



KEY REGULATORY CHANGES TO THE FIVB SPORTS REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 6 – TRANSFER SYSTEM

Background



13 November 2020

As a result of the principles approved by the FIVB Board of Administration and the FIVB Executive Committee in May and December 2019, major changes to the provisions contained in the FIVB Sports Regulations 2019 have been implemented.

The FIVB Sports Regulations 2020 entered into force and the changes implemented are available on the FIVB website (<https://www.fivb.com/en/thefivb/legal>).

When the amendments related to the Transfer System (Article 6) will be applicable.

2021-2022 Season

3 November 2020

KEY CHANGES:

- a. INTERNATIONAL DATABASE OF REGISTERED PLAYERS
- b. NATIONAL TEAM PERIOD / OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON
- c. MULTI-YEAR ITCS
- d. CURRENT CLUB
- e. SHORT-TERM ASSIGNMENT OF AN ITC (LOAN)
- f. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS
- g. DEFINING AND RE-NAMING FEES

<https://www.fivb.com/en/about/news/fivb-announces-updates-to-international-transfer-system?id=91762>

INTERNATIONAL DATABASE OF REGISTERED PLAYERS



Article 6.1.1 let. a. of the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020

Aim: To have a worldwide database of all volleyball players in the world in the Volleyball Information System (VIS). The focus should be for a National Federation to register all the players, including those not subject to an ITC, playing in its territory.

NATIONAL TEAM PERIOD / OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON

Article 6.1.1 let. b. of the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020

National Team Period from 16 May to 15 October – National Team competitions have priority in the calendar

National Leagues may operate during the National Team period subject to the FIVB's approval and if:

- the territory in which the National league is based is not participating in international competitions (such as VNL); or
- the player in question is not participating in international competitions (not being called by his Federation of Origin's National Team).

<https://www.fivb.com/en/about/news/volleyball-calendar-2021-2024-revealed?id=92033>





MULTI-YEAR ITCS

Article 6.5.1.1 of the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020

- Allow for multi-year ITCs up to five season
 - An ITC can be granted in accordance with the duration of the player's contract with the Receiving Club for a period of up to a **maximum of five (5) consecutive National League seasons**.
- Rest period before and after National Team season
 - In any case, the ITC will finish fourteen days (14) before the start of the National Team season following the last season for which the ITC was approved unless the FIVB has approved the operation of the National League during the National Team period in which case it shall be the last day of the season.

CURRENT CLUB

Article 6.2.3 of the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020



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A club with which the player has a legally binding contract beyond the scheduled transfer date

- ✓ Replaces the concept of “Club of Origin”
- ✓ Current Club may loan a player for a maximum duration of a season (see also Article 6.5.6.2 of the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020)
- ✓ Current Club may request the payment of a transfer fee



SHORT-TERM ASSIGNMENT OF ITC (LOAN)

Article 6.5.6.2 of the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020

- Consequence of multi-year ITCs
- Loan possible for maximum one (1) National League season
- Assignment of the ITC to a third party is not allowed without the prior consent of the FIVB and the Current Club

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS



Article 6.2.8 of the FIVB Sports Regulations 2020

International transfers of players are limited as follows before the relevant season during which they turn eighteen (18).

→ Below the age of 15: not permitted except if the interested parties establish that the transfer has no links to volleyball

→ Between 15 and 17: possible under certain conditions:

- Parents of the minor agree to the transfer;
- Guaranteed schooling;
- Guaranteed residence;
- Guaranteed supervision; and
- Travel costs are covered by the Receiving Club.



Minor transfers granted in accordance with the above provision shall be limited to one season. A Receiving Club will have to re-apply for a minor transfer annually.

**Minor transfers require the approval of the FIVB. The Parties must contact the FIVB and submit the relevant evidence to obtain the required authorisation.*

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ARTICLE 6.3 - FEES

DEFINITIONS (ARTICLE 6.3.1)



**INTERNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY AND
ADMINISTRATION FEE**

► To the FIVB



**FEDERATION OF ORIGIN
SOLIDARITY FEE**

► To the Federation of Origin



TRANSFER FEE

► To a club (to buy out the rights
of the player's services)

DEFINITIONS (ARTICLE 6.3.1)

(A) INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND ADMINISTRATION FEE

- Defined in Appendix I of the FIVB Financial Regulations
- Payable by the Receiving Club
- Payable to the FIVB
- Covers the FIVB's expenses
- Redistributed to volleyball entities in accordance with Article I.5.2 of the FIVB Financial Regulations
- Payable each season in the event of multi-year ITCs
- Details in Article 6.3.2 FIVB Sports Regulations

(B) FEDERATION OF ORIGIN SOLIDARITY FEE

- To be negotiated
- Payable by the Receiving Club
- Payable to the Federation of Origin
- To support volleyball development programs
- Possibility to request the FIVB's intervention in accordance with Appendix C FIVB Sports Regulations
- Details in Article 6.3.3 FIVB Sports Regulations

(C) TRANSFER FEE

- Payable by the Receiving Club
- Payable to another club
- To buy out its rights to the player's services under a legally binding contract
- Article 6.10 applies in the event of a dispute regarding a legally binding contract
- Details in Article 6.3.4 FIVB Sports Regulations

Appendix C

Maximum Federation of Origin Solidarity Fees (Articles 6.3.3.c. of the FIVB Sports Regulations)

When negotiating the Federation of Origin Solidarity Fee, a Federation of Origin and a Receiving Club should take into account the criteria defined in Article 6.3.3.b. of the FIVB Sports Regulations.

In all cases, the Federation of Origin Solidarity Fees should not exceed the maximum values below.

NF Categories > Divisions/Leagues v	1	2	3	4	5
Highest	Up to CHF 2,500*	Up to CHF 5,000*	Up to CHF 7,500	Up to CHF 15,000	Up to CHF 25,000
2nd Highest	---	---	Up to CHF 2,500	Up to CHF 5,000	Up to CHF 10,000
3rd Highest	---	---	---	---	---
Lower	---	---	---	---	---

*The Federation of Origin Solidarity Fee is applicable only when an International Solidarity and Administration Fee is applicable, i.e. when there is an "International Rights Transfer", which means that the Receiving Club is participating in an international competition.

In the event that the transfer is exempted from the payment of the International Solidarity and Administration Fee, no Federation of Origin Solidarity Fee shall be payable to the Federation of Origin (Article 6.3.3.c FIVB Sports Regulations).