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The World Dodgeball Federation is responsible for this Eligibility and National Status of Players Policy and Procedures.

The World Dodgeball Federation is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of the policy and procedures on an annual basis.

1 Eligibility of Players

1. To be entitled to participate in WDBF competitions, a player must observe the General Statutes and Internal Regulations of the WDBF.
2. The national member federation is responsible for the eligibility of its players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations governing Eligibility, National Status, International Transfer, and Age of Players.
3. All players who participate in WDBF competitions and/or those of its national member federations must:
 - a. Respect the Code of Conduct and act accordingly at all times on and off the court;
 - b. Refrain from using substances and methods prohibited by the regulations of WDBF and those of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA);
 - c. Agree to submit at any time to medical tests and controls, particularly doping controls, carried out in compliance with the regulations of WDBF, the International Olympic Committee, and WADA.
4. A national member federation or WDBF is authorized to deny participation in WDBF competitions to players who do not respect the provisions provided for in this policy. Permission to play may be refused also to any player who does not provide the entry form, as required, in which he agrees to accept inter alia: a. The conditions in force for doping control. b. The jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, to the exclusion of any recourse to ordinary courts, in the event of a dispute with WDBF which cannot be settled within WDBF.
5. Players in breach of the principles set out here may not be eligible to participate in competitions sanctioned by the WDBF.
6. Where implemented, player contracts shall have a maximum duration of four (4) years. It is recommended that the parties to a player contract state their agreement in writing.
7. It is within the spirit of all WDBF Regulations that players make themselves available for competitions of both their club and their national team. The national member federations are encouraged to enact regulations securing the participation of all players under their jurisdiction in their respective national teams.

2 National Status of Players

Proof of Legal Nationality / Eligibility

1. WDBF may ask that evidence be provided to verify the legal nationality (or nationalities) or national team eligibility of any player by requesting any documents it deems appropriate.
2. Proof of legal nationality of a country by itself does not constitute sufficient evidence to guarantee a player's right to play as a representative for the national team of that country.

National Team Eligibility

3. In order to play for the national team of a country, a player must:
 - a. hold the legal nationality of that country, OR
 - b. be a permanent resident of that country, OR
 - c. have a parent with legal nationality of that country (see 2-3e), AND
 - d. has fulfilled also the conditions of eligibility according to WDBF internal regulations.
 - e. a player seeking eligibility under 2-3c must receive approval from the Executive Board at the request of the chosen national federation
4. Any player with two legal nationalities or more, by birth or by naturalization, may choose the national team for which they wish to play. Any such choice must be made in a written declaration to WDBF, direct from the player or through the roster submission process for the WDBF competition.
5. Any player having played in a main official competition of WDBF, including but not limited to the World Championships, World Championships qualifier, or continental championships, for a national team for which he is eligible, is considered as having chosen the national team of that country.
6. A player who has played in a main official competition of WDBF may play for a national team of another country if they meet the criteria defined in 2-3 and if both national member federations agree; in the absence of an agreement, the Executive Board of the WDBF will make the decision.

Provisions for Dependent Territories

7. In order to represent the territory in competitions of the WDBF or its continental affiliates, subject to other following provisions, a player must fulfil the following conditions:

- a. Have met the criteria identified in section 2-3 for the country on which the territory is dependent (the “main territory”); and
- b. Be able to demonstrate traditional or customary residence in the territory

Club Teams

8. For any international club competitions sanctioned by the WDBF, the composition of the teams is not subject to any limitation concerning the legal nationality of the players. However, each national member federation and the continental affiliate may establish more restrictive regulations.

3 Decisions and Appeals

1. Unless provided otherwise, all decisions regarding the eligibility and the national status of players are taken by the WDBF Executive acting through the President or Secretary-General.
2. The Secretary-General of the WDBF shall be authorized to review and set aside any such decision if they believe that the decision is contrary to the spirit and intent of the WDBF internal regulations and the established general policy of WDBF.
3. Where there are violations of the provisions contained in these articles and, in particular, where national member federations, clubs, or other organizations are involved in the manipulation, no matter whether legal or not under the domestic legislation, of the legal status of players, administrative and disciplinary penalties shall be imposed in the first instance by the Executive Board of WDBF.
4. Decisions on marginal cases are the responsibility of the Secretary-General following consultation with the President of the WDBF. The same shall apply with respect to refugees enjoying asylum rights and displaced persons (UN Conventions). In certain cases, WDBF nationality may be granted to a player.
5. An appeal against decisions made under the foregoing provisions shall be submitted in accordance with the Regulations governing Appeals.