

## WATER POLO TRANSFER REGULATION

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In addition to European Aquatics General Event Rule E 15, the following

### REGULATIONS

shall apply:

#### TR 1 BASIC PRINCIPLES

TR 1.1 All Water Polo players registered with a club that is a member of a National Federation whether directly affiliated or registered with European Aquatics, according to European Aquatics General Event Rule E 14, are subject to the «European Aquatics Transfer Regulations» except in case of Masters Water Polo Championships.

TR 1.2 Every National Federation shall organize its internal transfer procedures by issuing transfer rules. A Federation's internal transfer rules shall, however, not stand in contradiction to the «European Aquatics Transfer Regulations».

TR 1.3 Within the context of these Regulations, a transfer between National Federations is a transfer of a player from a club of one National Federation to a club of another National Federation

TR 1.4 The term player means all Water Polo players men and women of all ages.

TR 1.5 The transfers of all Water Polo players are concluded with the issuing of an International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

The «ITC FORM No.1» can be ordered from the Office by the National Federations.

The «ITC FORM No. 2» is only issued by the European Aquatics Office.

TR 1.6 International Transfer procedures shall be concluded between 1st– 31st January and 1st June - 30th September of the year.

TR 1.7 Additional transfer periods may be opened for “force majeure” cases that may lead to players being unable to continue their regular activity (e.g., competition, training) with their club. Such cases include:

- A club stopping its activity because of major financial problems (e.g., bankruptcy)
- A club stopping its activity because of war/conflicts/political crisis/terrorist attacks/natural disasters that make it impossible for the club to continue operating under normal and safe conditions.

The decision to open the additional transfer periods for this kind of cases should be taken by the European Aquatics Water Polo Liaisons and TWPC Commission.

#### TR 2 STATUS OF PLAYERS

TR 2.1 In regard to the application of the «European Aquatics Transfer Regulations» there are two categories of players considered:

- a) Non-contract players;
- b) Contract Players.

TR 2.2 A non-contract player is a player registered with a National Federation without a written contract.

TR 2.3 A contract player is a player registered with a National Federation who has a written contract with the club he is affiliated to.

### TR 3 TRANSFERS OF NON-CONTRACT PLAYERS

TR 3.1 The transfers of non-contract players shall be dealt with between the two National Federations on behalf of the clubs concerned. A non contract player (named hereafter a player) eligible to compete for a club affiliated to a European Aquatics National Federation may not be registered with a club affiliated to another European Aquatics National Federation unless the latter has received an International Transfer Certificate issued by the National Federation that the player wishes to leave and authorized by European Aquatics.

TR 3.2 The receiving National Federation shall ask for an International Transfer Certificate (ITC FORM No.1) from the releasing National Federation.

The releasing National Federation shall issue this International Transfer Certificate for the new club the player wants to join.

The new club the player wishes to join shall:

- a) send a copy of the International Transfer Certificate to European Aquatics;
- b) pay a fee of one hundred and fifty (150) EURO to European Aquatics.

European Aquatics shall not authorize the International Transfer Certificate for the player before the fee has been received.


The player is not eligible for the new club unless European Aquatics has issued the authorized International Transfer Certificate.

TR 3.3 European Aquatics, after investigation, may ask a releasing National Federation to arrange for an International Transfer Certificate to be issued, or issue a provisional certificate itself (see TR 3.4 below). In the latter case, the validity of the document may be expressly limited by European Aquatics to a certain period or revoked by European Aquatics at any time.

TR 3.4 If, after a period of 10 days from the date of request by the receiving National Federation, the releasing National Federation, which the player wishes to leave has not issued an International Transfer Certificate or given a valid reason why it refuses to do so, European Aquatics may issue a provisional International Transfer Certificate (ITC FORM No. 2), thus enabling the player to play in the club of the receiving National Federation.

The player shall be eligible to play for the new club of the receiving National Federation immediately after European Aquatics has issued the provisional International Transfer Certificate

TR 3.5 A player shall not be authorized to compete in official events for the new club of the receiving National Federation during the 10 day period mentioned in TR 3.4 above.



TR 3.6 The provisional International Transfer Certificate issued by European Aquatics shall become permanent one year after the date on which the receiving National Federation addressed its request to the releasing National Federation.

TR 3.7 If a non-contract player becomes a contract player when transferring to another National Federation, the «European Aquatics Transfer Regulations» for contract players shall apply.

#### TR 4 TRANSFERS OF CONTRACT PLAYERS

TR 4.1 A contract player (named hereafter a player) eligible to compete for a club affiliated to a European Aquatics National Federation may not be registered with a club affiliated to another European Aquatics National Federation unless the latter has received an International Transfer Certificate issued by the National Federation that the player wishes to leave and authorized by European Aquatics.

TR 4.2 On behalf of the clubs concerned, a releasing National Federation on request from a receiving National Federation, shall issue an International Transfer Certificate unless:

- a) the player wishing to leave has not fulfilled his obligations under the terms of his contract with his former club;
- b) there is a dispute regarding the player's transfer between the club he wishes to leave and the club affiliated with another National Federation which he wishes to join.

TR 4.3 Only the receiving National Federation representing the new club for which the player wishes to compete shall be entitled to request the necessary International Transfer Certificate for the player.

TR 4.4 The International Transfer Certificate (ITC FORM No.1) shall be issued and duly signed by the releasing National Federation representing the club, which the player intends to leave.

TR 4.5 The releasing National Federation shall send the ITC FORM No. 1 to the European Aquatics Office, for the requested authorisation by European Aquatics. After the transfer authorization has been issued by European Aquatics, European Aquatics will forward a copy of the ITC FORM No. 1, to the National Federations concerned.

