

International Association of Athletics Federations

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To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS
Copy: Council Members
Honorary Members
Committees & Commissions
Area Associations

Re. - Amendments to IAAF Competition Rule 5
- New IAAF Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions Regulations

Dear all,

During its meeting on 26/27 July 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina the IAAF Council approved amendments to IAAF Competition Rule 5 and the new IAAF Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions Regulations.

The new rules enshrine the key principles regarding transfers of allegiance that were approved by Council in March and include:

- a minimum three-year waiting period before an athlete may transfer to represent another Member;
- establishment of a review panel to make determinations on the credibility of applications;
- the provision of evidence that countries are offering full citizenship and associated rights;
- the provision that an athlete can transfer only once; and
- that no transfers take place before the age of 20.

The amended Rule 5 and the new Regulations have come into force on 27 July 2018. They are attached and can also be found on the IAAF website at: <https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/rules-regulations>.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the Council also approved the appointment of the following individuals to the initial pool of eligible members to form the Nationality Review Panel as required in accordance with the Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions Regulations:

- Hiroshi Yokokawa (JPN), Chair
- Márton Gyulai (HUN)
- Geoff Gardner (NFI)
- Rozle Prezelj (SLO)
- Catherine Jordan (BAR)

Additional members are still to be recommended and added to the Panel, this needing further consideration and input by the Area Associations to ensure appropriate representation (expertise and experience, gender and geographic).

Given that these Regulations have now come into force, there is a need to prioritise the cases to be reviewed. As a result, for the period until 31 August 2018, the IAAF will assess each individual application to determine the order in which the applications are processed.

Member Federations who either:

- a) submitted applications to the IAAF after the 6 February 2017; or
- b) had active files but had not submitted applications to the IAAF,

must review them and ensure the application requirements under Clause 5.10 under the Regulations and under the Application by Member Federation Procedure are fully complied with (except for the administration fee), before resubmitting or submitting their applications for consideration.

New applications (i.e., applications that do not fall within a) or b) above) must be submitted after 31 August 2018. All new applications will be processed in the order of the date of receipt by the IAAF Secretariat.

The applications and all related correspondence should be sent for my attention (nigel.garfitt@iaaf.org) with copy to Anne-Marie Garrigan anne-marie.garrigan@iaaf.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Garfitt', written in a cursive style.

Nigel Garfitt
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Enclosed (under separate cover):

- Amended IAAF Competition Rule 5
- IAAF Eligibility to Represent a Member in National Representative Competitions Regulations
- Application by Member Federation Procedure