

# Player registration and transfers

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## 1. Terminology

For the purpose of this Regulation, the following terms are defined as follows:

**Former association:**

The association (federation) to which the former club is affiliated

**Former club:**

The club that the player leaves.

**New association:**

The association (federation) to which the new club is affiliated

**New club:**

The club that the player joins.

**Federated Network of Roller In Line Hockey:**

The federated network of associations, federations, clubs, entities participating in the organization of the Roller In Line Hockey under the aegis of World Skate, [World Skate Europe \(WSE\)](#) and [World Skate Europe In Line Hockey commission \(WSE In Line Hockey\)](#), or authorized by them.

**Official matches:**

Matches played as part of the Federated Network of Roller In Line Hockey, such as national league, national cup and international club competitions, with the exception of friendlies and trial matches.

**Season:**

Period beginning in the first official match of the national championship and ending in the last official match of the national championship.

**Third party:**

Party other than the two clubs transferring a player from one to the other, or any club with which the player has been registered.

**Convention:**

[Written agreement between two European associations, under the aegis of WSE In Line Hockey commission, by which the associations define common agreements intended to produce legal effects](#)

**Categories of competitions**

[The categories of competitions is intended by the different categories of ages and gender that frame the competitions framework, that defines the sport's offer of the association. \(ex: U15, U19M, Senior Men, Senior Women...\)](#)

### Levels of championships

The levels of championships correspond to the hierarchical order of championships, generally based on the sport's level of the participating teams and players of the championship, and the way it is organized inside a category of competition (ex: Elite League, 2<sup>nd</sup> division, 3<sup>rd</sup> division of the senior men category). Comparing the levels of championships of two different associations inside a category of competition is understood by mapping the order of the championships of the two associations, based on the level.

For the sake of convenience, this document is written in the masculine form. The principles, however, apply independently to all players.

## 2. Principle

- 2.1 This document defines a set of universal and binding rules and applies to all European associations and all European clubs of these European associations, affiliated to the WSE and WSE IN LINE HOCKEY, within the framework of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey
- 2.2 European associations, upon their first WSE and WSE IN LINE HOCKEY affiliation, undertake to implement this document.
- 2.3 The principles of registration and European transfer describe the registration of a player in a club of an association affiliated to the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey from:
  - Or another association of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in Europe
  - Or an association that is not part of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey
  - Or an association that is part of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in another continent.
- 2.4 WSE IN LINE HOCKEY endorses transfers in Europe

## 3. Scope

- 3.1 The registration and transfer rules within the same association are governed by the association in question, but must not conflict with this regulation
- 3.2 Certain provisions of the regulations are binding within the national Roller In Line Hockey and must be included or transposed into the regulations of the associations
  - art.4 - Player registration including 4.4
  - art.6 - Player loan
  - art.9 - Unregistered Player
  - art.15 - Protection of minors

## 4. Players Registration

- 4.1 A player must be registered with an association to play with a club
- 4.2 Only registered players may participate in the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey.
- 4.3 The registered player is required to comply with World Skate, WSE / WSE IN LINE HOCKEY and its local association's rules
- 4.4 In a general manner, a player may only be registered with one association at a time, inside the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey, or registered in several associations, based on a convention between associations, respecting the framework and validation process defined in this regulation, and in particular the art.12
- 4.5 Each association owns the competencies to locally manage the regulations defining the player's registration and engagement process in a club, of an association of the federated network of Roller in Line Hockey, in agreement with this regulation and especially the ETC process
- 4.6 However, a player may be registered with a Roller and Skateboard association at the same time, for the practice of other Roller disciplines than Roller In Line Hockey. It is not necessary for Roller In Line Hockey and Roller clubs to belong to the same association.

