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Regulation 8 Checklist

Regulation 8 Checklist for Players/Unions

- Note: this is intended to be a helpful checklist but should be read in conjunction with Regulation 8 which always takes precedence and is available on the World Rugby website: www.worldrugby.org
- In the event of any queries, please contact David.Carrigy@worldrugby.org



Is the player's eligibility
based
on birthplace?

#1

Is the player's eligibility based on birthplace?

If so, he/she must be able to tick one of below:

- Player was born in the country of the Union
- Player's parent was born in the country of the Union
- Player's grandparent was born in the country of the Union

Notes:

- The person must have been **born** in the country of the Union.
- Nationality/citizenship/passport are not relevant for Regulation 8 (except for Olympic Eligibility, see below)
- If the political or geographical circumstances of a country or a birthplace lead to uncertainty, for example, a country with overseas territories, please check with World Rugby before selection



Is the player's
eligibility based
on residency?

#2

Is the player's eligibility based on residency?

If so, he/she must be able to tick one of below:

- Player has lived (continuously and without breaks) for 3 or 5 years in the country up to and including the day before he/she is selected for the Union
 - 3 year period applies for players who first represent their Union on or before 31 December 2020
 - 5 year period applies for players who first represent their Union on or after 1 January 2021
- Player has lived for 10 years “cumulatively” in the Union (when you add up all of time that the player has lived in the country of the Union over the course of his/her lifetime)

Notes:

- Residency means that the player treated the country as his/her home and had his/her primary home there
- Short breaks (e.g. holidays) do not break residency, typically 10 months of physical presence in one year would suffice
- Evidence of breaking ties with the previous country is necessary
- The residency must be “immediately preceding” the player's selection which means that the player needs to be resident in the country right up to the date of being selected
- Students are usually considered to keep their parental residence as their primary residence
- The player should provide a full record of his residency and any breaks and copies of leases, bills etc may be used as supporting evidence



Has the player ever been
“captured” by another
Union?

#3

Has the player ever been “captured” by another Union?

A player may be “captured” if he or she has ever been **selected** (which means being named in a match day squad/touring squad even if the player does not play) for another Union’s “capturing” teams:

- senior fifteen-a-side national representative team; or
- senior Touring Squad; or
- next senior fifteen-a-side national representative team; or
- next senior Touring Squad; or
- national representative Sevens Team.

Notes: “Capturing” depends on certain matters such as age, opposition etc. To be certain of complying with Regulation 8, if the player has ever been selected by any other Union, for any representative team, (even if the player believes that the team/squad for which he/she was selected was not a “capturing” team), World Rugby recommends that you make further enquiries of the other Union and World Rugby to make absolutely certain that the player remains eligible to represent the Union. If you require contact details for another Union, please contact World Rugby.



Has the player signed a
Declaration of Eligibility?

#4

Has the player signed a Declaration of Eligibility?

- Note the Union must keep a copy
- Ensure the Union and the Player are aware of the “capturing” status of the match in which the player intends to play



Do you have copies
of all the supporting
documentation?

#5

Do you have copies of all the supporting documentation?

- Note the Union must keep copies of all documents which prove the player's eligibility

Note: Olympic Eligibility is dealt with separately and details can be found on World Rugby's website or by contacting David.Carrigy@WorldRugby.org

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