



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE TEQBALL

**REGULATION ON THE  
STATUS AND TRANSFER  
OF ATHLETES**

## Article 1 - GLOSSARY

For the purpose of these regulations, the terms set out below are defined as follows:

**Athlete:** an individual participating in teqball competitions registered with a Federation/federation and club

**Federation:** the national governing body of teqball in the respective country.

**Former Federation:** the Federation to which the former club is affiliated.

**Former club:** the club that the athlete is leaving.

**Minor:** An athlete who has not yet reached the age of 18.

**New Federation:** the Federation to which the new club is affiliated.

**New club:** the club that the athlete is joining.

**Official matches:** matches played within the framework of organised teqball, such as national championships, tournaments, national cups and international championships for clubs, but not including friendly and trial matches.

**Organised teqball:** federation teqball organised under the auspices of FITEQ, the confederations, federations, or authorized by them.

**Registration:** the act of making a written record of an Athlete at a Federation.

**Registration period:** a period fixed by FITEQ in accordance with Article 4.

**Season:** the period starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the given calendar year,

**Teqball:** teqball is played in accordance with the Official Rules and Regulations of Teqball as authorised by FITEQ.

**Teqball Information and Ranking System (TIRS):** a web-based data information system with the primary objective of simplifying the process of international athlete transfers, and rankings, as well as improving transparency and the flow of information.

**Third party:** a party other than the athlete being transferred, the two clubs transferring the athlete from one to the other, or any previous club, with which the athlete has been registered. NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

## Article 2 - STATUS OF ATHLETES

### 1. Type of athletes

Athletes participating in organised teqball are either amateurs or professionals.

### 2. Amateur and professional athletes

A professional is an athlete who has a written contract with a club and is paid more for his teqball activity than the expenses he effectively incurs. All other athletes are considered to be amateurs.

### 3. Reacquisition of amateur status

An athlete registered as a professional may not re-register as an amateur until at least 30 days after his last match as a professional.

### 4. Termination of activity

Professionals who end their careers upon expiry of their contracts and amateurs who terminate their activity shall remain registered at the federation of their last club for a period of 24 months. (note in line with WR) This period begins on the day the athlete made his last appearance for the club in an official match.

## 5. Playing Rights

For the purpose of this regulation, an athlete's membership with a club does not automatically transfer the athlete's playing rights to the club. An athlete's playing rights may only be granted to a club upon the execution of a professional written contract.

## Article 3 - REGISTRATION

1. An athlete must be registered at a federation to play for a club as either a professional or an amateur.
2. Only registered athletes are eligible to participate in organised teqball. By the act of registering, an athlete agrees to abide by the statutes and regulations of FITEQ, and the federations.
3. An athlete may only be registered with one club at a time. Athletes may be registered with a maximum of two clubs between registration periods. During this period, the athlete is only eligible to play official matches for one club. Equally, the provisions relating to the registration periods as well as to the minimum length of a contract must be respected.
4. Under all circumstances, due consideration must be given to the sporting integrity of the competition. An athlete may not play official matches for more than two clubs competing in the same national championship or cup during the same season, subject to stricter individual competition regulations of member federations.

## Article 4 - REGISTRATION PERIOD

1. Athletes may only be registered during the annual registration period.
2. The registration period shall be fixed by FITEQ for a duration of 6 weeks per annum.
  - a. There shall be 2 fixed periods per annum lasting 3 weeks each.
    - i. One period in the winter.
    - ii. One period in the summer.
  - b. The registration period shall be published by FITEQ on its website by no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year, at least 1 year in advance of the respective registration period.

Athletes may only be registered upon submission of a valid application, submitted together with a copy of the athlete's contract from the club to the relevant federation during a registration period.

### 3. Exceptional Circumstances

An athlete may be registered outside of the transfer period upon written approval by FITEQ under the following circumstances:

- a. If the athlete is an amateur and changes status to professional upon registration.
- b. If the athlete had their contract terminated prior to the respective registration period.

The athlete wishing to be register outside of the fixed period must submit a written submission to FITEQ's Athlete's Status Committee.

In any event, the permission for registration outside of the fixed period is the discretion of the FITEQ Athlete's Status Committee, taking into consideration the sporting integrity of the competition.