## 5. ETC - European Transfer Certificate for Roller In Line Hockey

- 5.1 The European Transfer Certificate (ETC) is the only document that allows the registration of a new player in the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in Europe or the transfer of a player between two associations of the federated network.
- 5.2 A player from an association of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in Europe may only be registered in a new association of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in Europe, after having received a European Transfer Certificate from the association left.
- 5.3 A player from an association that is not part of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey or an association that is part of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in another continent, during his first registration in an association of Federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in Europe, can only be registered in this association after having received a European Certificate of Transfer, delivered by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 5.4 The ETC is to be delivered without time limitation. Any contrary provision would be null and void except for the ETC delivered as a Transfer Under Convention (art.12)
- 5.5 Associations shall have the right to request, for the issue of a European Transfer Certificate, only the rights or remunerations defined by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY
- 5.6 The association issuing the ETC is required to submit a copy to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 5.7 The administrative procedure for issuing the ETC is described in Art. 8 of this Regulation

## 6. Player's loan

- 6.1 A loan can only be made on the basis of a written contract between a player and the clubs concerned, detailing the loan conditions. The duration of the loan must not exceed the duration of the original contract still in force between the player and his club
- 6.2 The loan of a player by a club to another club is considered a transfer. Therefore the ETC procedure applies. The contract is attached to the ETC application.
- 6.3 A club that has accepted a player on the basis of a loan is not entitled to transfer it to a third club.
- 6.4 After expiration of the loan term, the player automatically returns to his home club, which has loaned him.

## 7. ETC –transfers rights

- 7.1 The association left can ask the new association for the transfer request, the payment of administrative fees for the establishment of the ETC, these expenses being determined by the WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 7.2 The association of the new club asking the transfer may request the club to pay an administrative fee for the establishment of the ETC. These costs cannot exceed the costs determined by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 7.3 The WSE IN LINE HOCKEY may request from the association of the new club an administrative fee for the administrative processing of transfers and the establishment of the ETC. These fees are determined by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 7.4 Administrative transfer fees are set in art.16.
- 7.5 As part of a loan, at the end of the definite release period, the return of a player to the former association that was initially vacated is made without payment of administrative fees. If a player regains the old association before the end of the time-limited release period (early return), the related administrative costs are due.
- 7.6 Extensions of loans to the same new association are to be organized by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY, without administrative costs

## 8. ETC – Procedure

- 8.1 When registering a player, the new club informs the new association of the need to receive an ETC for that player.
  - 8.1.1 Only completed applications will be accepted. Any incomplete form will be returned immediately.
  - 8.1.2 Only requests made by e-mail are accepted
- 8.2 Upon receipt of the request, the new association is in charge of making a request for ETC from:

- 8.2.1 The association of the club left (former association), for the applicant, for the member associations of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in Europe. A copy of this application is sent the same day to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY
- 8.2.2 WSE IN LINE HOCKEY for associations that are not part of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey or for associations of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey organized outside Europe

### **8.3 Case of a transfer between associations of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey in Europe**

- 8.3.1 The former association asks the former club and the player to confirm if there is any dispute to prevent the transfer.
- 8.3.2 The former association must establish the ETC within 7 (seven) days of receipt of the application, in favor of the new association
- 8.3.3 In the case of a dispute between the club and the player, the former association must inform the new association that the ETC cannot be established, indicating the cause of the dispute
  - 8.3.3.1 Disputes cases can be
    - The player has not returned his equipment to the club (Club must provide official document proving that the player was in a position of using an equipment that was supposed to be returned)
    - The player has not paid all the money due to the club (Club must provide official document proving that the player is in a situation of debt toward the club)
    - There is an existing contract set between the player and the association and any right cause exist to break this contract
- 8.3.4 The former association must mention in the ETC any suspension or disciplinary proceedings in progress against the player. In such a case, the ETC may be issued but on the expiry date of the current measures. The new association may request additional information from the former association and WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 8.3.5 A copy of the ETC confirmed by the former association must be served on the new association. Another copy of the ETC must be sent to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 8.3.6 Proof of payment of transfer fees to the former association and WSE IN LINE HOCKEY are attached to the documents served
- 8.3.7 If, within 15 days after the date of the official application issued by the new association, the former association does not issue an ETC certificate for the player or if it has not put forward a relevant reason for the refusal, the new association may, after expiry of the deadline, request the delivery of the ETC from WSE IN LINE HOCKEY.
- 8.3.8 The WSE IN LINE HOCKEY examines the transfer documents and records in the list of European transfers the transfers in progress

### **8.4 Case of a transfer with an association not member of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey or members of the federated network of Roller In Line Hockey outside Europe**

- 8.4.1 The new association must request ETC from WSE IN LINE HOCKEY by providing, in addition to the standard documents of the ETC procedure, a declaration on the honor of the player, showing the following elements:

