

# EU Youth National Team Player Eligibility Regulations

Adapted from WFDF's National Team Player Eligibility Regulations for WFDF Ultimate Worlds Events

## 1. Definitions

A. A Division is a distinct Ultimate competition within an Event, with individual limitations to gender and/or age and currently include:

- Junior Open
- Junior Women

These junior divisions are available to players who reach their 19<sup>th</sup> or prior birthday during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.

- U17 Open
- U17 Girls

These U17 divisions are available to players who reach their 16<sup>th</sup> or prior birthday during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.

B. A National Team (or Team) is a group of players representing a Country in a particular Division

## 2. Player Classes

Only the following players are allowed to play for a particular Country at a Youth National Team championship:

### A. Legal Citizen

Players are deemed to be "Legal citizens" if they own a passport or equivalent legal document issued by the country's government.

### B. EUC Citizen

Players are also deemed to be "EUC citizens" if they have moved to the country at least four years prior to the start date of the event and spent more than 75% of those four years in the country.

### **C. Resident Non-Citizen**

Players are deemed to be "Resident non-citizens"

- a) if they own a legal certificate of permanent residency issued by the country's government;  
or
- b) b) if they have moved to the country at least 20 months prior to the start date of the event and spent more than 75% of those 20 months in the country.

### **D. Ultimate Community Member**

Players are deemed to be "Ultimate community members" at the discretion of the National Association/Federation if they are considered to be a significant part of that Country's ultimate community, but don't fall under the above categories.

The following may be taken into account by the National Association in making this decision:

- Residency history in that Country
- Participation in that Country's ultimate events, especially national championships
- Past representation on National Teams
- Participation in the development of ultimate in the Country

The reasoning should be provided along with registration information.

## **3. Team Rosters**

### **A. Total number of players**

A Team must have a minimum of 14 Players and a maximum of 28 Players registered on their roster for the Event.

Should a team lose players during the tournament due to injuries the team will be allowed to continue to participate as long as they can field 10 fit players.

### **B. Team composition**

A Team may have on its roster:

- any number of Legal Citizens or EUF Citizens,
- a maximum of 4 Resident Non-Citizens
- a maximum of 1 Ultimate Community Member replacing one of the Resident Non- Citizens.

### **C. Tyro teams**

When a country is not able to field a fully representative national team, a country may enter a tyro team. Any country may be regarded as a tyro team enabling them to recruit players who would not normally be eligible for that team, from other countries, or from just outside the age range. The final roster of a tyro team will need approval from the EUF Youth Subcommittee.

A tyro team may not compete in the semi-final stages of a championship event and the playing schedule may have to be adjusted at the quarterfinal stage and beyond to ensure lower placed teams do not suddenly receive an unfair advantage.

#### **D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams**

Second teams are permitted to play in the U17 divisions while these divisions are still small and needing to increase in size. The same rules apply to 2<sup>nd</sup> teams as tyro teams, so they cannot play in the semi-finals and the schedule may have to be adjusted if deemed necessary.

#### **E. Dual Eligibility**

If a player is eligible to play in two different divisions at an event, they may do so subject to these rules. They first should specify and register with their main team. Before the start of the tournament the contact person or coordinator for the National Youth Teams should then also inform the EUF Youth Subcommittee as well as the TD if they plan to let this player play for any other National Youth Team in another division.

They may never play in more than two games in a single day.

### **4. Rulings**

#### **A. Spirit of the Game**

It is expected that National Associations and National Teams will follow spirit of the game in following these rules and EUF places trust on the National Associations to follow these rules.

#### **B. Penalties**

Failure to follow these rules may result in any combination of the following penalties:

- suspension of a Player from the Event,
- loss of competition points, placings or medals earned by a Team,
- suspension of a Team from the Event.

#### **C. Authority**

Before or after the Event, the EUF Youth Subcommittee will rule on issues of Team and Player eligibility.

During the Event, the Tournament Rules Group will rule on issues of Team and Player eligibility and any penalties to be recommended to the EUF Youth Subcommittee.

#### **D. Process**

A process of natural justice will be followed in any tribunal hearing regarding eligibility matters:

- The accused shall receive notice of, and know the nature of, the accusation made against them.
- The accused shall be given the opportunity to state their case.
- The tribunal shall act in good faith and without bias.