



TO ALL AFFILIATED NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 10 October 2022 /cr

Information regarding the change of nationality rules

Dear President, dear Secretary General,

With this letter, we would like to remind you a few principles provided by the *International Rules for the Change of Nationality*¹ (the “Rules”), in particular those related to the participation in Olympic Games qualifying events. This communication does not tackle other principles provided by these rules.

Rule

The three-year rule of the Olympic Charter is applied for the Olympic Games and all their qualifiers. Article 5 of the Rules applies:

“A wrestler who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, Olympic Games qualifier(s), Continental or Regional Games or in World, Continental or Regional Championships recognized by UWW and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in an OG qualifying tournament(s) and/or in the Olympic Games to represent his new country provided that, at the time of the Olympic Games, at least three years have passed since he last represented his former country in one of the above competitions or in a UWW Ranking Series”.

(...)

A valid passport of the new country is mandatory to be eligible to the OG qualifying tournament and to the Olympic Games”.

Considering that the Olympic wrestling tournament starts on 5 August 2024, this 3-year period is from **5 August 2021 to 5 August 2024**.

A wrestler **who would have competed:**

- During this period
- For his former nationality
- In any of the competitions listed in article 5 above (for example a continental championship)

→ Would **not be** eligible to participate in the 2023 World Championship to qualify a quota, nor in any of the 2024 qualifiers or in the Games in 2024.

Note that a valid passport of the new nationality is obligatory for the participation in all qualifiers, including the 2023 World Championship.

Exceptions

For exceptional cases, ineligible wrestlers’ Federation may apply, through their National Olympic Committee to the International Olympic Committee for to the three year-period to be reduced. The IOC shall take into account the circumstances of each case.

¹ Please note that no changes to these rules have been decided lately by the Bureau. This serves only as a reminder.



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UWW does not guarantee the outcome of such application.

I thank you for your attention and remain

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carlos Roy".

Carlos Roy
Secretary General

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