- The player assures that he has no license in another country
  - The player ensures that he is not engaged in a sports season with another club, for the Roller In Line Hockey, whether he is a member of the federated network or not
  - The player ensures not to be disciplined for the practice of Roller In Line Hockey, whether sanctioned in the federated network or outside the federated network
- 8.4.2 The new association sends proof of payment of transfer fees to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY
- 8.4.3 The WSE IN LINE HOCKEY shall establish the ETC within 7 days of receipt of the application, in favor of the new association and record ETC in the list of European transfers
- 8.4.4 If information liable to invalidate the player's declaration of honor is collected by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY, the ETC cannot be issued.
- 8.4.5 WSE IN LINE HOCKEY records transfers in progress in the list of European transfers

## 9. Non registered Players

- 9.1 A player who has not been registered with an association **or registered in multiple association without respecting this regulation** and has participated on behalf of a club in an official match will be considered to have played illegally. Notwithstanding any measure required to rectify the sporting consequences of such participation, penalties may also be imposed on the player and / or club. The right to impose such sanctions lies, in principle, with the association or organizer of the competition concerned.
- 9.2 A player that, after registering in an association of the federated network in Europe, take a participation in any Roller In Line Hockey competition in any official event of an association not in the federated network, the ETC is considered as non-valid and obsolete on the first day of participation of the player to this event. In order to take part again in an event in Europe, this player is considered as non-registered and must renew its ETC before playing again in the federated network in Europe, otherwise art. 9.1 will apply to him.

## 10. Application of disciplinary sanctions

- 10.1 A sanction has to be purged in the former association before the transfer is possible.
- 10.2 Any disciplinary sanction pronounced against a player by his / her former association and not purged at the time of the transfer can delay the transfer, according to the decisions of the former association.
- 10.3 The former association has the right to apply any delay in the transfer response, equivalent to the nature of the sanction.
- 10.4 The former association must inform all parties within the delay defined in art. 8.

- 10.5 After its approbation of a transfer, the former association will not be able to complaint about the transfer, under the reason of any sanction to be purged by the player inside the former association.
- 10.6 In case of a complaint by the new club/association regarding the inadequate equivalence in time between the sanction and the delay in according the transfer, a complaint must be raised to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY in 1<sup>st</sup> instance and WSE Justice Commission in 2<sup>nd</sup> instance

## 11. Protection of minors

- 11.1 The European transfer of a player will only be allowed if the player is at least 17 years old.
- 11.2 European transfers of players under the age of 17 are only eligible under the following conditions:
  - a. Generally, if, for reasons outside the Roller In Line Hockey, the player's family moves to the country where the new club is located.
  - b. The player is brought to be student or student where the new club is located
  - c. The player is required to participate in a student exchange program (12 months maximum) where is located the new club
  - d. The player is required to perform an internship or an activity related to a professional training where is located his new club
- 11.3 For such transfers (article 15.2) no rights are due to the left association
- 11.4 The same principles apply for the first registration of players under the age of 17 who have a nationality other than that of the country where they submit their first application for registration

## 12. Convention between two associations

- 12.1 A convention is a tool for helping the sport's development in Europe
- 12.2 Two associations of the federated network can set-up a convention. Terms and conditions of such a convention are defined between them but can't go against the principles and rules of the "Player Registration and Transfer" regulation. This document is written in English.
- 12.3 WSE IN LINE HOCKEY owns the right to grant the establishment of a convention between two associations of the federated network
- 12.4 A convention is a document limited in time
- 12.5 A convention is valid only after the payment of the administrative fee to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY
- 12.6 The purpose of a convention is to define the set of specific rules that can allow players to engage in a club of one of the associations of the convention, to participate exclusively in a specific category of competition, at a specific level of championship, while remaining registered in the second association of the convention, to participate in the other categories of competitions and levels of championships

- 12.7 In any case, the convention can allow the right for a player to participate in the same category of competition and level of championships into two associations at the same time
- 12.8 When validated by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY, a convention has the value of a regulation and integrates the Player Registration and Transfers regulation, as part of it

