

NATIONALITY CHANGE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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Athletes competing in events organised by the **World Freestyle Football Association** may request a change of the country they represent only **once** during their career. A second change may be considered only in exceptional cases such as wars, the emergence or dissolution of countries, forced displacements or similar *force majeure* situations.

Eligibility Criteria

To request a nationality change, the athlete must:

- Reside in the new country they wish to represent
- Provide official documentation confirming legal residence or citizenship (passport, national ID, residency permit, etc.)
- Obtain written approval from the WFFA Country Leader of the new country
- Commit in writing to represent the new country in all WFFA competitions permanently

Application Process

The athlete must send an email to athletes@thewffa.org including:

- Full legal name and freestyle nickname (if applicable)
- Current nationality and requested new nationality
- Official proof of residence or citizenship
- A brief explanation of the reason for the change request

The WFFA will review the request and, if approved, provide an official form that the athlete must sign to finalise the change.

Additional Notes

- The change will only be valid once the signed form is received and confirmed by the WFFA.
- Any false or incomplete information will result in rejection of the request and may lead to disciplinary action.
- The WFFA reserves the right to request further documentation if necessary.
- No freestyler is permitted to compete in more than one National Championship within the same calendar year. Therefore, if an athlete submits a nationality change request after having already taken part in a National Championship during that season, they will not be eligible to represent the new country in its corresponding National Championship until the following year.
- Athletes who request a nationality change must observe a mandatory waiting period of six months from the date of approval before they may compete under their new nationality.
- Appeals and exemptions from the regulations above shall be reviewed and decided on a case-by-case basis by the Sports Committee.