



TO ALL AFFILIATED & ASSOCIATED NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 4th December 2025 /cr

Amendments and Clarifications to Change of Nationality Regulations

Dear President, Dear Secretary General,

The UWW Bureau held a meeting last 25th November 2025 during which some amendments and clarifications to the *Change of Nationality Regulations* were adopted:

1. **Veterans:** the following principles apply for nationality changes in the Veterans age category:
 - Changes are possible during all year (but min. 45 days before the Veteran World Championship).
 - The three-year rule does not apply to Veterans.
 - The application by the host federation, and the agreement by the releasing federation are required.
 - A passport of new country to represented by the applying athlete is mandatory.
 - A 500 Swiss Francs fee for the administration of nationality changes in this category will be invoiced to the host federation.
 - The limitation quotas ("entry" and "exit" quotas, competition quotas) do not apply for Veterans.
2. **U15:** the following principles apply for nationality changes related to U15 age category:
 - Compensation fees do not apply for nationality changes of wrestlers of 15 years old at the time of application or if international participation in the past for the former federation was only in U15.
 - The 3-year period can be annulled or reduced upon decision by the UWW Administration if both host and releasing federations agree.
 - The limitation quotas ("entry" and "exit" quotas, competition quotas) apply for changes in U15.
3. **Clarification to the title and text of article 6:** this article concerns first time international licence applications and applies to wrestlers who apply for a licence for another country than their country of birth.

A clarification to the type of documents required to prove residence has also been introduced, namely an official document issued by the local city council, and a 2nd supporting document.
4. **Objection by the releasing federation (art. 8):** clarification to this situation has been brought. If a federation is opposed to a change of nationality, the Bureau may take any decision in respect of the applying wrestler on an exceptional basis provided that all other conditions are met (3-years period, "available quota" for the host and for the releasing federations, competition quotas, training and administration fees).

The other changes concern clarification to the text and to the procedure for nationality changes.



Finally, opportunity is taken to remind you of the following rules (which remain the same as in the previous version of the rules):

- All new Athletes must hold a regular international passport to obtain a UWW licence;
- Athletes who obtained in the past a UWW licence with a residence permit under the previous Regulations have until January 1, 2027, to comply with the new requirements and obtain their regular international passport.

You will find enclosed a version with the adopted changes.

We remain at disposal for any questions related to these rules.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carlos Roy', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Carlos Roy
UWW Secretary General

Attachment: Change of Nationality Regulations - (markup version).