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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the requirements for rosters of teams participating in IQA tournaments. The policy also outlines possible exemptions and the steps to take when requesting exemptions to the policy.

POLICY STATEMENT

The IQA is committed to providing a healthy and safe space for members, volunteers, and athletes to take part in the Sport. With inclusivity as one of our core values, it is important that quidditch events are inclusive and safe for all parties involved. The IQA is also committed to supporting global sport and athlete development.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all National Governing Bodies and teams participating at IQA tournaments. 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.

PROCEDURE

This policy has been split in 3 sections: the residency requirement, minimum roster size and gender balance. Rosters must comply with all 3 sections of the policy.

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

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 tournaments 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.

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 selector 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
Rosters with under 7 players are ineligible to play in IQA events under any circumstances.	9	5	4
	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

Roster policy waivers

All waiver applications will be reviewed by the IQA Events and Membership Services Department.

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

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.

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

Policy enforcement

All participating NGBs and teams must submit rosters to the IQA Events and Membership Services Department. The rosters must include identifying information to evaluate the IQA Events Roster Policy.

Teams not eligible under the abovementioned criteria will be excluded from participating at the event.

Teams, athletes, team management or NGB management found to be manipulating the eligibility of athletes or breaching this will be sanctioned. Sanctions may include but are not limited to game bans or tournament exclusion(s) for the Athlete or Team. This will be enforced by the IQA Events and Membership Services Department.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director and Deputy Director, Events and Membership Services have operational oversight over this policy and its implementation. They may delegate this authority as they deem fit. Oversight may include:

1. Management of files related to waiver applications
2. Management of the waiver approval process
3. Overview of IQA Event rosters
4. Evaluation of IQA Event rosters submitted
5. Implementation of this policy
6. Implementation of sanctions on policy breaches

The Director, Events and Membership Services (pauline.raes@iqasport.org) and Deputy Director, Events and Membership Services (luke.zak@iqasport.org) are responsible for accepting and reviewing waiver applications on this policy and reviewing the submitted event rosters.

DEFINITIONS

National Governing Body (NGB): Any recognized organization that oversees the development and implementation of quidditch within their respective country.

Director/Deputy Director: Any person or persons at the senior-most position of a department. They have the final say within their respective departments.