

Regulations on Player Eligibility to represent a country in official FIP competitions

1. To represent a Country in official FIP competitions for national teams or national pairs, players must meet **all** the following conditions:
 - holding the permanent nationality (not linked to place of residence) of the Country concerned, as indicated in a valid official identity document clearly stating the nationality;
 - being duly registered with the affiliated member of the Country, without any outstanding sanctions or penalties imposed by the relevant affiliated member or any other affiliated members with which they are affiliated;
 - never having represented another Country in a Continental or World Championship, category Absolute, for national teams and/or national pairs;
 - not having represented another Country in any official competition within the 36 (thirty-six) months prior to the event.
2. The following situations shall be automatically accepted:
 - a player who has represented or was eligible to represent a Country that has been divided into two or more Countries shall be immediately eligible to represent one of the new Countries;
 - a player who has represented or was eligible to represent a Country that has been partially or fully absorbed by another Country shall be immediately eligible to represent the latter Country.
3. All players who acquired permanent nationality **after their birth** must also meet one of the following conditions:
 - a) they were born in the territory of the Country;
 - b) one of their biological parents or grandparents was born in the territory of the Country;
 - c) they have been physically present in the territory of the Country:
 - i) for at least 3 (three) years, in the case of players who began residing in the Country before turning 10 (ten) years old;
 - ii) for at least 5 (five) years, in the case of players who began residing in the Country after turning 10 (ten) years old.
4. With respect to each official FIP competition, an Affiliated Member may apply for the FIP Board of Directors' authorization to field players who do not meet the requirements set forth in point 3, but who, in addition to holding the permanent nationality of the Country concerned, can demonstrate a genuine connection and commitment with the life and development of padel in the Country they wish to represent.
5. Each Member may apply for the authorization mentioned in point 4 above for a maximum of 2 (two) players per competition, and any authorization granted shall apply solely to that specific edition of the relevant competition. The application must be received by the FIP Secretariat at least 3 (three) months prior to the deadline fixed for the registration to the tournament in which the Member wishes to field the player. The Board of Directors will take a decision within a maximum of 30 (thirty) days.
6. Each player may represent a maximum of 2 (two) Countries throughout his/her sporting career.
7. The FIP Board of Directors or the FIP Sports Department may request an Affiliated Member to clearly demonstrate the method used to select one or all the players representing them in an official competition, as well as the corresponding grounds for eligibility, without prejudice to the sanctions applicable under the FIP Disciplinary Code.