

Transfer Regulations and Rules of Eligibility for Players (effective from 1 July 2018)

1. REGISTRATION UNDER A FEDERATION

- 1.1. A player may **initially** be registered **by** a Federation **only** if he or she has citizenship, naturalization or residency in the country of that Federation.

We think this is what was always meant.

- 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 **Global Strategy** Commission or Events Commission and Continental competitions that provide qualifiers to any of the aforesaid competitions. **The Presidential Board shall decide if otherwise.**

We do not know what this is intended to cover. Perhaps PB wishes it to stay in.

- 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 50** is payable for all transfers.
- We believe this is at present far too high for amateur players.
- 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 A transfer may be completed when** 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 **commencement of residency in the new federation** 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 **commencement of residency in the new federation the**

transfer date without payment of the Transfer Fee and the Compensation Fee.

- 4.3. A FIDE flag player who has never been registered with a National Federation is eligible to participate in FIDE events immediately after the transfer date.
- 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:

We need to understand the purpose of the Transfer Fee. Is it just a source of income for FIDE? If so, we need guidance from the Treasurer.

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:

QC considers that the scale of compensation fees is a matter for PB. FIDE's own finances are unaffected and we see no immediate reason for any change.

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 a player under the FIDE flag if the player was deregistered by the old Federation.

4.11.

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 4.12)

4.12.

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 will not be rated. 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 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 500 for each competition that the player was in breach of Transfer Regulations.