## Article 5 – TRANSFER PROCEDURE

1. An athlete, whether amateur or professional, can transfer from the former club to a new club during the registration period.
2. An athlete can only change status from amateur or professional during the registration period. The reacquisition of amateur status by a professional is governed by Article 2.3.
3. An amateur wishing to change clubs, shall be required to, at the time of transfer, pay any outstanding amounts of the relevant affiliation fee established by FITEQ. All fees are understood to be applicable for the period prior to the transfer:
  - a. During the winter registration period this shall mean the period between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year.
  - b. During the summer registration period this shall mean the period between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year.
4. For the transfer of a professional the same rules apply as to an amateur plus the transfer fee agreed to by the involved clubs. For the determination of the transfer fee, clubs may consider the following non-exhaustive list of factors, with appropriate evidence:
  - a. employment contract of the professional
  - b. financial investment by the former club, including training and medical expenses
  - c. image rights of the athlete
  - d. social media impact
  - e. sales attributed to the athlete
  - f. earnings from competition prize money
5. For the purpose of determining the transfer fee of a professional, the clubs may only consider the time spent by the athlete as a professional at the former club.
6. FITEQ shall reserve the right to review and approve the agreed transfer fees, and at its discretion establish transfer cap.

7. Prior to the completion of the transfer, the athlete must hand in their request to FITEQ. Professional athletes must also pay the administration fee of EUR 50 for each request submitted.

## Article 6 - LOAN OF PROFESSIONALS

1. A professional may be loaned to another club on the basis of a written agreement between him and the clubs concerned. Any such loan is subject to the same rules as apply to the transfer of athletes.
2. The minimum loan period shall be the time between two registration periods.
3. The club that has accepted an athlete on a loan basis is not entitled to transfer him to a third club without the written authorisation of the club that released the athlete on loan and the athlete concerned.

## Article 7 - ENFORCEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

1. Any disciplinary sanction that has been imposed on an athlete by the former federation but not yet (entirely) served by the time of the transfer shall be enforced by the new federation at which the athlete has been registered in order for the sanction to be served at domestic level.

## Article 8 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CONTRACTS BETWEEN PROFESSIONALS AND CLUBS

1. The minimum length of a contract shall be from its effective date until the end of the season, but covering at least the length of the season, while the maximum length of a contract shall be 3 years.  
Contracts of any other length shall only be permitted if consistent with national laws. Athletes under the age of 18 may not sign a professional contract for a term longer than one year. Any clause referring to a longer period shall not be recognised.
2. A club intending to conclude a contract with a professional must inform the athlete's current club in writing before entering into negotiations with him. A professional shall only be free to conclude a contract with another club if his contract with his present club has expired or is due to expire within six months. Any breach of this provision shall be subject to appropriate sanctions.
3. Professional entering into more than one contract covering the same period shall entail disciplinary proceedings.

## Article 9 - PROTECTION OF MINORS

1. International transfers of athletes are only permitted if the athlete is over the age of 18.

## Article 10 – Dispute Resolution

1. All questions and disputes subject to this regulation are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the FITEQ Athlete's Status Committee.
2. In case of violations of this regulation the Athlete's Status Committee shall submit a proposal to the FITEQ Disciplinary Committee who shall adjudicate the matter in compliance with the FITEQ Disciplinary Policy.
3. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) shall have jurisdiction over appeals regarding the decisions of the Athlete Status Committee or Disciplinary Committee.

## Annex 1 – Registration Requirements

### A. International Registration

For the successful international registration of an athlete the following information must be submitted:

- the start date of the registration (format: dd/mm/yyyy);
- the full name as per passport (first, middle and last names) of the athlete;
- General information as presented in a passport:
  - date of birth
  - gender
  - nationality
- Present status as an amateur or a professional (as per article 2 these regulations);
- the name of the old club and new club
- name of old federation and new federation
- active disciplinary sanction
- invoice for transfer processing fee

### B. National Registration

For the successful national registration of an athlete the following information must be submitted:

- the start date of the registration (format: dd/mm/yyyy);
- the full name as per passport (first, middle and last names) of the athlete;
- General information as presented in a passport:
  - date of birth
  - gender
  - nationality
- Present status as an amateur or a professional (as per article 2 these regulations);
- the name of the old club and new club
- name of federation
- active disciplinary sanction