

**Right of athletes to participate**  
**in tournaments / team championships of other national federations,**  
**both national and international.**

1. The following rules are valid for athletes of a national federation, of which they have the nationality, and for athletes who, not having that nationality, count as full members with all the rights and obligations under the decisions of the Sluis/NL Congress (Annex 8 of the Statutes).

2. An athlete may, in principle, take part in championships of other federations, if:

He participates with the permission of his national federation. This permission may include different restrictions which are binding on the athlete. The permission may or may not be limited in time or it may contain a minimum defined time. The home National Federation may at any time, without stating reasons, withdraw this permission. If a minimum defined time has been agreed, it may only withdraw this permission after this period has expired. Exception made if the athlete is suspended from playing by his national federation or an international federation.

The permitted period may not be less than one full season. In principle, a period of 4 weeks for processing the request seems reasonable. Requests can be made to both national federations and regional federations (leagues). The authorization itself must be made and signed by the national federation.

3. How many, in which competitions, where and how many times players from a foreign federation may take part, is the sole competence of the national federations on their territory.

4. Athletes participating in national championships, following which they could theoretically participate for two nations in an international championship, must decide before the start of the national championship for which nation they will play, if any. This decision must be indicated in the authorisation issued by their home federation. If this decision is not taken, they will have to play for their home federation. A decision after the qualification for an international championship is not possible. Not even when the qualification is displaced for one season. Decisive is "which national qualification counts for which international championship. "

5. These rules are only valid for team competitions. It is open to federations to impose restrictions on national qualifications/championships and thus also on international participation.

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