



RULE 4

Requirements to Compete in International Competitions

2. Members may require that no athlete or Club affiliated to the Member may take part in an International Competition in a foreign Country or Territory without the Member's written approval. In such a case, no Member hosting a competition shall allow any foreign athlete or Club of the Member in question to take part without evidence of such permit certifying that the athlete or Club is eligible and permitted to compete in the Country or Territory concerned. Members shall notify the IAAF of all such permit requirements. To facilitate compliance with this Rule, the IAAF shall maintain on its website a list of Members with such requirements.
3. No athlete affiliated to a National Federation may be affiliated to another Member without previous authorisation from his National Federation of origin, if the Rules of that Federation require such authorisation. Even then, the National Federation of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing cannot enter any athlete's name for competitions in another Country or Territory without previous authorisation from the National Federation of origin. In all cases under this Rule, the National Federation of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing shall send a written request to the athlete's National Federation of origin, and the National Federation of origin shall send a written reply to that request within thirty (30) days. Both of these communications shall be by a means that generates an acknowledgement of receipt. E-mail that includes a receipt function is acceptable for this purpose. If the response of the athlete's National Federation of origin is not received within the 30- day period, the authorisation shall be deemed to have been given. In the event of a negative response to a request for authorisation under this Rule, which response must be supported by reasons, the athlete or the National Federation of the Country or Territory in which the athlete is residing may appeal against any such decision to the IAAF. The IAAF shall publish guidelines for the filing of an appeal under this Rule and these guidelines shall be available on the IAAF website. To facilitate compliance with this Rule, the IAAF shall maintain on its website a list of National Federations with such authorization requirements.

Note: Rule 4.3 concerns athletes aged 18 or over as at the 31st of December of the year in question. The Rule does not apply to athletes who are not Citizens of a Country or Territory or to political refugees.

The following National Federations have authorization requirements for their affiliated athletes (Clubs), as set out in Rule 4.2 and Rule 4.3 above:

- *Cuba*
- *Singapore*
- *Tunisia*