



IFAF TRANSFER REGULATIONS
2017



1 General Information

Anyone who plays American Football in its different forms shall have the right to play the sport in any one of the IFAF member federations, within the limits established by the IFAF Statutes and Regulations as well as in the eligibility Regulations of the respective national federation.

All players who wish to move from one country, irrespective of whether or not they are registered with the member national federation of that country, to the member national federation of another country to compete in a competition under the jurisdiction of the member national federation are required to apply for a transfer by means of the International Transfer Card (ITC).

A valid ITC must be properly completed and signed by the player, and where appropriate, by the former member national federation, by the new member national federation and registered with IFAF. All information on the transfer card must be properly completed before it can be processed and approved by the respective member federations.

The transfer becomes valid on the date of the confirmation from the new member national federation. From that date the player is under the jurisdiction of the new member national federation.

Every member national federation shall organise its internal transfer procedures by issuing Regulations. A member national federation's internal Regulations shall, however, not stand in contradiction to the IFAF Transfer Regulations.

Definitions

ITC – International Transfer Card

New Member Federation – the federation where the player is seeking to play.

Former Member Federation – the federation where the player has been playing.

New Club – the team for which the player is seeking to play.

Former Club – the team for which the player has been playing.

Recognised Non Member Federation – A National Federation recognized by the Government / Sporting Authorities in their own country but not a member of IFAF as defined by the membership criteria.



2 The Transfer Procedure

The terms of a person's membership within a national member federation may differ dependent upon circumstance.

There may be membership specific to the national member federation as well as specific to a club or other organization.

All parties must be party to the discussion to ensure that the player is free to transfer and not subject to any liabilities (suspensions, disciplinary action, or similar) with their current team or federation and there are no restrictions which may prevent them from signing with the new club or national member federation.

When seeking to transfer, a player should complete a copy of the ITC. A copy of the ITC with all relevant sections completed in full should be presented to the relevant administrator of the new member federation.

The new member federation has an obligation to contact the former member federation prior to agreeing to the transfer.

Having received the ITC, the new member national federation shall inform the relevant administrator of the former member federation of the intent of the player to transfer.

The former member federation has 5 days to respond to the request. If the request is denied, the reasons must be made available to the player who holds the right of appeal, both to the federation and subsequently to IFAF or relevant third party.

If there is a ban imposed by a third party which is recognized by IFAF and the respective member federations there may be an appeals process operated outside of the auspices of IFAF or the member federation. Where appropriate, this should be recognized.

It is the sole responsibility of the former member federation to inform the player's former club of the intent to transfer and to establish if there are any issues which may prevent the transfer. If the player has fulfilled all obligations outlined by both federations and is not under sanction by any relevant third party then the transfer should proceed with no impediment.

If the new member federation receives no response from the former member federation by midnight of the 5th day it will be regarded as an approval of the transfer.

In the case of a player playing without a valid ITC, the new member national federation, the new club, the player and if applicable the new league shall be subject to disciplinary procedures.

In cases where a member federation is subject to a transfer of a player to or from a recognised non-member federation then the ITC protocol as outlined above is to be followed.

All data should be stored appropriately by the federations.



3 Self Declaration

A player, who has never held a license to any IFAF member federation or fall under special agreements with USA Football or Football Canada, can sign a self declaration certifying that they have never been registered with a member federation.

This is only applicable for a player who is seeking to register in a member federation which is not the same as stated on their passport. Where a player holds dual nationality their nationality will be determined in the following way:

As defined by representation in international competition (the last nation they competed for in an IFAF-sanctioned fixture).

As defined by the individual in the individual's first international transfer.



4 Transfer Fees

The international transfer registration fee is 40 Euros to each of the respective federations where the person is transferring to and from. Players under the age of 17 (i.e. 16 years and 364 days or below) are exempt from this fee.

National federations may not charge additional fees for the administration of the transfer.

The transfer registration fee is to be paid every time a player transfers. However, if the ITC is for limited time only (i.e. less than the full length of a term of membership of a federation), having the player returning back to previous club in the former national federation at the end of that limited time, the registration fee is to be paid only when the first transfer is made. If either the limited time or the returning destination is wished to be changed, then the transfer registration fee needs to be paid on the second transfer.

