



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONALITY RULES – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



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Introduction

This document sets out the requirements for players to fulfil when seeking to represent their national teams.

Eligibility to play for a National Team

Any person holding the nationality of a country, whether acquired at birth or later (by application or any other means), is eligible to play for the national team of the National Federation of the same country, provided that the conditions set out in these Regulations are fulfilled.

Eligibility to play for a National Team after a change of nationality

A player may at any given point in their career, represent a second national team of the National Federation of the same country to which they may have changed their nationality as defined by the passport which they hold.

In representing a second national team the player recognises that they will be prohibited from representing either a third national team or the national team from which they have switched.

Athletes with a dual passport are subject to the same regulations as the above. They are entitled to represent one of the national teams for which they hold a passport but once they represent a further national team (whether it be the second nation for which they held a passport or another) they may not represent either the national team from which they have switched or a third national team.

The above regulations encompass all forms of football and are sport-specific meaning that if an athlete has a dual passport, they may represent different nation in another sport and this will have no bearing on IFAF. Also meaning that an athlete's eligibility is not discipline-specific.

Any change of national team must be notified to the IFAF Executive Board in advance of a tournament for approval. The player must have been eligible to represent their new nation on the first of January of the year of competition.

Passport

All players wishing to participate in IFAF, world or official competitions, must present an individual passport issued by the competent authorities of the country they represent. The IFAF Executive Board may establish additional requirements as needed.