

Procedure and basic information regarding the application of individuals to change Membership from one FIFe Member to another in a country other than that of the individual's residence.

The Board of FIFe has modified the Form and the Procedure for the Change of Membership of individuals (members of a FIFe Member) from one FIFe Member to another FIFe Member in order to be more strictly in line with the current and valid FIFe Statutes and General Rules.

The principle is based on the decision of the FIFe GA 2001 on a proposal of the FIFe Disciplinary Commission, namely:

„A Member of FIFe may, upon recommendation of the FIFe Board, accept as members individuals from other countries no matter if there is a FIFe Member in the country or not.”

Following the contents of this proposal, the Board has modified the procedure as follows.

You may also find the Form “Application for changing membership to another FIFe Member” on the FIFe Website: <http://www.fifeweb.org>.

Procedure

1. The individual FIFe member's member – hereinafter called “applicant” – shall send the for this purpose intended “Application for changing membership to another FIFe Member” to the FIFe-member, where applicant currently holds his/her membership, which he/she wishes to cancel respectively, which he /she wishes to leave. After this application has been checked/approved by the current FIFe-Member, it will be send back to the applicant.
2. The applicant then sends this application form to the FIFe-Member where he/she wishes to hold his/her membership.
3. This FIFe-Member then sends the original application-form including the decision if they wish to approve the applicant or not to the FIFe General Secretariat.
4. The decision of the FIFe board on this application will be sent to the FIFe member where membership is requested. The FIFe member where applicant held his membership previously will receive a copy of the decision for information.
5. If the FIFe member where membership is requested does NOT approve the application, then this FIFe Member must inform the FIFe General Secretariat as well as the current/former FIFe member.

Explanations

- It is not allowed for he applicant (individual members of a FIFe-Member) to contact the FIFe directly (see Art 6.3 of the FIFe Statutes)
- In the case of an expelled individual member or one who is subject to any disciplinary action or investigation, the application will be automatically forwarded to the FIFe Disciplinary Commission.
- Members of FIFe are not obliged to accept an individual from another country as their member; this is entirely up to the FIFe Member concerned.
- Applications from individual members seeking to change membership for a third time will automatically be referred to the FIFe Disciplinary Commission.
- Once a year the FIFe Board will publish statistics of numbers of individuals who have changed the FIFe Member and the general reasons for the change.
- Individuals who have never been a member of a FIFe Member in their country of residence must also apply to the FIFe-General Secretariat.
- No FIFe-Member is allowed to accept an individual member (individual member of a FIFe-Member) from another country without the strict observance of this Procedure, respectively, without the written approval of the FIFe-Board.

The Board is aware of the EU Laws on the individual's Freedom of Choice with regard to membership of organisations and is convinced of the of the fact that all its Members will respect this procedure.