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REGULATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS IN INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS



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CHAPTER I - FIELD OF APPLICATION

Article 1

The UWW Regulation for the International Transfer of Wrestlers for competitions between clubs applies to all National Federations affiliated or associated to UWW as well as to their clubs and licensed wrestlers concerned.

Article 2

The international transfer of wrestler is possible only between wrestling clubs from different countries. For evident reasons, the National Federations concerned shall compulsorily take part in the transfer procedure.

Article 3

The right for transfer may be granted only to Senior and Junior age categories.

The status of the applicant wrestler must comply with all requirements of UWW's Constitution and Regulations as well as the normative documents of the National Federation concerned.

CHAPTER II - COMPETENCE

Article 4

An international transfer of wrestler is made under the unique competence and control of the UWW Executive Committee.

On decision of the UWW Bureau, this competence may be delegated to the concerned Continental Council when an international transfer is involved on its territory. The applications and fees shall be addressed to this Continental Council. The latter shall report to UWW at the end of every year on all transfers as well as on the due incomes.

The authorized Continental Council is, in this case, entirely responsible for the strict follow up and for the spirit of formulation and requirements of the present regulation as well as for the exact enforcement its provisions.

Article 5

The International transfers of wrestlers that are not recorded through the control and the administration of the UWW Executive Committee or the authorized Continental Council are not valid.

In accordance with UWW Constitution and Regulations, the wrestlers, the clubs and the National Federations that have taken part in such transfers may be liable to disciplinary, financial and administrative sanctions.

Article 6

The validity of all documents and procedures for an international transfer is reviewed by the UWW Executive Committee or by the authorized Continental Council.

Article 7

The authorization for an international transfer is granted by the UWW Executive Committee or by the authorized Continental Council.

Article 8

The requirements with respect to the form, the documents and the procedures for an international transfer are evaluated by the UWW President and the President of the Continental Council concerned who are integral parts of the present regulations.

Article 9

The transfer of wrestler on the national level is made in compliance with the relevant National Federation's Regulations in accordance with the UWW regulations.

Article 10

On the National level, the National Federation sets up the status of its wrestles. However, any wrestler called to reinforce a foreign club is considered as an international level wrestler and as such must hold the UWW licence validated for the current year.

CHAPTER III - DEFINITIONS

Article 11

The parties involved in an international transfer are:

- a) The applying wrestler
- b) The wrestler's club of origin
- c) The national Federation to which the wrestler's club is affiliated
- d) The applying club which receives the "foreign" wrestler
- e) The National Federation of the club receiving a "foreign" wrestler

Article 12

A wrestler's nationality is verified by an official proof of nationality and through the wrestler's passport.

Article 13

A wrestler who is not holder of a license delivered by his/her National Federation may not be transferred.

Article 14

A wrestler who lives in the country of the host club and who has had a resident status for more than twelve (12) months may be granted an authorization of transfer within the framework of these regulations without requesting the permission from his/her National Federation and from the club of his/her country of origin.

No authorization by the UWW or the Continental Council is required and no transfer fee is payable for a wrestler who has been living and working in the country of the host club for more than six (6) years.

Article 15

A wrestler transferred in accordance with the present regulations may compete only for the receiving club as a reinforcement foreign wrestler.

He/she may only take part in club competitions within the framework of national championships and international interclub competitions, championships, tournaments, meetings, etc.

The participation in individual or team national championships is governed by the Regulations of the National Federation concerned.

Article 16

A transferred foreign wrestler may compete for the receiving club in national and international club championships by team, club tournaments and meetings of all kind.

According to the National Federation's regulations of the receiving club, a transferred foreign wrestler may also compete in individual national championships and tournaments of the country where he/she has been transferred.

A wrestler who has been transferred has also the duty and the right to participate in the individual championship of his/her National Federation of origin.

Article 17

A foreign wrestler transferred for an interclub championship may compete only, during his/her period of transfer, for the club to which he/she has been transferred for national and international interclub events and shall not compete for his/her club of origin in these same events. However, he/she will be allowed to compete with his/her club of origin for other competitions.

Article 18

All enrolments for the participation of the foreign transferred wrestler in competitions determined by his/her club of origin and the receiving club must compulsorily be listed in the transfer contract and confirmed by the National Federations concerned.

