

ROSTER RESTRICTION



This policy was modelled on and adapted from QuidditchUK's 2016-2017 Roster Limitation Policy and adapted for each season. We're grateful to them for its use and we'd like to thank their staff for the original policy, their gracefulness and their efforts in making this possible.

I – 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 (see 1.4.2).

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 (see 1.4.2). 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 seven (7) days to be officially affiliated with that Team. Every Individual Member should sign up at least eight (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 Emerging 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.

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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.

1.4.2 Free transferring between Teams within a Club

Each Team within a Club must establish a hierarchy of their affiliated Teams.

The following rules apply to Clubs with multiple Teams:

- Every Individual Member of the Club must be assigned to one (1) Team. This Team will be considered their Primary Team.
- Players may play for any Team higher in the hierarchy of the Club.
- If a player wants to move to a Team lower in the hierarchy of the Club, they must transfer to this Team. (see 1.4.1)
- A Team will be permitted to add up to five (5) players of Teams lower in the hierarchy of the Club to their roster of an event, unless specifically banned by the roster restriction for said event.

If a player is a member of a Team not affiliated with the Club, this player will not have the privilege of free transferring between Teams within a Club as outlined above.

II – 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.

III – 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 the appropriate Roster Restrictions for BQF-recognised events.

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

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.
- Individual Members of a Club may play for any Team of their Club that is higher in the hierarchy of the Club.

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 between Teams from different Clubs 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. Free transferring between Teams within a Club will remain possible until the roster deadline for EQC.

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 this Secondary League Team is from a different Club.

If an Individual Member's Primary Team is either an Emerging Team playing their first season, 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 (*Division 1 and 2 of the same season count as one event*)

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.

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

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

- Belgian Quidditch Cup

IV – RELATED MISCELLANIA

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.

4.2 Mercenary Players

Mercenary players are not allowed to compete with an official Team when any of the above mentioned Roster Restrictions apply.