



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Athlete Transfer Rules

1. Why did the WBSC decide to implement rules to regulate the transfer of the athletes?

In the dynamic world of international baseball/softball, player transfers represent not only strategic movements between clubs, but also complex processes legally regulated to ensure transparency, ethical practices in the transfer market, fairness and compliance with the national and international legislation established by relevant sporting and legal authorities.

These rules prevent clubs from unilaterally recruiting players already under contract with another club, as well as players who have terminated their contracts allegedly without just cause.

The WBSC actively endeavours to ensure that all athletes can participate in tournaments and events, while respecting fundamental principles of human rights.

2. When is this framework applicable?

These rules will be in force starting January 1, 2025. All international transfers must be declared from this date and these rules must be followed.

3. Who requires a new ITC?

An ITC is required for all transfers between clubs affiliated with different National Federations (NFs). For transfers between NFs within the same continent, the Continental Association (CA) usually handles the process. For transfers involving NFs from different continents, the WBSC will issue the certificate. This requirement does not apply to WBSC associated members, minors or national transfers.

4. What is the timeline for delivering an International Transfer Certificate (ITC)?

An ITC will be delivered within seven (7) business days, provided the request is complete.

5. Does the athlete initiate it, or is it initiated by the receiving club?

The receiving club is responsible for initiating the process, but the National Federation must provide all necessary documents to the WBSC or the WBSC CA.

6. Where to submit an application?

Applications for an ITC will be submitted through the Athlete Management System within MyWBSC. This system is expected to be implemented by the end of the first quarter or the beginning of the second quarter of 2025 and will include a tutorial. In the meantime, from January 1, 2025, until the implementation of the process through the Athlete Management System, please contact us for any requests at athletetransfer@wbsc.org.

7. What role does each National Federation play in the approval process?



The National Federation must approve the transfer, confirming that there are no ongoing sanctions, disciplinary proceedings, or unresolved economic disputes involving the athlete. Without this approval, the ITC can not be issued. Communication and processing with the WBSC or WBSC CA must occur through the National Federation; clubs should not contact the WBSC directly.

8. How do the Athlete Transfer Rules apply to high school/college players (USA) or similar athletes?

The Athlete Transfer Rules apply only if the athlete is registered with a WBSC Member (National Federation). If the athlete is not registered with a National Federation, the Athlete Transfer Rules will apply only once the athlete enters WBSC jurisdiction.

Example: A transfer of college athletes from USA Baseball to a Swiss club affiliated with the Swiss Baseball Softball Association will not be governed by the ATR. However, once these athletes begin playing for the Swiss club, they will be subject to the Athlete Transfer Rules if they later wish to transfer to another National Federation within the same continent (e.g., Austria) or outside it (e.g., New Zealand).

9. If an athlete has already been transferred for the 2024/2025 season prior to January 1st 2025, does the athlete still require an ITC for this transfer?

No, as long as the documentation issued for the transfer does not state otherwise.

10. Is there any administrative fee to obtain an ITC?

Yes, the issuance of the ITC is conditional upon the New Club paying the fees set by the WBSC Executive Board. After proof of payment of the required fees, the competent authority will issue the ITC.

For International Transfers, the WBSC bank information can be found here:

Bank Detail Information

Bank name: UBS SWITZERLAND AG

Swift: UBSWCHZH80A

Beneficiary Name: World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)

Beneficiary Address: Avenue Général-Guisan 45, 1009 Pully, Switzerland

- For payments in CHF
IBAN: CH27 0024 3243 1534 6701 A
Account Number: 243-153467.01A
- For payments in EUR
IBAN: CH38 0024 3243 1534 6760 N
Account Number: 243-153467.60N
- For payments in USD
IBAN: CH75 0024 3243 1534 6761 X
Account Number: 243-153467.61X



Intermediary bank information for USD Payment:
UBS AG STAMFORD BRANCH
677 Washington Blvd
Stamford, CT 06912
United States
Routing 026007993
Swift UBSWUS33

For Payments Through Our Paypal Account

IMPORTANT:

- We would like to inform you that PayPal is charging us additional fees for international transactions, and therefore we would have to ask you for an additional amount of 5% to cover these additional fees.
- Members are required to pay all bank charges associated with the transfer. Net amount transferred in Currency (USD or EUR) must correspond to the total amount of the invoice.
- access your PayPal account
- click on the payment tab
- put our e-mail address: finance@wbsc.org
- put the amount of the invoice
- indicate the reason of the payment (i.e. International Transfer Certificate) or
- or
- go to <https://paypal.me/wbsc2018>
- put the amount of the invoice
- indicate the reason of the payment (i.e. International Transfer Certificate)

For Payment with Credit Cards

IMPORTANT:

- We would like to inform you that our bank institution is charging us additional fees for international transactions, and therefore we would have to ask you for an additional amount of 3% to cover these additional fees.
- This payment method only works if your institution has the “3D Secure” verification system available
- Members are required to pay all bank charges associated with the transfer. Net amount transferred in Currency (USD or EUR) must correspond to the total amount of the invoice.
- click on the currency link needed (USD/EUR or CHF)
 - For payment in USD: [Direct Link](#)
 - For payment in EUR: [Direct Link](#)
 - For payment in CHF: [Direct Link](#)
- put the amount of the invoice
- put your e-mail address to receive the payment confirmation



- choose your payment method (check on your account the ones available in your country)
- Forward the payment confirmation to finance@wbsc.org

For Continental Transfers, you are kindly requested to contact the pertinent Continental Association.

11. Can I appeal a decision related to an athlete transfer?

Yes, any appeal related to the decision of international athlete transfer must be made to the WBSC Executive Board in accordance with Chapter 3 of the WBSC Disciplinary By-Laws. Any appeal against the decision of the WBSC Executive Board must be submitted to the CAS.

12. What happens if these rules are not followed?

The WBSC can sanction clubs' members/individuals, National Federations and Continental Associations that fail to respect and enforce the provisions of the regulations in accordance with its Statutes and By-Laws.

13. What should I do if an athlete needs an ITC after January 1 and before the implementation of the new Athlete Management System?

You should contact the following email address: athletetransfer@wbsc.org.