The transfer contract shall be submitted to the UWW Executive Committee or the authorized Continental Council.

Article 19

In the case of an international team competition between the receiving club of the transferred wrestler and his/her club of origin, the latter may only compete for his/her receiving club.

Article 20

The UWW Executive Committee or the authorized Continental Council grants a transfer authorization valid for a maximum period of twelve (12) months from the authorization date.

Article 21

A wrestler may be granted a transfer authorization only once per calendar year.

The transfers applications may be submitted only between 1st June and 31st July or between 1st and 30th November.

Article 22

The applicant wrestler must declare in written that he/she agrees with his/her transfer in a foreign club to the conditions set in his/her transfer contract.

In the case this document does not exist, all proceedings of the international transfer will be void and cancelled.

Article 23

In the case a transferred wrestler has a dual nationality, the nationality of reference shall be the nationality of his/her club of origin affiliated to its National Federation at the time the application for transfer.

The transfer procedure shall be the same as defined in the present regulation.

Article 24

The national licence is the necessary authorisation issued by the National Federation of the wrestler concerned which allows him/her to compete for another club in the same country or for a club of a foreign National Federation (this provision does not apply to the wrestler who has been living abroad for more than a year).

The UWW licence is the necessary authorisation which allows a wrestler to participate in international club competitions in accordance with the UWW Constitution and the present regulations.

The National Federation of the club where a wrestler is transferred for club competitions issues its own licence which validity is provided by its own Constitution.

The National Federation shall not grant its licence to the foreign wrestler before receiving the official letter of release from the National Federation to which the wrestler was previously licensed and before the conditions of transfer outlined in the present regulations have been fulfilled (this provision does not apply to the wrestler who has been living abroad for more than a year).

A wrestler can only be transferred as reinforcement for interclub events to one foreign club per calendar year. He/she may not compete for his/her original club or for another club in the same event or championship during the period of his transfer.

During the contractual period of transfer the reinforcement wrestler is entitled to participate in all the competitions of the his/her National Federation's calendar, other than the competition for which he/she has received the transfer certificate.

CHAPTER IV - STATUS OF THE WRESTLER

Article 25

A wrestler who holds his National Federation's license and the UWW license with the right to participate in club events of another National Federation as "reinforcement" wrestler has the right to compete for his/her original club for events other than those for which he is called to reinforce the foreign club.

A "foreign" wrestler cannot be part of a national team nor represent the country where he/she lives provisionally (through his transfer) and of which he/she has not the nationality and all the more he/she will only be entitled to participate in UWW Championships under his/her own nationality. The transfer agreement only gives him/her the right to participate in national and international club events. His/her participation in national Championships is of the competence of the relevant National Federation.

Article 26

A wrestler who possesses a licence may receive a compensatory indemnity from the National Federation or club with a view to his economic stability or for his/her social and sporting promotion.

He may receive special prizes, only through the National Federation or the reinforced club for having achieved exceptional results.

A wrestler may receive an economic aid from a sponsor.

A wrestler who has a special status (first part of this article) must conform to the internal Regulations of his National Federation or club with whom he signs a special contract which stipulates the parties' mutual obligations.

A "foreign" wrestler signs a contract with his new club under the conditions laid down in the UWW International Regulations for the Transfer of Wrestlers.

The UWW or possibly the Continental Council have the possibility to require, at any time, a copy of the agreement reached between the wrestler and his new club from the Federation and from the new club.

Article 27

A wrestler bound to his original club by contract in the framework of his legally recognised National Federation, or bound by contract to a club as transferred "foreign" wrestler, will be free for a new transfer after the expiry of the said contract.

Article 28

A wrestler shall return to his country and in his club which agreed to transfer him once his contract ends. If this requirement is not respected, the club and the National Federation of the wrestler concerned must inform the Transfer Body.

Article 29

The National Federation and the club of a wrestler which requests his transfer and which fulfils all the conditions laid down in these Regulations are bound to issue an international transfer certificate (release letter).

Article 30

The National Federation of the club with which the wrestler wants to contract is the only competent body which may request the necessary international transfer certificate.

