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I. WORLD SKATE - IHTC INTERNATIONAL PASS

1. In an international match between clubs, all players must have a sports license of the National Federation of the team for which they play.
2. Clubs can Rank a maximum of (2) foreign players in said matches under the condition that said players have obtained a special permit granted by World Skate IHTC (World Skate - IHTC International Pass.) to be able to play in the country of their team.
3. Players with the nationality of one of the countries of the European Union cannot be considered as foreign by other countries that also belong to the European Union, without prejudice to the fact that these players also have to obtain the International Passport of World Skate - IHTC when they play in a club that is affiliated to a Federation of another country which is different from their own nationality.

In international matches played between Nations (National Teams), all players must have the same nationality of the Federation they represent.

4. Players that wish to compete in a competition of Inline Hockey in their country of origin, under a Federation Affiliated to World Skate, after having competed in other countries, under a National Federation Affiliated to World Skate, must previously obtain the World Skate - IHTC International Pass.

Said Pass must comply with the same administrative and economic requirements applicable to any transfer mentioned in this Regulation.

5. To obtain the international Pass, the following **conditions** must be met:
 - 5.1 Transfer of a player from the team of origin to the team of destination will be valid only after obtaining the authorization of the World Skate - IHTC.
 - 5.2 The international Pass will always be issued upon the transfer of a player from one National Federation to another.
6. The International Pass must **not be requested or issued**:
 - 6.1 When the transfer is between two clubs of the same National Federation.
 - 6.2 When the player - although of a different nationality from that of the country of destination - was never enrolled in a National Federation.
 - 6.3 When the player is under 18 years of age and will not be turning 18 during the

development of the season in question.

7. Issuance of the International Pass will have the following **procedure**:
 - 7.1 Players/clubs must use the official World Skate - IHTC form (ATTACHED).
 - 7.2 The club of origin will guarantee the transfer of the player to the club of destination.
 - 7.3 The club of origin will notify the Confederation/Federation of the transfer of a player belonging to another Confederation/Federation, providing a copy to the Inline Hockey Commission of World Skate.
 - 7.4 The origin Confederation/Federation will have fifteen (15) calendar days starting from the date of the notification to its club of origin to World Skate - IHTC the reasons regarding the impossibility of transferring the player to another national Confederation/Federation. Ethnic race, sex and religion are not authorized and will not be considered.
 - 7.5 Once these fifteen (15) Calendar days have passed - without any news from the Confederation/Federation - the transfer will be automatically performed by World Skate - IHTC.
 - 7.6 The International Pass will be issued or denied by World Skate - IHTC after the reception and consideration of the necessary documents.
8. The International Pass will become valid on the date validated by World Skate - IHTC once all the information is fully completed and with the signature/stamps of all the people/entities involved. The player may begin to play for the new club only after World Skate - IHTC has validated the requested International Pass.
9. In no case may the enrollment of a player transferred to a National Federation have a duration longer than that of the agreement between the player and the club. Otherwise, in lack of a new agreement between the parties, World Skate - IHTC will revoke its enrollment and the player will be free to enroll in a new club in the same National Federation or another National Federation.
10. In case of renewing the agreement, the National Federation must inform World Skate - IHTC of the renovation of the International Pass, indicating the beginning and end of the validity agreement, which may never be of more than 1 (one) year.

11. Once such term is over, the player is free to sign a new agreement with another club or Federation or with the same Federation. In this case the following must be taken into consideration:
 - 11.1 If the player is transferred to a club of the same National Federation, the regulation of this Federation will have to be observed.
 - 11.2 If the player is transferred to a club of a Federation of another country, a new International Pass must be submitted to the new Federation, duly applying the dispositions of this Regulation.
12. When a player returns to its country of origin, full compliance with this regulation will be mandatory.
13. In case that a player plays without the valid International Pass, the new National Federation, the new club, the player, and in its case, the new league will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of World Skate - IHTC in accordance with this regulation.

