



IQA Events Eligibility and Roster policies

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1. National Teams

A National Team is defined as a team that represents a National Governing Body (NGB), Country, or Nation AND MAY NOT represent a Club or Region.

1.1 Multiple National Teams under an NGB

In order to apply for multiple National Teams, an NGB must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Have been a full member NGB for at least the last 3 years AND
- Be in good standing with the IQA AND
- Have at least 250 registered athletes per National Team requested AND
- Have at least five teams in each National Team Geographical Region AND
- Have at least 25% of all registered athletes Assistant Referee certified with the IQA AND
- Have at least 20% of all registered athletes Snitch Referee certified with the IQA AND
- Have at least 5% of all registered athletes Head Referee certified with the IQA AND
- Have at least 10 volunteers or staff within the NGB (not including National Team Staff) AND
- Have at least one coach AND one team manager per National Team requested AND
- Have a geopolitical reason for multiple National Teams AND/OR precedent in other nationally recognized sports for multiple National Teams

1.2 National Team eligibility criteria

All qualifying applicants for positions on a National Team should be considered and have an equal chance under a fair and transparent method of selection, free of any Conflict of Interest. An NGB is free to set more restrictive guidelines for selecting their National Team than those outlined below.

An athlete is eligible for any National Team if, at a minimum, they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Are at least 16 years of age on the first day of the event AND
- Are not a current member of another National Team squad (including team staff, training, expansion, and National B teams) in the current IQA event-year AND
- Are in good standing with the IQA and are not currently being investigated by an NGB, Quidditch Europe, or the IQA AND
- Are not currently serving a tournament or season ban from either an NGB, Quidditch Europe, or the IQA



They must also satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Hold citizenship OR
- Have permanent legal residency OR
- Have lived in the country for at least the last 3 years leading up to the event OR
- Have played quidditch only in the nation OR
- Have played quidditch in the nation for at least the 10 months prior to the first day of the event AND do not reside in an NGB attending the same event

An athlete may additionally be eligible for a team representing an Emerging Area or Area of Interest if they satisfy all of the minimum criteria, any of the above criteria, AND/OR one of the following criteria:

- Have at least one parent or grandparent who holds citizenship OR
- Have at least one parent who was born in the nation



2. Regional Teams

A Regional Team is defined as a team that represents one or more of the following:

- A Region within an NGB, Country, or Nation AND/OR
- A collection of multiple regions or NGBs representing up to a maximum of 150 registered athletes

All Regional Team applications must be supported by an existing full member NGB in good standing with the IQA, unless a waiver has been submitted. A waiver can be submitted in the case of a region not falling under any geographical full member NGBs AND not having the support of another full member NGB. In this case they must be able to prove they have an established administration and structure. If a region covers multiple NGB geographical areas, all contained NGBs must approve of the submission.

NGBs sending Regional Teams must ensure that all athletes eligible for their National Team are eligible for at least one Regional Team attending the event and Regional Teams may not overlap with other teams geographically.

Full member NGBs may choose to send either

- *a National Team and no Regional Teams OR*
- *Regional Teams and no National Team.*

Full member NGBs supporting additional Regional Team applications outside of their geographical jurisdiction will not be impacted in their ability to send National or Regional Teams to an event.

Regional Team applications are open for the IQA Continental Games and will not be accepted for the IQA World Cup. All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. They will either be accepted, declined, or further information/qualifying next steps will be requested. Regional Teams that are accepted are only accepted for the upcoming Continental Games and must resubmit their application in future years. This will be treated as a new application and teams will not be automatically eligible to attend future events. All applications must be submitted at least three months before the registration deadline for the event in question.



2.1 Regional Team eligibility criteria

All qualifying applicants for positions on a Regional Team should be considered and have an equal chance under a fair and transparent method of selection, free of any Conflict of Interest. An NGB is free to set more restrictive guidelines for selecting their Regional Teams than those outlined below.

An athlete is eligible for any Regional Team if, at a minimum, they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Are at least 16 years of age on the first day of the event AND
- Are not a current member of another National or Regional Team squad (including team staff, training, expansion, and National or Regional B teams) in the current IQA event-year AND
- Are in good standing with the IQA, and are not currently being investigated by an NGB, Quidditch Europe, or the IQA AND
- Are not currently serving a tournament or season ban from either an NGB, Quidditch Europe, or the IQA

They must also satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Hold citizenship OR
- Have permanent legal residency OR
- Have lived in the country for at least the last 3 years leading up to the event OR
- Have played quidditch only in the nation OR
- Have played quidditch in the nation for at least 10 months prior to the first day of the event AND do not reside in an NGB attending the same event OR
- Have at least one parent or grandparent who holds citizenship OR
- Have at least one parent who was born in the nation



3. Roster policies

These roster policies have been created to ensure athlete safety and highlight gender equality within the sport, as well as to support the development of the sport around the world.

3.1 Residency requirement

All rosters must have a certain number of athletes who are full-time residents. This number depends on the NGB membership category.

To be considered a full-time resident, athletes must have lived in that geographical region at least nine months out of the last 12 AND intend to continue residing in that geographical region.

Minimum residents per membership category				
Roster size	Full Members and Regional teams covered by a Full Member geographically	Associate Developing Members	Associate Emerging Area NGBs and Areas of Interest	Regional Teams not covered by a geographical full member
25	19	17	9	11
24	18	16	8	11
23	18	16	8	10
22	17	15	8	9
21	16	14	7	8
20	15	14	7	8
19	15	13	7	8
18	14	12	6	7
17	13	11	6	7
16	12	10	6	6
15	12	10	5	6
14	11	10	5	5
13	10	10	5	5
12	10	10	4	4
11	10	10	4	4
10	10	10	4	4
9	9	9	4	4
8	8	8	4	4
7	7	7	4	4



3.2 Minimum roster size

IQA events have a minimum roster size of 12 athletes. This roster size ensures each athlete has a substitute for the first 18 minutes of the game. Teams having difficulties reaching the minimum roster size may apply for a waiver which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Rosters with under seven athletes are ineligible to play in IQA events under any circumstances.