The welcoming National Federation of the "foreign" wrestler must ask the wrestler's National Federation, which possesses his/her licence, for the international transfer certificate (release letter). The same procedure is applicable when the wrestler returns to the club of his original National Federation.

If the original club or National Federation refuses to issue the international transfer certificate, the National Federation is bound to inform the party which requested it and provide its reasons for its refusal at the same time.

If, within 30 days following the request, no agreement has been reached between the interested parties, the UWW Executive Committee will be informed and will take a final decision.

The international transfer permission is drawn up by the Transfer Body. It is in triplicate, one copy being for UWW's archives.

The international transfer certificate must contain the date and the period of its validity. It does not have to include the financial arrangements, but only the competition conditions which are laid down in these Regulations.

The international transfer certificate will not be issued to a wrestler who is under a disciplinary suspension or in the event of other limiting circumstances.

In this case, an international transfer certificate cannot be issued until the suspension ends. Any legal dispute on whether a suspension is disciplinary or not is of the competence of the UWW Executive Committee and the UWW Sporting Judge.

Article 31

A wrestler is free to sign a contract with a club other than his own only if:

- a) The contract which binds him to his club has expired or will do so in the coming six months;

Or

- b) The contract which binds him to his club has been terminated by one or other of the parties for valid reasons

Or

- c) The contract which binds him to his current club has been terminated by both parties by common agreement

In all of these circumstances, a wrestler is only free to sign a contract with another club provided that the Regulations of the National Federations of both his old and new clubs allow him to do so.

Article 32

A club which wishes to enrol a wrestler must inform his club, in writing, of their interest in him before beginning negotiations with him.

Any contact be it direct or indirect, oral or in writing, with the wrestler which violates the above requirement will lead to disciplinary consequences and the refusal of the transfer of the wrestler concerned.

Article 33

The Transfer Body must cancel the validity of the transfer in the following circumstances:

- a) If evidence is made by the UWW Executive Committee or the Sporting Judge that there is a violation of the transfer contract signed by the clubs and the National Federations concerned
- b) If evidence is made that documents relating to the transfer have been falsified
- c) If there is a written agreement between the wrestler, the clubs and the National Federations concerned

Article 34

The Regulations of a National Federation which govern the transfer possibilities of wrestlers from one club to another in the same National Federation do not apply to a "foreign" wrestler; his/her transfer can only take place with the agreement of his original National Federation and club.

This provision applies to a wrestler having his/her professional activity and living in the receiving country for more than a year.

Article 35

The transfer conditions of a wrestler from one club to another from a different National Federation where he wrestles as a "foreign" wrestler are laid down in the contract signed by both clubs and also by their respective National Federations.

When a wrestler possesses a UWW licence and his original club signs a contract with a new club, his original club may receive compensation for the training of the wrestler received, if the wrestler is bound by contract.

The sharing of the international transfer compensation must conform to the regulations of the wrestler's original National Federation.

The agreement between the two clubs must be made with the knowledge of both the relevant National Federations.

The amount of the transfer compensation is laid down in the Regulations of the National Federations concerned and is the subject of a mutual contract. The amount of the compensation depends on the international classification of the wrestler at Championships and at international tournaments and of his classification on the national scale.

Article 36

Before starting negotiations to enrol a "foreign" wrestler, the interested club and its National Federation must inform, in writing, the original club and National Federation of their intention. Following the signing of the contract, and if there is an agreement in writing from the wrestler, the welcoming club and the National Federation have the right to demand and receive from his current club the international transfer certificate (release letter). A copy of this request must be sent to the Continental Council.

Article 37

The original club which a wrestler wishes to leave must issue the international transfer certificate (release letter) at the latest within 30 days. At the same time, the transfer conditions must be agreed, if a contract is planned by these Regulations.

Article 38

Any legal disputes other than a financial disagreement must be submitted to the UWW President who will relay them to the UWW Executive Committee for decision.

The delay for appealing against the decision is 30 days. Appeals are made through the relevant National Federation.

The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of 1.000 Swiss Francs to the UWW. 50 % of this deposit will be returned in the event of the appeal being accepted.

Article 39

A "foreign" wrestler cannot be qualified in two clubs simultaneously for one season of club competitions. The transfer is not possible before the end of the annual competition cycle.

