

## Transfer Regulations update

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### General recommendations

#### I. Transfer requirements

1. Residence in the new country or citizenship is required.

Residence permit is mandatory, but it is not a sufficient prove of residence. Utility bills or alternative proof of residence are required.

2. Date of the last representation of the old federation in any events (including FIDE events) is irrelevant.

#### II. Transfer conditions

1. Any player residing in a country or having that country's passport can apply for a transfer to that country's federation (subject to confirmation by the national chess federation of that country).

2. Player's eligibility for FIDE official events.

Option A. Once the transfer is approved, a player shall immediately be allowed to take part in all individual events under a new flag, but not allowed to represent a new federation in official FIDE team competitions (Olympiads, World Team Championships) for one 2-year cycle (one full cycle).

Option B. Once the transfer is approved, a player shall play under FID flag for one 2-year cycle between membership of his/her old and new federations. During this period, he/she is not eligible for official FIDE team competitions (Olympiads, World Team Championships).

*The idea of this option is to avoid "buying" players by any federation with an immediate effect.*

[ NF ] Just to be clear, I do not like Option B. FID players are a nuisance to tournament organisers and I hope we shall not see this introduction of yet another class of them.

#### III. Fees

##### Notification fee

1. The mandatory fee to be paid by any applicant to FIDE.

2. It remains as it is now – 50€ (unless FIDE financial department decides to change it).

### Transfer fee

1. The following new scale is proposed

Player's category	Length of Residency/Citizenship in the new country		
	24 months or less		More than 24 months
	First transfer	Further transfers*	
GM +2600 / WGM 2400+	2,000	5,000	Free
Others	Free	2,000	Free

\*Further transfers are not allowed earlier than three years from the previous one. Possible exceptions:

- transfer of minor (-18) players
- transfer in case of force majeure.

FIDE Council will deal with such cases on individual basis.

2. Transfer fee shall be:

Option A. Mandatory, to be paid before the player represents the new federation in any FIDE event at any time in the future.

Option B. Paid only if a player is going to represent his/her new federation in individual competitions during the coming two years (one 2-year cycle).

### Compensation fee

Compensation fee shall be abolished.

*The idea is that:*

- *Participation in individual competition under a new federation flag shall not be subject to payment of the compensation fee*
- *Representation of a new federation in FIDE team competitions can be bought by no means during the 2-year cycle period (see II.2)*

**We recommend the above-listed proposals come in effect from 1 May 2023**  
**The same applies for the pending applications.**

### Special recommendations

1. FIDE Council shall be entitled to consider transfer applications in cases of force majeure on personal basis
2. Transfer of Russian and Byelorussian players under the current transfer regulations might be simplified e.g:
  - by reducing/waiving existing fees
  - by reviewing/abolishing "last representation date" rule.

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