

**Circular Communication
To all Confederations,
National Federations and
Clubs**

Lausanne, 16 July 2021

RE: 2021/2022 International Transfer Season information

Dear Members of the Volleyball Family,

First, on behalf of the FIVB President, we would like to thank you for the great cooperation concerning International Transfers of players worldwide. In that regard, by means of the present Circular Letter, we are pleased to update you on the latest amendments to the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020 (hereafter the "**Regulations**").

The FIVB Board of Administration approved major changes to the provisions contained in the FIVB Sports Regulations 2019 during its meeting on 3 November 2020. These changes were made to bring the FIVB Sports Regulations 2019 in line with principles approved by the FIVB Board of Administration and FIVB Executive Committee in 2019. The Regulations entered into force on 13 November 2020 and the changes implemented are available at <https://www.fivb.com/en/thefivb/legal>. Please note that the changes to Article 6 impact international transfers as of the upcoming season 2021-2022.¹

The main changes in the Regulations can be summarised as follows:

- 1) The National Team period has priority from 16 May to 15 October but national leagues may be allowed to run all year around in countries where its national team is not competing in an international competition and its players are not participating in international competitions (Article 6.1.1 let. b of the Regulations).
- 2) The potentially applicable fees that could be payable in the context of international transfers have been redefined (Article 6.3 of the Regulations).
- 3) An International Transfer Certificate (ITC) can be granted in accordance with the duration of the player's contract for a period of up to a maximum of five (5) seasons ("multi-year ITCs") (Article 6.5.1.1 of the Regulations). The applicable International and Solidarity Administration Fee shall be payable each season (Article 6.3.1 let. a. of the Regulations).
- 4) The concept of "Club of Origin" has been replaced by "Current Club" (Article 6.2.3 of the Regulations).

¹ https://www.fivb.com/en/media/news_pressrelease/fivb-announces-updates-to-international-transfer-system?id=91762.

- 5) A multi-year ITC may be assigned for a maximum of up to one (1) season to another club subject, in particular, to the agreement of the player (Article 6.5.6.2 of the Regulations).

For a complete overview of the changes approved, please refer to the full text of the Regulations on the FIVB website (<https://www.fivb.com/en/thefivb/legal>).

Additionally, as a reminder, the FIVB kindly highlights the following for the 2021-2022 season:

- In the event that a National Federation wishes to run its national championship outside of the window foreseen in the Regulations, it has to request an exemption from the FIVB and in said request, inform the FIVB of the date of the first match of the championship;
- Participation of foreign players is – as usual – subject to the authorisation of their Federation of Origin and to the transfer procedure set forth in Article 6 of the Regulations. Equally, national team players are to be released for national team duties, in accordance with Articles 6.5.1.3 and 7.2.5 of the Regulations, if applicable; and
- ITCs are compulsory for any players wishing to play in a club outside of their Federation of Origin, regardless of the level of the team.

For the sake of completeness, the FIVB would like to remind you that the violation of the established transfer system and/or the rules for national team eligibility may lead to sanctions under the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations (please see Article 6.7 of the Regulations and Articles 11 and 12.2 of the FIVB Disciplinary Regulations, respectively).

If you have any questions about international transfers or the international calendar 2021-2024 (<https://www.fivb.com/en/about/news/volleyball-calendar-2021-2024-revealed?id=92033>) please do not hesitate to contact us at transfer@fivb.com.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,


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Enc. "Key Changes to the Transfer System" document.