A club cannot participate in the inter-club meets with more than two "foreign" wrestlers.

A transferred foreign wrestler may not be qualified simultaneously in two clubs in a same season and in the same club competition.

CHAPTER V - AVAILABILITY OF WRESTLERS FOR NATIONAL FEDERATION REPRESENTATION MATCHES

Article 40

On the national level, only the National Federation is entitled to determine which wrestlers can be transferred in order to participate in club competitions. In any event, they are bound by the procedures and conditions of the international transfer of wrestlers to take part in the competitions of another club than the original club.

Article 41

A club having signed a contract with a "foreign" wrestler must make this wrestler available to his original National Federation if it selects him to represent it in one of its teams.

Making wrestlers available in such a manner is obligatory for the following competitions:

- a) Maximum eight international matches per year
- b) For World Cups, World and Continental Championships, Olympic Games and Regional Games

Availability must include a preparation period, which is defined as follows:

- a) For a friendly international match: 48 hours
- b) For World Cups, World Championships and Continental Championships: 15 days
- c) For Olympic Games and Regional Games: one month

In any event, the wrestler must arrive at the venue on the date laid down by his original National Federation at least 48 hours before the beginning of the competition or the training session.

Clubs and National Federations concerned may, in the event of friendly international matches, agree a more rigid or more flexible arrangement. In the event of World Cups, World Championships, Continental Championships, Olympic Games and Regional Games, they may only agree a longer availability plan. If such agreements are in place when the wrestler is transferred, they must be included in the international transfer certificate.

Article 42

A club which makes one of its wrestlers available according to the requirement of article 36 above does not have the right to any financial reimbursement. Indemnities can, however, be agreed for a longer period of availability and under certain conditions, which are defined in the contract.

The National Federation which demands the return of its wrestler must pay his transport and insurance expenses involved.

Article 43

In principle any wrestler affiliated to a club is bound to reply favourably to a demand from his/her original National Federation for representing one or another of its teams.

Article 44

A wrestler who cannot fulfil the demands of his original National Federation because of injury or illness can, at the request of this National Federation, undergo a medical examination carried out by a doctor, chosen by the National Federation.

Any club which, in violation of the requirements above, refuses to make a wrestler available although he is regularly called on by his National Federation and is able to wrestle, may be punished by the sanctions provided for in the UWW Disciplinary Regulations.

Article 45

A wrestler who has been asked to represent his original National Federation in one of its teams may in no event compete with his new club during the time mentioned in article 36 lasts or should have lasted. This ban on competing is lengthened by 15 days if the wrestler did not reply for any reasons to the application which was made for him.

Article 46

The National Federation having requested the availability of a wrestler must provide him with health and accident insurance during the whole period concerned, if this wrestler is not already insured by UWW.

In addition, are also applicable to the wrestler the same insurance conditions as those applied by the National Federation to wrestlers placed at its disposal by clubs of its own country.

CHAPTER VI - ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSFERS OF INTERNATIONAL WRESTLERS

Article 47

The procedure of internationally transferring wrestlers as well as the sanctions which can be taken if these Regulations are not followed is of the competence of UWW and the Continental Councils.

When a wrestler is transferred from one continent to another, the administration and the sanctions of the transfer are carried out by the UWW and the Continental Council under the jurisdiction of the welcoming club and National Federation.

Article 48

In order to allow the international transfer of a wrestler, the UWW or the Continental Council must have:

- a) The request in writing of the wrestler in question indicating his nationality, age, club, National Federation, sporting results on the national and international level, as well as the name of the club and the National Federation where he wants to be transferred to. Two photos of the wrestler must be included with this request.
- b) A copy of the wrestler's passport proving his nationality and his age.
- c) An international transfer certificate issued to the wrestler by his original club and National Federation, indicating his name, nationality, age, sporting results on the national and international level, as well as the name of the club and the National Federation where the wrestler is authorised to be transferred to.
- d) A transfer fee, according to the table below, must be paid to the UWW or to the Continental Council (if UWW has delegated his competence to the Continental Council concerned) by the National Federation.

Article 49

When the UWW or the Continental Committee confirms that all the documents are in order, it will issue a one-year long transfer permit to the wrestler concerned.

