



## International Transfers

### Background information

Due to international IIHF regulations a person starts out by “belonging” to the national ice hockey federation of his/her country of birth. This is applicable for people that have already played ice hockey games, but also for people who haven’t played any games as a member of a club yet. Due to the same regulations a person can only play games in the country to whose national federation they belong. Therefore if the person wants to play games/start playing games in another country they need to request for a transfer from the original federation to the federation of the other country.

### Types of international transfers

There are two types of international transfers:

- Limited Transfer
- Unlimited Transfer

A LIMITED transfer is a request to transfer the person to the intended federation for a limited amount of seasons, either being a single season or multiple consecutive seasons.

The person is transferred to the intended federation for the duration of the chosen season(s), after which he/she automatically “returns” to the previous federation, without any need for further action.

An UNLIMITED transfer is a request to transfer the person to the intended federation for an unlimited period of time.

The person transfers to the intended federation and remains there until another request is filed to move to another federation of choice.

### Costs

For each transfer request within the IIHF regulations a transfer fee might be applicable.

For people under the age of 18 there is no fee.

For people aged 18 or older a fee is applicable (with a few exceptions), but the height of the fee can differ due to possible agreements between the two national federations and/or the IIHF.

Keep in mind that all costs have to be paid by the person that’s requesting the transfer; no costs will be paid by the club.

### Advantages and disadvantages

Since a LIMITED transfer ends after the season(s) it was requested for the person automatically returns to his / her previous federation, no new request has to be filed to be transferred back. This means that no further action is necessary and no fees are applicable, even if the person is 18 or older at that time.

However whenever the person wants to extend their membership at the current federation after the requested season(s) a new request does have to be filed and thus fees will apply when the person is 18 or older.

Because an UNLIMITED transfer never ends no further action has to be taken ever, unless the person wants to transfer to another federation, for which a new transfer request has to be filed. If the person is 18 or older at that time fees will apply.



### **Choice between types of international transfers**

The choice of which transfer you want to make a request for is dependent on the situation at the time of applying and of the prospects for the future, but in the end it's always up to personal preference.

### **How to request an international transfer**

For an international transfer request there are two forms:

- The International Transfer Form (ITF); this always has to be filled out.
- This is also where you choose to take a limited transfer (including the duration) or an unlimited transfer.
- The Unlimited Transfer Request Form (UTRF); this only has to be filled out if you chose the unlimited transfer.

Steps to take:

1. When the person for whom the transfer is requested is 18 years or older, check for the applicable fee by sending an email with the name, date of birth and current national federation to: [wedstrijdsecretaris@smokeeaters.nl](mailto:wedstrijdsecretaris@smokeeaters.nl)
2. Fill out the ITF for the person for whom the transfer is requested and choose limited or unlimited;
3. When unlimited is chosen also fill out the UTRF, again for the person for whom the transfer is requested;
4. Make a copy of the most recent ID of the person for whom the transfer is requested;
5. Email the form(s) and the copy of the ID to: [wedstrijdsecretaris@smokeeaters.nl](mailto:wedstrijdsecretaris@smokeeaters.nl) with "Transfer Request" and the name of the person for whom the request is in the subject;
6. If applicable, deposit the fee for the transfer on the bank-account of the club:  
IBAN NL21RABO0130549843 – in the name of Ver. Jeugdbelang Smoke Eaters.

### **What will happen next?**

We will sign our part of the request and put the request into the system of the Dutch federation. They will send the request to the IIHF, who will send the request to the current federation. The current federation will send the request to the last club the person played at (if applicable) asking for an OK on the transfer.

Once an OK has been given (either by the club or the current federation) the information will be send back to the IIHF, who will grant the request and inform the Dutch federation, who in turn will inform us.

After that, and only after that, the person is allowed to play games for our club.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about this process you can send them to:  
[wedstrijdsecretaris@smokeeaters.nl](mailto:wedstrijdsecretaris@smokeeaters.nl)

In closing:

**We are very happy that you've decided to (re)join Smoke Eaters and welcome you (back) to Geleen!**