

Amendments to the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players

Article 5 (new text of paragraph 2)

Players may only be registered to play with a national association during one of two registration periods per year, as laid down by the national association for this purpose, with a limit of one transfer of registration per player in the same sports season in a period of 12 months. One of these periods ("registration periods") is fixed for the end of the season and another period for the middle of the season. Amateur players transferring within the same national association shall be exempt from these restrictions. Special provisions can equally apply to the loan of players (cf. Art. 10.1)

Article 6 (new text of paragraph 6)

If, after a period of 30 days from the date of the request from the prospective association, the association which a player wishes to leave has not issued an international registration transfer certificate or given a valid reason why it refuses to do so, the new association may issue a provisional certificate to the player, enabling him to play in that country.

The provisional certificate shall become permanent one year after the date on which the new association addressed its request to the former association. The Players' Status Committee may withdraw a provisional certificate, if, in the meantime, the former national association presents valid reasons why it did not issue the mentioned document.

Article 10 (new text of paragraph 1)

Under the provisions of these regulations, the loan of a player by one club to another is dealt with administratively like a transfer. An international registration transfer certificate shall therefore be issued whenever a player leaves a national association to join another national association to which the club to which he has been released on loan belongs.

The international registration transfer certificate, on expiry of the period of loan, may be returned to the national association of the club, which released the player on loan, after a loan period of at least six months.

Article 12
(new paragraph 1c)

(c) in cases of players living in the proximity of a national border, no further than 50 km distance from the border and if the club domiciled in the neighbouring association where the player wishes to train is equally within a distance of 50 km from the country's border, providing the two associations concerned have given their explicit consent. The player must continue to live at home.

Article 36
(new text of paragraph 2)

This provision is binding for the matches listed in the coordinated international match calendar. Additionally, it is binding for any other match in respect of which the FIFA Executive Committee has taken a special decision.

Art. 36 para. 3 is deleted.