



PROCEDURE OF PARTICIPATION IN IJF COMPETITIONS FOR THE ATHLETES* WHO WANT TO REPRESENT ANOTHER COUNTRY

The Article 1.9 of the IJF Sport Organization Rules relating to changes of nationality tells that:

“The competitors must be of the same nationality as the National Federation, which has entered them.

[...]

If a competitor has multiple citizenships he may compete for only one country. A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, World Championships, in continental, regional games and/or Championships or International Tournaments organized by IJF or under its auspices, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality may participate to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. If the two National Federations concerned agree they may request the International Judo Federation to shorten the period of three years, even to cancel the duration.”

Thus, The IJF can't shorten the three years period without written agreement from both federations concerned.

The “three years rule” aforementioned is only implemented in case of the athlete have already represented a country during Olympic Games, World Championships, in continental, regional games and/or Championships or International Tournaments organized by IJF or under its auspices.

The request of shorten the “3 years period” shall be sent by the host national federation to the IJF General Secretary.

This request has to be sent with the documents below:

- Letter from the athlete giving evidence of his wish to represent his new federation.
- Letter from the President of the National Federation (the country of origin) certifying the absence of objection to the change of the nationality of the concerned athlete.
- Letter from the President of the National Federation (the host country) authorizing the athlete to represent this Federation in the international competitions.
- A copy of the athlete passport mentioning the nationality of the host country.

From receipt of a complete file the General Secretary examines it and sends it out to the IJF EC members for approval.

If the request is approved by the majority of the EC members, the General Secretary confirms the acceptance of the application to the concerned party, with both origin and host Federations in copy.

*Athletes who has already represented their country.