.
- 4.8. The amount of the Compensation Fee from is according to the following scale:

FIDE rating	Amount of Compensation Fee
Rating 2700 and above	€ 50000

Rating from 2600 to 2699	€ 30000
Rating from 2500 to 2599	€ 10000
Rating from 2400 to 2499	€ 6000
Rating from 2300 to 2399	€ 4000
Rating from 2200 to 2299	€ 2000
Rating from 2100 to 2199	€ 1000

- 4.9. The old Federation may inform FIDE and the new Federation in writing that it waives all or part of the Compensation Fee due from the new Federation.
- 4.10. The Compensation fee is waived for players under the FIDE flag who have never represented a National Federation in their career.
- 4.11. The Compensation Fee is waived for a player under the FIDE flag , if they were deregistered by the old Federation.
- 4.12. A player may deliberately abandon his/her old Federation and continue his/her career under the FIDE flag by prior approval of the FIDE Presidential Board. If this player finds a new Federation, then his old Federation is entitled to the Compensation Fee. (Exception see 4.13)
- 4.13. Should players playing under the FIDE flag become members of a new Federation in FIDE, then no Compensation Fee will be paid.

5. PROTESTS

- 5.1. Any objection or protest regarding transfers that is submitted to the FIDE Secretariat must be accompanied with a fee of € 500, which shall be refundable if the protest is upheld. The FIDE Presidential Board shall decide upon all protests.

6. PENALTIES

- 6.1. The penalties in this section shall be imposed if it is found that a player participated in a FIDE event in breach of the Transfer regulations.
- 6.2. Penalties shall be imposed as follow:
- 6.2.1. Individual competitions: the offending player is excluded from the final standings. The offending player's games are submitted as played losses. The opponents' games are submitted as:
- 6.2.1.1. played win, if the opponent won the game
- 6.2.1.2. unplayed win, if the opponent drew or lost the game
- 6.2.2. Team competitions: The offending player's team receives the last position in the final standings. The results of the team matches and the opponents' team standings remain unchanged. Individual games are rated according to 6.2.1
- 6.3. The Federation which registered the offending players shall be fined a penalty fee of € 5000 for each competition that the player was in breach of Transfer regulations.