

BELGIAN QUIDDITCH FEDERATION



Roster Restriction Policy

Team Affiliation for the 2016-2017 season

This policy was modelled on and adapted from QuidditchUK's Roster Limitation Policy, and we're grateful to them for its use. We'd like to thank their staff for the original policy, their gracefulness and their efforts in making this possible.

1. Team Affiliations

1.1 Club Registration

When an individual registers as an Individual Member of the Belgian Quidditch Federation for the season, they will be able to select a Club. There will be no limitation nor restrictions over which Club can be selected; any Member Club may be chosen. When they register, or at any point later in the season, any Individual Member may also join a Secondary Team outside of their own Club, at cost of losing the privilege of free transferring between Teams within a Club.

1.2 Secondary Team

Individual Members can join a Secondary Team outside their own Club, but will lose the privilege of free transferring between teams within a Club. There will be no limitation nor restrictions over which team can be selected as their Secondary Team. When affiliating with a Secondary Team, an Individual Member must stay with the Team from the Club that the Individual Member was affiliated with; that Team becomes their Primary Team.

1.3 Official Affiliation

Once registered with a Team, it can take up to 7 days to be officially affiliated with that Team. Every Individual Member should sign up at least 8 days before the Team Requirement Deadline, or before the first event the Individual wants to take part in.

1.4 Transfers

1.4.1 Transfers between Teams

From season to season, there is no limitation on movement between rosters. Saving the consideration that the previous League- or Developing Team is eligible as the Primary- or Secondary Team, an Individual Member's previous affiliated Teams do not influence the Teams they can affiliate themselves with at the start of any given season.

Within the season, the changing of affiliated teams, is limited, but possible. Assessment of request of transfer will be on a case-by-case basis. Changes in permanent residence or place of education will often be considered an acceptable reason to change the Primary Team and/or Secondary Team. Changes in the Secondary Team are unlikely to be accepted unless this is related to a change in the Primary Team.

If a change in affiliated Teams has not been approved by the final roster deadline for a relevant match or tournament, the player will not be able to play with the new team.

1.5 Core Players

All primary players of the first Team in the hierarchy of each Club with multiple Teams will be Core Players. All other teams will be required to name a minimum of 7 Core Players for each of their other teams.

Core Players must have primary affiliation with the Team. If one of them ceases to be primary affiliated with that Team mid-season, a replacement must immediately be named for the Team the Core Player is leaving.

Core Players who sustain serious injury may be removed as a named Core Player by contacting the Membership Department of the Belgian Quidditch Federation. A replacement must be immediately named if possible. In this context, a serious injury is considered to be any circumstance of medical origin which are expected to prevent the individual playing competitively for three or more months.

Core Players may not be changed within the season, for any other reason than above, unless approved by the Membership Department of the Belgian Quidditch Federation. The premise of named Core Players is that, within a Club, Core Players may not 'play down'. At Regular Roster Restriction and above, a player named as a Core Player of a Team may not compete for any Team below the level of the Team for which they are named. They may compete for Teams above that level in the Club's hierarchy. Players not named as Core Players of any of a Club's Teams may compete in any of these Teams in any tournament, provided their affiliations allow it.

The Team higher in the the hierarchy will be permitted to add up to 5 Non-Core Players of teams lower in the hierarchy of the Club to their roster of an event.

If a Core Player wants to move to the lower Team in the hierarchy of the Club, the Core Player must transfer to that Team. See 1.4 for more information.

2. Team Interactions

2.1 Team's Officials

Every Team must have a Team Representative. This Individual Member must have the Team listed as its Primary Team.

3. Roster Restrictions

3.1 Principles

The primary/secondary affiliations are intended to allow players to designate teams beyond their main competitive team which they may wish to play with under certain circumstances on a competitive level. The Belgian Quidditch Federation is aware that different competitions are undertaken with different competitive emphases, and wishes to incorporate this into its policies. It is not intended that it would never be practical for an individual member to represent their secondary team, but neither should it be possible for them to prioritise over their primary team. If an individual member feels affiliation to any team, then it is important for them to consider carefully which they are most attached to and the Belgian Quidditch Federation intends the selection of primary and secondary teams to be momentous enough to reflect that. There are two (2) essential principles which have

been kept in mind in deciding the various ways that these affiliations should influence a player's flexibility to play:

- Under no circumstance should an individual member ever be restricted by the Belgian Quidditch Federation from playing for their primary team.
- Individual Members should have adequate flexibility to represent their secondary team on a competitive level without infringing upon their commitment to the primary team.

