

Citizenship and Changes in Citizenship

1. In International Competitions, ITSF Member Federations shall be represented only by Citizens of the Country or Territory which the affiliated Member represents.

2. Having once represented a Member in an International Competition, no athlete may thereafter represent another Member in an International Competition, except in the following circumstances:

(a) The incorporation of one Country or Territory in another.

(b) The creation of a new Country ratified by Treaty or otherwise recognised at international level.

(c) Acquisition of a new citizenship. In this case, the athlete shall not represent his new Member in an International Competition for a period of 3 years following the acquisition of new Citizenship pursuant to the athlete's application. This period of 3 years may however be reduced or cancelled as set out below:

(i) the period may be reduced to 12 months with the agreement of the Members concerned.

(ii) the period may be reduced or cancelled in exceptional cases by a vote of the Executive Committee.

(d) Dual Citizenship: In this case, an athlete who holds Citizenship of two (or more) Countries or Territories, may represent the Member of either (or any) of them, as he may elect. However, having represented the Member in an International Competition, he shall not represent another Member of which he is a Citizen in an International Competition for a period of 3 years from the date he last represented the first Member. This period of 3 years may however be reduced or cancelled as set out below:

(i) the period may be reduced to 12 months with the agreement of the Members concerned.

(ii) the period may be reduced or cancelled in exceptional cases by a vote of the Executive Committee.

3. (a) A Citizen of a Country or Territory which is not an ITSF Member may represent an ITSF Member Country or Territory in an International Competition on condition that he has completed a period of five years' continuous residence in that Country or Territory.

(i) the period may be reduced or cancelled in exceptional cases by a vote of the Executive Committee.

4. (a) When a Citizen of a Country or Territory of a Member which is suspended from ITSF is seeking to become a Citizen of a Country or Territory of a Member which is not suspended, he may compete in domestic competition organised by the Member which is not suspended on condition that:

- he renounces his former nationality in the process of applying for citizenship of the Country or Territory of the Member which is not suspended and he publicly states this fact by advising the relevant Members concerned;

- he completes at least one year's continuous residence in his new Country or Territory;

- the domestic competition in which he participates does not include athletes from other Members.

(b) An athlete who has complied with the requirements of Rule 5.3(a) above may compete in International Competitions only after completing a period of two years' continuous residence in his new Country or Territory.

(c) An athlete who has complied with the requirements of Rule 5.3(a) above may represent his new National Federation in International Competitions only after completing a period of three years' continuous residence in his new Country or Territory and after he has acquired new citizenship.

(d) The period(s) of continuous residence shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days, starting from the day after a person lands in the Country or Territory where he seeks to acquire new citizenship.

(e) In any continuous 365 day period, an athlete may not spend more than a total of 90 days in the foreign Country or Territory of the Member under suspension.

(f) An athlete seeking to qualify under this Rule must refrain from any athletics activities, which shall include, but not be restricted to, exhibition races, training, coaching, officiating, lecturing, giving interviews and publicity interviews, with any representatives of a Member which is under suspension.

5. Members and their officials, coaches and athletes are not to conduct any activities, as defined in Rule 5.3(f) above or otherwise, associated with any representative of a suspended Member, its officials, coaches, judges, athletes, etc. In case of any infringement of this Rule, the provisions for suspensions and sanctions laid down in the Constitution shall apply.