



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO OUR BUREAU MEMBERS
TO OUR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Clarification of the rules of the change of sporting nationality for the 2015 European Games in Baku, 2015 Senior World Championship in Las Vegas, 2016 Olympic qualifying tournaments and Olympic Games.

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Our rules for the change of sporting nationality have been adopted in Tashkent last September on the occasion of the Congress, and apply to wrestlers in all age categories (cadet, junior, senior, veteran) and to all types of competitions under the authority of United World Wrestling.

The main points are the followings.

The new Federation should send a request in writing to United World Wrestling in the period between 1 and 31 December, along with :

- The authorization of the Federation of origin (signed by its President) granting the departure of the athlete. In case the Federation of origin is opposed for any reason to a wrestler's change of sporting nationality, the athlete will obtain the new sporting nationality after a period of 24 months (passed this period the authorization of the Federation of origin will not be required anymore). During this period, the athlete may only take part in international tournaments with the Federation of origin.
If the athlete has never taken part in competition with his/her country of origin, this authorization is not necessary.
- The athlete's passport copy (of the country of origin)
- The athlete's passport copy (of the country he/she is applying for the new sporting nationality)
° If the wrestler has not received it, then his/her residence and work permits are required.
- The copy of the payment of the fee for the change of sporting nationality of CHF 5'000.-

An athlete is authorized to change his/her sporting nationality once in a sporting life.

A country may receive only one foreign wrestler by wrestling style per year, in each age category (cadet, junior, senior, veteran).

When the new Federation will receive our agreement for the change of the athlete's sporting nationality, he/she will be authorized to take part in all competitions registered in our calendar, except in competitions where the Olympic Charter applies, namely :

- Continental or regional Games (such as the 2015 European Games in Baku), Multisport Games or other and qualifying tournaments for these competitions.
- The Olympic Games qualifying tournaments (which include the 2015 Senior World Championship in Las Vegas), as well as the Olympic Games.

Indeed, an athlete who has obtained his/her new sporting nationality may participate in these competitions provided :

- she/he is a national of the country he/she will represent ***and***
- at least three years have passed since she/he last represented his/her former country in Olympic Games, continental or regional Games, regional, continental or world Championships.



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If an athlete wishes to take part in one of these competitions and does not meet the 2 above mentioned criterions, his/her National Federation can, *via its National Olympic Committee*, contact the IOC for a final decision.

We thank you for your attention to this matter, and remain at your disposal for any further details you might request.

Sincerely yours

Michel Dusson

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General Secretary
United World Wrestling

Nenad Lalovic

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President
United World Wrestling



Corsier-sur-Vevey, 26th March, 2015/jd