

Memorandum

The policy considerations applied by the World Sailing Board in determining the transfer of allegiance by a sailor from one MNA to another under Regulation 19 of World Sailing Regulations.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of factors that World Sailing Board may take into account when exercising the discretion conferred on it under Regulation 19, should it see fit to do so:

- a. the views of the both the existing MNA and the proposed new MNA;
- b. whether the application is motivated by circumstances outside of the competitor's control (e.g., war, refugee status) or by personal circumstances (e.g., a family move) that are unconnected to the competitor's sporting abilities;
- c. whether the application is motivated by the existing MNA being suspended from participation in international competitions (and, if so, the reason(s) for the MNA's suspension);
- d. whether the existing MNA and/or the competitor has been offered any inducement in relation to the transfer;
- e. connection of the competitor to the proposed new MNA (e.g. place of birth, parents' or grand-parents' place of birth, residence, education), and long term intentions;
- f. the length of time remaining in order to meet the requirements specified in the Regulations;
- g. the age of the competitor and the length of time competing over the age of 16 for the existing MNA;
- h. any previous transfer(s) of allegiance of the competitor and the reason(s) for any such previous transfer(s); and
- i. the conduct of the competitor (e.g. previous periods of ineligibility due to as a result of a breach of the anti-doping rules or violation of a code of conduct).

For the avoidance of doubt, the World Sailing Board may take any relevant factor into account in exercising its discretion (again, the above list is non-exhaustive), each case is taken on its own merits, and no precedents will be set.