

Nationality Criteria

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

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Regulations 17.3.4(a) and (c) and 17.3.5(b) - Submission 057-03

To consider the following recommendation from the Constitution Committee on the wording to link the changes to Regulation 17.3.4(b) as approved in Submission 057-03 to Regulation 17.3.4(a) and (c) as follows:

17.3.4(a) and (c)

- (a) A competitor must have been an ordinary resident of the country for more than ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** consecutive years and must be able to give proof of his residency for this period.
- (c) A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in ISAF events, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the ISAF, and who wants to represent another country, may represent this country provided that at least ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** consecutive years have passed since the competitor last represented ~~another~~ a different country in the events referred to above or the Executive Committee has reduced this period pursuant to Regulation 17.3.5(b)

- 17.3.5 (b) A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in ISAF events, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the ISAF, ~~and~~ who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, shall not participate in ~~the ISAF XYZ Championship~~ any of the events referred to above in this paragraph to represent his new country until three years after such change or acquisition. The Executive Committee may, after taking into account the circumstances of each case, and with the agreement of the MNA's concerned, reduce or even cancel this period.

With respect to Regulation 17.3.4, there is no change in meaning except that the period to represent another country is reduced to three years to coincide with the Nationality Guidelines in Regulation 17.3.5(b) which was proposed by the Executive Committee in Submission 057-03 and approved by Council.

With respect to Regulation 17.3.5(b), the current position is the result of the Council's support of Submission 057-03 at the Annual meeting in Barcelona with some changes in syntax to improve readability. The proposal above is the edited Barcelona text with deletions marked by strikeout and additions underlined. There is no change in the meaning

REASON:

Clarification of the text and to bring these Sub-regulations in line with the improved IOC wording as appears in the IOC Charter.

COUNCIL POLICY

Council received the proposal from the Executive Committee to clarify the text of regulation 17.3.5 and bring the regulation in line with the improved wording as appears in the IOC Charter.

Council considered the recommendation from the Events Committee to approve the submission.

Decision

On a proposal by Bjorn Unger (representative for Group G), seconded by Dierk Thomsen (representative for Group B), Council approved the proposal to change regulation 17.3.5 (b) as follows:

17.3.5 (b) A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in ISAF events, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championship recognized by the Federation, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality shall not participate in the ISAF XYZ Championship to represent his new country until three years after the change or acquisition. The Executive Committee may reduce or even cancel this period, with the agreement of the MNAs concerned, taking into account the circumstances of each case.

(35 members voted for the proposal, 1 against, 2 abstained)

Council noted from their opinion statement, that the Constitution Committee would prepare wording to link this proposal to Regulation 17.3.4, in the ISAF regulations and report to Council at the Mid Year Meetings 2004.