TR 4.6 The new club the player wishes to join shall pay a fee of 750 EURO to European Aquatics. Immediately after European Aquatics has received the fee, European Aquatics will issue the authorized International Transfer Certificate.

This fee shall also be paid if European Aquatics issues a provisional ITC (TR 4.9). If the new club of player does not pay the fee, European Aquatics will not authorize the ITC and the Federation of the club will be held responsible.

After receipt of the fee, European Aquatics shall transfer the amount of 250 EURO to the releasing National Federation for administrative costs. This amount is not paid if European Aquatics issues a provisional ITC.

TR 4.7 The player shall be eligible to play for the club of the receiving National Federation immediately after receipt of the authorized International Transfer Certificate from European Aquatics.



TR 4.8 European Aquatics, after investigation, may ask a releasing National Federation to arrange for an International Transfer Certificate to be issued, or issue a provisional certificate itself (see TR 4.9 below). In the latter case, the validity of the document may be expressly limited by European Aquatics to a certain period or revoked by European Aquatics at any time.

TR 4.9 If, after a period of 10 days from the date of request by the receiving National Federation, the releasing National Federation, which the player wishes to leave has not issued an International Transfer Certificate or given a valid reason why it refuses to do so, European Aquatics may issue a provisional International Transfer Certificate (ITC FORM No. 2), thus enabling the player to play in the club of the receiving National Federation.

The player shall be eligible to play for the new club of the receiving National Federation immediately after European Aquatics has issued the provisional International Transfer Certificate.

TR 4.10 A player shall not be authorized to compete in official events for the new club of the receiving National Federation during the 10 day period mentioned in TR 4.9 above.

TR 4.11 The provisional International Transfer Certificate issued by European Aquatics shall become permanent one year after the date on which the re-receiving National Federation addressed its request to the releasing National Federation, unless the releasing National Federation is reporting a dispute to European Aquatics in accordance with TR 6.

TR 4.12 Should the releasing National Federation report a dispute after a provisional ITC has been issued by European Aquatics, the provisional ITC shall immediately be suspended by European Aquatics until the case has been dealt with according to TR 6.

## TR 5 COMPENSATION FOR A CONTRACT PLAYER IN CASE OF A TRANSFER

TR 5.1 When a club concludes negotiations for a transfer with the previous club of a contract player, or a player becoming such a contract player, the previous club has the right to claim compensation (unless this matter is regulated differently under international treaties).

This compensation shall be mutually agreed upon by the involved parties.

TR 5.2 The releasing club may claim compensation for the cost of training. The compensation shall also take into consideration the age, together with the national and international value of the player.

TR 5.3 If no agreement regarding the amount of the transfer compensation between the releasing club and the receiving club can be reached the National Federation of the releasing club may refuse to release the player.

TR 5.4 Should no agreement be reached in regard to the compensation, the involved parties shall ask European Aquatics to handle the dispute according to TR 6 below.

## TR 6 DISPUTES

TR 6.1 Any dispute in regard to the European Aquatics Transfer Regulations shall be decided by the European Aquatics Water Polo Liaisons and TWPC Commission.



TR 6.2 The dispute shall be handled by the European Aquatics Water Polo Liaisons and TWPC Commission. immediately after receipt of a fee of five hundred (500) EURO. The fee shall be returned to the claiming party if the claim is successful.

TR 6.3 If a final judgment cannot be made within 21 days from then on, the European Aquatics Water Polo Liaisons and TWPC Commission shall take a provisional decision.

## TR 7 RELEASE OF NO CONTRACT/CONTRACT PLAYERS FOR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

TR 7.1 Any club that has registered a no-contract/contract player, irrespective of his age, who is ineligible to play for the National Federation of which the club is a member, shall be obliged to release this player to the National Federation of which he is a National and for which he is eligible to play, if he is selected for one of the representative teams of its National Federation.

TR 7.2 Rule TR 7.1 shall only be applied to:

- a) European Championships;
  - b) World Championships and;
  - c) Olympic Games;
- as well as for the qualification tournaments of these events.

The period of release shall allow for training time with the national team. This period should not exceed 14 days before the start of the competition and one day after when the competition is played in a tournament on one site.

The period should not exceed 3 days before the date of the match and one day after when the competition is played on a home and away basis.

TR 7.3 The request to a player to represent his/her National Federation shall guarantee insurance and medical cover.

## TR 8 GENERAL CONDITIONS

TR 8.1 The International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is the only document to determine that the transfer of a Water Polo player between two clubs of National Federations, affiliated or registered with European Aquatics, has been made.

The following information must be included:

- a) The name, signature, passport or ID card number of the player concerned;
- b) the signature of the releasing Federation together with the official rubber stamp;
- c) the name of the player and the name of its former club;
- d) the name of the receiving Federation;
- e) the name of the new club;



- f) the date of transfer;
- g) the contract signed between parties involved;
- h) the authorization of European Aquatics.

TR 8.2 Players coming from other continents to take part in European activities are under the jurisdiction of European Aquatics. Such players will not fall under the current «European Aquatics Transfer Regulations» when they register for the first time in Europe. However, when they move from one European Aquatics National Federation to another European Aquatics National Federation, the «European Aquatics Transfer Regulations» shall apply to these players.

TR 8.3 If Players were not registered with any clubs member of a National Federation whether directly affiliated or registered with European Aquatics and not have taken part in European activities during the previous three years, the European Aquatics Transfer Regulations shall not applied.

TR 8.4 In case of double registration, the first date signed by the player on the International Transfer Certificate should be regarded as valid. Disputes in this regard shall be handled according to TR 6.

TR 8.5 Players, clubs, and Federations who fail to respect the «European Aquatics Transfer Regulations» will be sanctioned by European Aquatics as mentioned in Constitutional Rule C 16.

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