Payment of the fees is to be made individually to the relevant federations. The new and former member federations are responsible for confirming payment to their respective accounts.

All payments made by the player should be referenced: ITC [last name][initial]

Example: ITC BradyR

Member federations are entitled to waive their portion of the fee.



5 International Representation

A club which has signed a contract with a player undertakes to place this player, without requiring any compensation or insurance cover whatsoever, at the disposal of the national federation for which the player is eligible in order to enable them to play on their national team or teams.

This permission shall be valid for at least the complete duration of the competition or for the day of an individual game and also for a training period of a duration of 5 days for qualifying games or 14 days for official competitions

If a player who is licensed by a federation and who is called to play on their national teams in one of the games or competitions mentioned above, for whatever reason refuses to play on his national team, the said player is not allowed to play for the club for which they are registered for the duration of such game or competition and the applicable training period unless dispensation is given by the member federation which they should be representing.



6 Exceptional Circumstances:

IFAF has reached a special agreement with USA Football which applies to all US citizens that have played high school, college, semi-pro or professional football in the United States without being registered prior to that in any other IFAF member federation.

All US citizens that wish to play in another IFAF member country must transfer to that country using the ITC.

No US citizen can use the self-declaration as a form of transfer, if the player has played high school, college, semi-pro or professional football in the United States.

This special rule only applies to players transferring for the first time. If a player has previously been registered by another IFAF member country, the transfers follow normal procedures.

IFAF has reached a special agreement with Football Canada which applies to all Canadian citizens that have played high school, college, semi-pro or professional football in Canada without being registered prior to that in any other IFAF member federation.

All Canadian citizens that wish to play in another IFAF member country must transfer to that country using the ITC.

No Canadian citizen can use the self-declaration as a form of transfer, if the player has played high school, college, semi-pro or professional football in Canada.

This special rule only applies to players transferring for the first time. If a player has previously been registered by another IFAF member country, the transfers follow normal procedures.

If a player holding citizenship of a one IFAF Special Agreement country has not held a license previously for any IFAF member country and have not played at all in the country of the player's nationality, but only in another IFAF Special Agreement country, the IFAF Special Agreement of the country where football was played will be applied to the case, regardless of the players nationality not being from that country.



ITC Form

Full Name of Applicant	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Passport Number	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Current Team	
Current Federation (where the club is registered)	
Do hereby apply to be transferred to:	
New Team	
New Federation (where the club is registered)	
In submitting this request I hereby confirm that I have no outstanding debts or disciplinary issues with the club and / or the Federation and that I will pay the necessary fees to both federations.	
Signature of Player (or legal guardian if u18)	
Date of signature of Player	
Signature of official from New Federation	
Date of signature of official from New Federation	
Signature of official from Current Federation	
Date of signature of official from Current Federation	

Once completed we request that the NEW Federation hereby notify IFAF of the transfer by emailing a confirmation of the transfer to transfers@ifaf.org

This should state that:

We, the [Name of Federation] confirm the transfer of [FULL NAME OF PLAYER] from [NAME OF CLUB], [NAME OF FEDERATION] to [NAME OF NEW CLUB].



Self Declaration Form

Full Name of Applicant	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Passport Number	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
I declare that I have never played for a club affiliated to IFAF or been licensed to play for any IFAF member federation or need to be transferred according to the relevant regulation. I declare I have not held a license for the past two (2) whole calendar years. <i>Period which the player has not played due to disciplinary actions or bans will not be counted as a period the player has not held a license.</i>	
During my career I have played for	
I am seeking to be registered with	
New Team	
New Federation (where the club is registered)	
In submitting this request I hereby confirm that I have no outstanding debts or disciplinary issues from any former involvement in football.	
Signature of Player (or legal guardian if u18)	
Date of signature of Player	
Signature of official from New Federation	
Date of signature of official from New Federation	

Once completed we request that the NEW Federation hereby notify IFAF of the transfer by emailing a confirmation of the transfer to transfers@ifaf.org

This should state that:

We, the [Name of Federation] confirm the transfer of [FULL NAME OF PLAYER] who has completed a Self Declaration Form.