### **12.9 Transfer Under Convention**

- 12.9.1 A transfer made under the convention between two associations is called 'Transfer Under Convention' (TUC)
- 12.9.2 All the ETC principles, rights, procedure, disciplinary sanctions and protection of minors are applied to the TUC, with the specificities that:
- 12.9.2.1 The 'former association' is considered to be the association that propose the largest access to categories of competitions and levels of championships at the exception to the rights of participating to specific categories of competitions and levels of championships delegated to the new association
- 12.9.2.2 The 'new association' is considered to be the association that engage the player for specific categories of competitions and level of championships
- 12.9.2.3 The ETC of a TUC must mention the specific categories of competition and level of championships covered by the transfer
- 12.9.2.4 The ETC of a TUC not respecting the conditions of the conventions signed by the two associations and WSE IN LINE HOCKEY is null and void
- 12.9.2.5 In case of a TUC, following art. 5.4, the ETC is generated in the time frame of the convention's duration and ends at the end date of such a convention. In case of the agreement on a new convention between the same two associations, a new ETC must be requested.

### **12.10 Convention**

- 12.10.1 In order to be valid, a convention between two association must contain:
- ◆ The listing of all the categories of competitions and levels of championships proposed in each association
  - ◆ The written motivations of such a convention
  - ◆ The development goals and intents targeted with such a convention, and the means the two associations will put in place to evaluate the performance of the convention
  - ◆ The definition of the categories of competitions and levels of championships that are, for each association, opened to a TUC
  - ◆ The limitations of playing inherent, in the former association, to the request of a TUC attributed to a player in a new association.
  - ◆ The limitations of playing inherent, in the new association, to the attribution of a TUC
  - ◆ All the internal regulations, articles of sport's rules inside each association, that can be applied in case of the non-respect of this regulation and the convention, in order to sanction the offending
  - ◆ All the means engaged by each association in order to monitor the good execution of the convention and apply the right level of control



- ♦ The particular conditions that each association will put in place to ensure the right promotion and communication of the convention in their respective network
  - ♦ The clauses of non-respect of the convention which could lead to its unilateral rupture
  - ♦ The administrative fees payment agreement between the two associations
- 12.10.2 WSE IN LINE HOCKEY reserves the right to unilaterally disapprove the establishment of a convention, when considered contrary to the development objectives of the discipline.
- 12.10.3 In case of refusal of the establishment of a convention, the appeal body is WSE Justice and Disciplinary Commission
- 12.10.4 In case of a dispute during the execution of the convention, a complaint must be made to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY in 1st instance and WSE Justice Commission in 2nd instance

### **12.11 Approving process of a convention**

- 12.11.1 Two association can propose a project of convention to the WSE IN LINE HOCKEY approval, only after realizing the payment of the administrative fee of € 300
- 12.11.2 The approving process starts at the collection of the administrative fee
- 12.11.3 WSE IN LINE HOCKEY owns a delay of 21 days in order to approve / disapprove the convention
- ♦ During this process, WSE IN LINE HOCKEY can request any change to the associations requesting the convention, in order to clarify the project
  - ♦ Each new change in the initial document must be logged in a revision system and each new version of the document proposed to WSE IN LINE HOCKEY approval restart the delay of 21 days
- 12.11.4 To be valid and approved, the two associations and WSE IN LINE HOCKEY must sign the convention
- 12.11.5 Once approved, the convention must be publicly available to anybody
- 12.11.6 In case of refusal, the administrative fee are not reimbursed

### **12.12 TUC and participation to Clubs European Championships**

- 12.12.1 For players where the TUC consists in a transfer based on the participation, inside the new association, in a category of competition not available in the former association, the player can participate in the Clubs European Championships inside the category of competition proposed inside the new association
- 12.12.2 For players where the TUC consists in a transfer based on the participation, inside the new association, in a category of competition available in the former association but at different levels of championships, participation to a Clubs European Championship is granted to the club affiliated to the former association, in the only case where it exists a difference of two (2) levels of championships between the club of the new association and the club of the former association.
- 12.12.3 In all other cases, the participation of a Clubs European Championship is not granted and in such a case, a player can't be part of a Squad List of a European Championship.

## 13. Transfer rights

- 13.1 The transfer fee for the old association is € 20 per transfer and the transfer fee for WSE IN LINE HOCKEY is € 20 per transfer.

## 14. Disputes

- 14.1 Any dispute arising from transfers between associations will be taken into account and treated by WSE IN LINE HOCKEY as the organ of first instance (administrative procedure)
- 14.2 An appeal against the handling of a case or the decisions of the body of first instance (administrative procedure) is taken into account and settled by the WSE Justice and Disciplinary Commission as a body of second instance