



FIL General Assembly 2018

FIL Player Eligibility Criteria

The associated paper brings together both the Men's and Women's Player Eligibility criteria into a single document covering both genders for membership consideration.

Also attached is the comparison of the two existing Eligibility documents.

The main points of difference and the Board proposals for a common approach are listed below with the intent that each of these be considered individually at the 2018 General Assembly (GA).

Minimum age

This is 16 years of age for men and 15 years of age for Women

The options are to leave as is and recognize the difference or to harmonize.

The Board proposal is to raise the minimum age for Women to 16 however noting plans already in place by a number of members, if agreed, this would not be introduced until 2022 (for Women's events from 2023 onwards).

Multiple Passport holders - change of country.

For Women there is an "**International Transfer Card**" procedure which provides a discipline to the process whereas for men the number is so few that this has been handled by e-mail interchanges between all involved parties.

The procedure could be introduced for men but with a change of date. Having to submit the document by January 1st prior to an event implies squad selection by that date and this is not always the case.

The Board proposal is to have a simplified procedure that applies to both Men and Women (see the Criteria document for the revision)

Change of Country

For Women a move from one country to another is only permitted once, for men the situation has not arisen and the current Eligibility document is silent on this matter.

There could be legal implications of restrictions where the player's eligibility is confirmed and the proposal is to omit any reference restriction on the number of times that a player could do this.

U19 Age dispensation to U21

For Women the maximum number of over age players is set at six.

For men there is no limitation in that once a team has one player over age it is classified as U21 (and cannot medal) and as such the number is not too relevant.

The proposal is to limit the number of over age players to 50% of the squad (rounded) and so for Men this would be 12 and for Women 9.

Documentation checks for residence eligibility

There is a full listing of document (Rental / lease agreements, utility bills, bank statements etc.).

For Women there is currently a requirement for three different types of document to be presented, for Men it is one set of documents that establishes the residency.

The proposal is that in addition to the photo page of the passport one additional set of documentation (to confirm residency be provided).

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