3.2 Roster Restriction Levels

There will be a number of Roster Restrictions, which vary in the flexibility they afford individual members to play for their affiliated teams. These Roster Restrictions will be used to define the flexibility of rosters in all tournaments and competitive events hosted by a BQF Member Team, the Belgian Quidditch Federation, a Member Team of an IQA-recognised governing body, or the International Quidditch Association itself. Only events with its own in-built contingencies, like fantasy tournaments, are the exception.

The Belgian Quidditch Federation recommends event organisers to make use of these Roster Restrictions in all competitive quidditch events in Belgium, and will advise on the appropriate Roster Restrictions for BQF-recognised events.

3.2.1 Casual Roster Restriction

Casual Roster Restriction is intended to cater to events where little is up for contention in terms of team pride and national standings. It allows flexibility in rosters and prioritises allowing all players and teams who wish to compete at the event to do so. A set of friendlies or a small-scale domestic tournament would be advised to operate at a Casual Roster Restriction.

At Casual Roster Restriction, by default, an Individual Member may represent any of the individual's teams. The player chooses whether they'll play with the primary team or secondary team; or even both if they wish to do so - provided that both team captains and/or tournament director (if applicable) agree with this.

Friendly Games will always be with Casual Roster Restriction.

3.2.2 Regular Roster Restriction

Regular Roster Restriction is intended to cater to events where there is a competitive atmosphere and (inter)national prestige is at stake, but not events which will be at the forefront of a team's competitive season. It allows flexibility in rosters and ensures players remain with teams they have affiliations with whilst not demanding that their main team be present in order to play. Similarly, it expects teams to maintain some sort of team identity in the rosters they field without entirely prevent them from supplementing those rosters if they have difficulty bringing sufficient numbers of players. Invitational Tournaments, or regular Domestic/International Tournaments would likely be held at Regular Roster Restriction.

At Regular Roster Restriction, an Individual Member's eligibility for a Team depends on their affiliation with the primary team and their affiliation with other teams at that event.

- If an Individual Member's primary team is present at an event with Regular Roster Restriction, that Individual Member may only play for their primary team.
- If an Individual Member's primary team is not present at an event with Regular Roster Restriction, that Individual Member is eligible to play for their secondary team.
- If none of an Individual Member's affiliated teams are present at an event with Regular Roster Restriction, that Individual Member is not eligible to play at that event.
- If an Individual Member is a Core Player of a Team, that Individual Member may only play for the Team for which they are a Core Player.
- If an Individual Member is not a Core Player of a Team, that Individual Member may play for any Team of the Club they are affiliated with.

Regular Roster Restriction is intended to strike a balance between recreational and competitive play.

Individual Members can expect the following events to be held at a Regular Roster Restriction.:

- Belgian Quidditch League (*counts as one event stretching over the season*)

3.2.3 European Roster Restriction

European Roster Restriction is intended to cater event where club and team pride and international prestige are at the forefront of the competition. Individual Members may not transfer specifically to play for another team at the European Quidditch Cup (EQC) after the NGB's qualifying tournament, or to gain any other specific competitive advantage.

If an Individual Member's primary team is a league team, but their primary league team doesn't qualify for the European Quidditch Cup, the Individual Member is not eligible to play with their secondary League team at the European Quidditch Cup.

If an Individual Member's primary team is a developing team, and their secondary team is a League Team and does qualify for the European Quidditch Cup, that Individual Member is eligible to play for their secondary team at the European Quidditch, if that Individual Member is affiliated with their secondary team before the European Quidditch Cup qualifying tournament of the Belgian Quidditch Federation.

Individual Members can expect the following events to be held at a European Roster Restriction:

- European Quidditch Cup

3.2.4 Strict Roster Restriction

Strict Roster Restriction is intended to cater to events where club and team pride and national prestige are at the forefront of the competition. It completely restricts players from moving outside their main team for the event and prioritises reflecting the true competitive ability of the teams involved by asking each to field only their own primary players and their strongest competitive rosters.

Individual Members can expect the following event to be held at a Strict Roster Restriction:

- Belgian Quidditch Cup
- Lowlands Development Cup

At events held at a Strict Roster Restriction, an Individual Member may only play for their primary team.

4. Related Miscellanea

4.1 Mercenary Teams

Teams comprised of individual members not otherwise competing cannot participate in any official events organised or supported by the Belgian Quidditch Federation, Quidditch Europe, IQA-recognised governing bodies and/or the International Quidditch Association.

5. Note

The Belgian Quidditch Federation will communicate for every tournament what kind of Roster Restriction it sets.