

Transfer to different Federation

(Interpretation of Art. 3.2 "Membership in a National Association" of Competition Rules IFA [IFCR])

Introduction

On the basis of latest discussions about European players playing for South American teams in October/November 2009 the IFA board wants to specify and interpret the regulations of the Competition Rules (IFCR) more precisely.

Principle (IFCR Art. 3.2.1)

In case a player leaves his member federation in order to play for a team in another member federation, this is only possible if he/she can present the official release of the former federation.

Request for Release (IFCR Art. 3.2.2, Para. 1)

If a player intends to leave his member federation, he has to communicate this to the federation. This request can be made by mail or letter 2 months prior to his/her last game at the earliest. It can only be applied to a point in time after the last game in the federation he/she plays for at the moment of request.

Release by Federation (IFCR Art. 3.2.2, Para. 2)

The former federation is bound to release the player.

The release can only be turned down in case of economic or disciplinary reasons.

National regulations that are not economical or disciplinary ones cannot be applied.

The release must be issued within 2 months after the player's request, if there are no reasons for turning down the request according to IFSO. The release can be issued by mail or letter.

In case this release is not issued, the player is regard as automatically released after another month.

Proof of Entitlement at new Federation (IFCR Art. 3.2.3)

Pre-condition for a new playing entitlement is the presentation of the release of the former federation by letter or mail.

Exception: The release will be carried out immediately after 3 months if the release is not issued.

The basis for this playing entitlement is the national regulation of the new federation. National blocking periods might be executed.

Dealing with Disputes (IFCR Art. 3.2.4)

The IFA board finally decides on disputes and objections. This is why the secretary general IFA shall be included in the entire correspondence from the beginning.