**Instructions – please read carefully:**

*Athlete Sport Nationality Change applications may be submitted to the FEI by National Federations only. Applications submitted directly by Athletes will not be accepted by the FEI. The National Federation of the country the Athlete intends to compete for is responsible for submitting the sport nationality change application to the FEI (**catherine.bollon@fei.org**), using the present form.*

*All fields in this form must be completed. The following documents must be submitted along with the application:*

* *Proof that the Athlete holds the nationality of the country they want to compete for[[1]](#footnote-1). Only official document(s) will be accepted. Translations must be provided for documents that are not in English or French.*
* *Any applicable document(s) as determined under pt. 10 below.*

*National Federations have the responsibility to submit complete applications.* ***Incomplete applications will not be processed.*** *Complete applications will be processed within 30 days from date of receipt by the FEI.*

*Comprehensive information on the sport nationality change process and applicable rules are published on our website: Inside.FEI.org at* [*https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/athletes/sport-nationality*](https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/athletes/sport-nationality)*.*

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| **Application Form** |
| **1** | **First Name** |       |
| **2** | **Family Name** |       |
| **3** | **FEI ID** |       |
| **4** | **Discipline** |       |
| **5** | **Current Sport Nationality** |       |
| **6** | **Desired Sport Nationality** |       |

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| **7** | **Which nationality(ies) does the Athlete currently hold[[2]](#footnote-2)?** |       |
| **8** | **Where does the Athlete currently live (main residence)?** |       |

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| **9** | **In the coming three (3) years, does the Athlete aim to compete in***(tick all boxes that apply)* |
|  | [ ]  | Olympic / Paralympic Games |
|  | [ ]  | Other Games (e.g., Pan Am, Central American and Caribbean, Asian etc.) – please specify: |
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| **10** | **At some point in the future, does the Athlete intend to compete in FEI Championships and/or CIO Team Competitions for Senior Athletes?** |
|  | [ ]  | Yes*(note: if this box is ticked, the NF MUST provide documents as explained in Appendix 1)* |
|  | [ ]  | No |

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| **ATHLETE DECLARATION** |
| I hereby declare that:* I have applied for this sport nationality change;
* I fully understand the applicable requirements of the FEI General Regulations; and,
* The information provided under pt. 1-10 of this form is accurate.
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| **Athlete Name and Signature** |       |
| **Date** |       |

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| **APPLYING NATIONAL FEDERATION DECLARATION** |
| *By submitting a sport nationality change application, the National Federation confirms that an authorised person is submitting the application and that the Athlete knows and understands the requirements and implications of a sport nationality change as outlined in Article 119, FEI General Regulations (GRs).* |
| **NF Representative****Name, Title and Signature** |       |
| **Date** |       |

**Appendix 1**

Athletes who apply for a sport nationality change and aim to compete for the new country in FEI Championships (except FEI Championships for Young Horses) and CIO Team Competitions, must comply with either of the following:

1. Document having resided in the country for two (2) uninterrupted years or a total of five (5) years of non-consecutive periods; or,
2. Document that their situation falls under either of the circumstances listed below:
	1. The Athlete’s entitlement to their new nationality was established by their birth in that country; or,
	2. The Athlete’s entitlement to their new nationality was acquired by virtue of descent or through other means related to family heritage; or,
	3. The naturalized Athlete was a former national whose loss of nationality was neither voluntary or due to criminal acts; or,
	4. The naturalized Athlete had to renounce their former nationality as a condition of acquiring a new one.

In case the Athlete cannot satisfy any of the above requirements, the sport nationality change can be approved but a restriction will apply (no participations in FEI Championships, FEI Championships for Young Horses excepted, and in CIO Team Competitions).

1. Please contact the FEI if the athlete:

Holds official refugee status in the country; or

Holds the nationality of a country which does not have a NF member of the FEI. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See previous footnote. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)