The maximum team roster size will be 25, from which the teams can select up to 21 athletes for each game. More information on how, when, and where to submit roster information will be sent out to participating teams during the event planning process.

3.3 Gender balance

IQA events have a gender balance requirement for each roster size. This information is shown in the adjacent table. In the case of rosters with over 21 athletes, the specific roster selected for each game must also meet the gender balance criteria.

Teams may have less than the maximum number of majority gender athletes, and more than the minimum number of non-majority gender athletes on their roster. A team that does not have a majority gender is not subject to the adjacent table.

	Roster size	Maximum Majority Gender <i>Must include only 1 gender identity</i>	Total Minimum Non-Majority Gender(s) <i>May include more than 1 gender identity</i>
Up to 21 athletes selected per game.	25	17	8
	24	16	8
	23	15	8
	22	14	8
Normal roster rules apply.	21	13	8
	20	13	7
	19	12	7
	18	11	7
	17	10	7
	16	10	6
	15	9	6
	14	8	6
Roster minimum waiver must be submitted.	13	7	6
	12	7	5
	11	6	5
	10	6	4
	9	5	4
Rosters with under 7 players are ineligible to play in IQA events under any circumstances.	8	5	3
	7	4	3
	6	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A
	3	N/A	N/A
	2	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	N/A	



4. Application processes and waivers

4.1 Multiple National Teams application process

The National Governing Body must send an email to events@iqasport.org with the following information:

- Which National Teams the application is for
- A map clearly indicating the different geographical regions
- The number of teams in each National Team Geographical Region
- An overview of the administrative structure of the NGB
- An overview of the National Team structure and volunteer and/or staff positions for all National Teams requested
- The reason for applying for multiple National Teams
- An explanation of the nature of the National Team Geographic Regions
- An explanation of the non-quidditch sporting precedent and/or geopolitical and/or historic reason that multiple National Teams should exist
- The specific eligibility criteria per team by which team selection will be done (note that these must fall within the criteria outlined by the IQA in this policy)
- The latest figure of registered athletes within the NGB

All applications must be submitted at least three months before the registration deadline for the event in question.

4.2 Regional Teams application process

The main point of contact for the application must send an email to events@iqasport.org with the following information:

- Which Continental Games this application is for (please note that NGBs must ensure they are sending all Regional and National Teams to the same Continental Games)
- Which full member NGB is either making or supporting the application
- Which region(s) the application is for
- A map clearly indicating the different geographical regions (if applicable)
- The reasoning behind the application for the Regional Team(s)
- An explanation of the nature of the region(s) and geopolitical and/or historic and/or quidditch-related reason that the region(s) should exist
- The specific eligibility criteria per team by which the team will be selected (note that these must fall within the criteria outlined by the IQA in this policy)

All Regional Teams applications must be submitted at least three months before the registration deadline for the event in question.



4.3 National and Regional Team eligibility criteria waivers

4.3.1 National Teams

In the case that an athlete is unable to satisfy the National Team eligibility requirements AND is unable to gain citizenship due to extenuating circumstances, their NGB may apply to the IQA for an exemption. This will be looked into on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the citizenship application process of their National Team's country. This applies to NGBs of all membership levels.

The National Governing Body must send an email to events@iqasport.org with the following information:

- The name of the athlete
- Any links they have to the NGB or country the NGB covers
- The reason they are unable to fulfill the eligibility requirements
- Any other countries where the athlete has played quidditch and the time period this covers

4.3.2 Regional Teams

In the case that an athlete is unable to satisfy the eligibility requirements, their NGB may apply to the IQA for an exemption. This will be looked into on a case-by-case basis. This applies to all Regional Teams.

The National Governing Body must send an email to events@iqasport.org with the following information:

- The name of the athlete
- Any links they have to the Regional Team or region the team covers
- The reason they are unable to fulfill the eligibility requirements
- Any other countries where the athlete has played quidditch and the time period this covers



4.4 Roster policy waivers

4.4.1 Residency requirement

Any team may have the athlete residency requirement reduced upon applying for a waiver. This will be done on a case-by-case basis. The rest of the eligibility policy remains the same.

Any team from an Associate Emerging Area NGB or Area of Interest that has never competed at an IQA World Cup or IQA Continental Games may have the residency requirement reduced or waived. The rest of the eligibility policy remains the same.

The National Governing Body must send an email to events@iqasport.org with the following information:

- A full list of residents currently on the roster
- A full list of non-residents currently on the roster
- The reason the resident minimum is unable to be met
- A full list of clubs within the NGB and the up-to-date number of registered athletes
- How attending this event will benefit quidditch within the NGB

4.4.2 Minimum roster size and gender balance

To ensure accessibility to the event for all teams, we will allow waiver applications for both the event roster size and the roster gender balance policy for teams who have difficulties reaching these due to recruitment difficulties or other extenuating circumstances.

We strongly encourage anyone who has difficulties reaching these roster requirements to get in contact so we can work towards a solution. All waiver applications will be reviewed by the IQA Events Department.

The National Governing Body must send an email to events@iqasport.org with the following information:

- The reason the waiver is being applied for
- The current size and gender balance of the team
- The reason the size or gender minimums are unable to be met
- A full list of clubs within the NGB and the up-to-date number of registered athletes