II. INTERNATIONAL APPROVAL PROCESS

14. The approval process for the International Pass must be performed in the following cases:
 - 14.1 When a club that is enrolled in a national match applies for the license for a player whose country of origin is different from the country in which the match will be held in, application for an International Pass must be made.
 - 14.2 When a club enrolled in a national competition applies for a license for a player that already has a valid International Pass with another club, application for a new International Pass must be made in order to be enrolled with the new club of destination.
15. The club that needs to acquire an International Pass for a player will contact their Federation to request an International Pass for this player and will provide all the requirements requested by the Federation, including payment of the International Pass.
16. The National Federation to which the applying club is registered to must:
 - 16.1 ^L_{SEP} In case of a player whose National Federation is under the affiliation of World Skate request an International Pass outside

of its country of origin, and

- Inform the National Federation of the country of origin of the player for its approval, sending the International Pass Form.
- Contact World Skate - IHTC for its regularization.

16.2 In case of a player that already has an International Pass linked to another country whose Federation is affiliated to World Skate, they must:

- Inform the National Federation of which the player has the International Pass for its approval, sending the International Pass Form.
- Contact World Skate - IHTC for its regularization.

16.3 Given the case of a player who does not have an International Pass, in a country of origin where there isn't a National Federation affiliated to World Skate, they must:

- Contact World Skate - IHTC for their regularization.

16.4 In case a player does not have an International Pass with the same Country of origin as the club, he/she must:

- Contact World Skate - IHTC for its regularization.

17. The National Federation of origin of the player will inform World Skate - IHTC, within the next fifteen (15) calendar days, about its approval or rejection of the process of delivery of an International Pass. If World Skate - IHTC does not receive a response within the established time or receives a denial without clear circumstances, the new International approval process will be considered as approved.

18. World Skate - IHTC will approve the International Pass Process to all parties only after validating the payment of the International Pass.

III. DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION

19. Documents must be sent to World Skate - IHTC by email to inlinehockey@worldskate.org. Any information made by other means than the one mentioned (phone calls, chats, fax or SMS messages, among others), may **NOT** be considered as an official transmission.

REJECTION CRITERIA

20. A National Federation can deny to validate the International Pass process only if:
 - 20.1 The player is under a signed contract with a previous club and the contract clauses do not provide him/her with the possibility of moving from one club to another.
 - 20.2 The player wishing to acquire an International Pass has not fulfilled his contractual obligations to his former club (all contractual obligations other than those involving signed professional player contracts).
 - 20.3 There is a different reason to matters related to the compensation (for example: a player in suspension in the country, player under suspension by CERS/World Skate, etc.)
21. In case of refusal by a National Federation, World Skate - IHTC will inform the new National Federation by providing a copy with all the details provided in the denial. The new National Federation will be in charge of informing the new club and the player about the denial.
22. The player, through the new National Federation, may address his objections with all relevant criteria, towards the refusal of the previous federation within a term of seven (7) business days, after receiving the refusal from World Skate - IHTC. If within seven (7) business days the World Skate - IHTC does not receive any comments against the refusal, the International Pass process will be officially denied.
23. In case of receiving objections, World Skate - IHTC will give the opportunity to all parties to provide more written arguments (no auditions will be held) and after investigating, will make a decision based on all the documents provided, in the period established by World Skate - IHTC. The player or the previous National Federation may appeal the decision to World Skate - IHTC within seven (7) business days to World Skate - IHTC.

INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS

24. In case of appeal, such must be submitted following World Skate - IHTC Regulations. All protests, complaints or appeals will be:
- 24.1 Subjected to the guidelines formulated by the technical norms and/or regulations of the Technical Commission of the corresponding discipline.
 - 24.2 Subject to payment of the required fees, in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations of World Skate.
 - 24.3 Regulated by the procedures and other provisions established in the Disciplinary Regulation of World Skate - IHTC.
25. If World Skate - IHTC considers that if any party has an unsubstantiated objection it may refer it to the Disciplinary Committee for a possible sanction, if applicable.

IV. AGE OF PLAYERS TO APPLY FOR THE PASS

26. The International Pass applies to all players over the age of 18, or who turn 18 during the season in which they process their license.