Article 50

The permission of transfer issued by the Transfer Body (UWW or an authorized Continental Council) is handed to the National Federation of the host club which is reinforced by the "foreign" wrestler as soon as the "Request for Transfer", the "Permission to leave certificate", a copy of the applying wrestler's passport and the payment for transfer fee (according to the scale below) are duly received.

The transfer fee is the following:

- For an Olympic or Senior World medallist: 2.500 Swiss Francs
- For a Continental or Junior World medallist: 2.000 Swiss Francs

- For an international level wrestler: 1.500 Swiss Francs
- For a national level wrestler: 750 Swiss francs

Only the four (4) previous years from the transfer application will be considered to determine corresponding fee according to the scale here above.

25 % (twenty-five per cent) of the amount of the above fees will be reimbursed to the Federation of origin of the wrestler concerned as a compensation for training expenses. The balance will be transferred to a special fund meant to finance the creation and running of regional centres and the running of the Continental Councils.

Article 51

Any wrestler having received the transfer permit must be entered on the lists of transferred wrestlers which are drawn up by the UWW or the Continental Council. These are to be made available to all the National Federations and are kept in the archives of the same Continental Council.

CHAPTER VII - FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 52

In the event of a sanction, taken by the UWW or the Continental Committee, the appeal procedure is possible. The UWW Executive Committee presides over the first instance while the UWW Bureau presides over the procedure of the second.

In the event of a dispute, the clubs and National Federations concerned, as well as the UWW, accept the arbitration of the CAS.

Article 53

The National Federation is in charge to check that foreign wrestlers participating in competitions on its territory are in compliance with all the transfer requirements.

In the event of a violation of the UWW International Regulations for the Transfer of Wrestlers or In the event where one or several wrestlers are participating in a club competition without having obtained beforehand a transfer authorization, the National Federation will be imposed a fine up to 10.000 Swiss Francs or even will be suspended from participating in any international competition.

Article 54

All the cases not provided by these Regulations are subject to a final decision by the UWW Executive Committee.

These Regulations cancel and replace all international transfer agreements drawn up previously.

If there is disagreement on the interpretation of the present text, the French text only shall be authentic.

APPENDIX

- Forms for Transfers Applications



1. Permission to leave for International Transfers

Pursuant to the United World Wrestling's *Regulations for International Transfers in Interclub Competitions*, the National Federation of..... agrees to the transfer of:

Last Name First Name

Nationality Birth date

Passport number*

* A copy of the passport must be provided with the application.

This authorization is issued for the international transfer of the above mentioned wrestler to the National Wrestling Federation of:

.....

Club:

This authorization is **valid one (1)** year from (please select and complete):

.....June/July 20....

.....November 20....

Pursuant to UWW's *Regulations for International Transfers in Interclub Competitions*, the authorized wrestler commits to respond favourably to the demands of his National Federation of origin regarding his participation to the training sessions for individual championships (Continental, World, Olympics) in case he/she is selected to these respective competitions.

Signatures

Wrestler

President **Seal:**

Date





2. Request for International Transfers

Pursuant to the United World Wrestling's *Regulations for International Transfers in Interclub Competitions*, the National Federation of..... requests the authorization for the transfer of:

Last Name First Name

Nationality Birth date

Passport number* Club of origin

* A copy of the passport must be provided with the application.

The wrestler here above will compete for the club:.....
Country:..... City:.....

The authorized wrestler will compete in:

National competitions International competitions

This authorization is **valid one (1)** year from (please select and complete):

.....June/July 20....
November 20....

Attached herewith is the "*Permission to Leave for International Transfers*" (number 1) issued and signed by the National Federation of.....

The National Federation of origin and the wrestler concerned acknowledge that they had the opportunity to review the *Regulations for International Transfers in Interclub Competitions* and agree to all articles.

Signatures

President Seal:
Date



NB: This document must be sent together with the "Permission to Leave for International Transfer" form, the passport copy of transferred wrestler and the proof of payment of the transfer fee (pursuant to article 50 of the Regulations for International Transfers in Interclub Competitions) to the Transfer Body authorized to issue the authorization (UWW-Europe for transfers in European clubs and United World Wrestling for transfers in other continents' clubs).