INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION

Unlimited Transfer Request

This note explains the player's rights and responsibilities when planning to transfer from one country to the national association of another country. It should be read carefully and must be signed by the player before the International Transfer can be processed and must be uploaded to the online transfer system when requesting the transfer.

The choices the player has to make:

1. The player has the option to choose the basis on which they are transferred – limited or unlimited and this would be indicated in the transfer request made in the Online Transfer System
   - 1.1 A limited transfer means that the player transfers temporarily to a specific club under the jurisdiction of the "new" National Association but automatically returns to the former Member National Association when the transfer expires. During the period of the temporary transfer they may still call upon their former Member National Association for support. A limited transfer cannot be limited to less than the period of the player's firm contract with their new club.
   - 1.2 An unlimited transfer means that the player transfers permanently to the jurisdiction of the "new" National Association and ceases to have any connection with, or the option to ask for support from the former Member National Association. If the player wishes to play in the territory of any other National Association including returning to their former Member National Association, they will require a new transfer and be responsible for all associated service charges.
2. There are financial implications depending on the choice the player makes – to transfer on a limited or unlimited basis.
   - 2.1 Before processing the transfer the IIHF requires both involved clubs and respective National Associations to carry out certain research designed to protect both the player and the clubs involved. National Associations may charge for this service up to a maximum of 300 CHF, except for the transfer of players under the age of 18 (IIHF International Transfer Regulation Section I Article 5) The IIHF will charge an administrative fee to process the transfer within the online system. The player is responsible for paying these service charges.
   - 2.2 A player who elects to transfer on a limited basis will revert to the jurisdiction of their former Member National Association once the limited period has expired without incurring any service charges at that time.
   - 2.3 A player who elects to transfer on an unlimited basis but then later wishes to revert to the jurisdiction of their former or another Member National Association will have to initiate the transfer procedure as described in 2.1 above and will be responsible for the associated service charges.
3. Other considerations - Before electing to transfer on a limited or unlimited basis you should consider the following:
   - It is usual practice for the club to which the player is going to play to pay, or for the player to negotiate their contract on the basis that the club will pay all the service charges. The player should make sure of the position before signing their contract otherwise they will be responsible for the service charges.
   - The player may feel more at ease by preserving the link with the former Member National Association. If so, and, if having transferred to a "new" National Association on a limited basis and even in the knowledge that they will be renewing their contract with the same club or staying in the same country, they may elect to transfer for consecutive seasons on limited transfers.
   - The player should contact their former Member National Association in order to discuss the consequences that an unlimited transfer may have.

I warrant that I have read and understood the choices open to me and that I have had the opportunity to take independent advice in connection therewith, and, I hereby confirm that I wish to transfer from the National Association of _____ to the National Association of _____ on an unlimited International Transfer.

Name in full (please print) _____

Signature _____ Place and Date _____

Witnessed by (Name, Date and Signature):_____