V. VALIDITY AND RENOVATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PASS

27. To be valid, the International Pass can only be awarded to a club of a National Federation affiliated to World Skate. In case a player has a license in a club and the International Pass is processed for another club, said Pass is not valid.
28. The International Pass will be valid for one (1) season. Said Pass will enter into validity in accordance with the continental sports season of the new National Federation:
- **Europe:** from August 1 to July 31 of the following year.
 - **America, Africa, Asia y Oceania:** from January 1 to December 31 of the same year.

This validity is mentioned in the International Pass form (attached). 

29. No player is allowed to play in different clubs in different countries in the same season. As the official seasons vary from one country to another, foreign players whose licenses have expired and want to play in other countries or in their own country are subject to the acquisition of a new International Pass.
30. At the end of the validity year of the International Pass, if a player has a contract with the same Club, the International Pass must be renewed following the steps described above.

31. The renewal of the International Pass is unlimited among the clubs of the same National Federation during the sports season, in any case in accordance with the limitations established by each National Federation.
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VI. Fees

33. **The International Pass will cost \$500.00.** The destination Clubs that process said Pass must make a transfer of the aforementioned amount in advance in favor of World Skate to:

BIC/SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A

IBAN: CH580024324318610561M

Payment receipt and the fulfilled International Pass form must be send to inlinehockey@worldskate.org, where is requested the transfer of the player.

34. Renewal by a Club (according to article 31), of the International Pass of a player who will remain in a new season, **will cost \$ 300.00.**

PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS

35. During the period of an existing contract, another club or person representing another club may not contact a player of a National Federation affiliated with World Skate, with the aim of inducing the player to breach his current contract and to change clubs.
36. To contract the services of a player who has a contract with another club, the new club must inform the current club in writing and previously of its interest in the player, before initiating any official negotiation with said player.
37. In the case of a player with a contract in a club where the National Federation is not affiliated with World Skate - IHTC, the International Pass can be provided only after the new National Federation has ensured that this player is released from all its obligations (professional or otherwise) to the club of origin. In case of receiving any information proving any breach of this clause, World Skate - IHTC will investigate to determine the pertinent actions.
38. The International Pass is given to a player under contract when an agreement is reached between the three parties involved (the old club, the player and the new club).^[SEP]
39. Any infringement of the preceding articles relating to "Players under professional contract" will be remitted by World Skate - IHTC to the Disciplinary Committee and could result in limitations or disqualifications of World Skate - IHTC activities or other sanctions.

DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

40. When a player plays without a valid International Pass, World Skate - IHTC will sanction the player's new National Federation with a fine of \$ 3,000 - and request the new National Federation to inform the club that the player has to stop playing until a valid International Pass is provided.
41. If the player continues playing without an International Pass, the incident will be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee of World Skate - IHTC. The Disciplinary Committee may apply the following sanctions:
- 41.1 **National Federation:** a minimum fine of \$ 3,000 .- up to \$ 15,000 .- (maximum) per game that the player has played without International Pass since the beginning of the disciplinary procedure by World Skate - IHTC.
 - 41.2 **Club:** Prohibition to obtain an International Pass for its players for a minimum of 6 months and up to 24 months (maximum).
 - 41.3 **Player:** Suspension of competitions of World Skate National Federations - IHTC, for a minimum of 1 year and up to 3 years (maximum).
42. In exceptional circumstances, the Disciplinary Committee of World Skate - IHTC may refrain from sanctioning any of the parties.

VII. APLICACION

43. Any sanction against players or clubs that can not be executed due to the fact that a player has joined a club or league in a National Federation not affiliated with World Skate, will be applicable at the moment in which the player or club want to return to a National Federation affiliated with World Skate.
44. Foreign players who do not respect all the obligations of this regulation, and from the moment that the World Skate -IHTC has knowledge of the violation, will be suspended immediately and for a period of twelve (12) months of national competitions and International Inline Hockey.

Federations/Confederations that do not observe all the obligations of the present regulation, from the moment that World Skate - IHTC has knowledge of said breaches, will be suspended immediately of all the international competitions of INLINE Hockey for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

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WORLD SKATE INLINE HOCKEY TECHNICAL COMMISSION



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