

National Team Policy

1. National Teams

A National Team is defined as a team that represents a National Governing Body (NGB), Country, or Nation AND MAY NOT represent a Club or Region.

1.1 Multiple National Teams under an NGB

In order to apply for multiple National Teams, an NGB must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Have been a full member NGB or Area of Interest
- Be in good standing with the IQA AND
- Have at least one coach AND one team manager per National Team requested AND
- Have a geopolitical reason for multiple National Teams AND/OR precedent in other nationally recognized sports for multiple National Teams

Once an NGB has sent a multiple national team structure to 3 IQA international tournaments, those teams will be automatically accepted to future IQA events. An NGB must indicate to the IQA if they will send multiple National teams through the event registration forms for the relevant tournament.

1.2 National Team eligibility criteria

All qualifying applicants for positions on a National Team should be considered and have an equal chance under a fair and transparent method of selection, free of any Conflict of Interest. An NGB is free to set more restrictive guidelines for selecting their National Team than those outlined below.

An athlete is eligible for any National Team if, at a minimum, they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Are at least 16 years of age on the first day of the event AND
- Are not a current member of another National Team roster in the current IQA event-year AND
- Are in good standing with the IQA and are not currently being investigated by an NGB, continental organisation, or the IQA AND
- Are not currently serving a tournament or season ban from either an NGB, continental organisation, or the IQA

They must also satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Hold citizenship OR
- Have permanent legal residency OR
- Have been born in the nation OR
- Have lived in the country for at least the last 3 months leading up to the event OR

- Have played quadball only in the nation OR
- Have played quadball in the nation for at least the 8 months prior to the first day of the event
- Have at least one parent or grandparent who holds citizenship OR
- Have at least one parent who was born in the nation

2. Regional Teams

A Regional Team is defined as a team that represents one or more of the following:

- A Region within an NGB, Country, or Nation AND/OR
- A collection of multiple regions or NGBs representing up to a maximum of 150 registered athletes

All Regional Team applications must be supported by an existing full member NGB in good standing with the IQA, unless a waiver has been submitted. A waiver can be submitted in the case of a region not falling under any geographical full member NGBs AND not having the support of another full member NGB. In this case they must be able to prove they have an established administration and structure. If a region covers multiple NGB geographical areas, all contained NGBs must approve of the submission.

NGBs sending Regional Teams must ensure that all athletes eligible for their National Team are eligible for at least one Regional Team attending the event and Regional Teams may not overlap with other teams geographically.

Full member NGBs affiliated with a regional team may choose to send either

- *a National Team and no Regional Teams OR*
- *Regional Teams and no National Team*

Full member NGBs supporting additional Regional Team applications outside of their geographical jurisdiction will not be impacted in their ability to send National or Regional Teams to an event.

All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. They will either be accepted, declined, or further information/qualifying next steps will be requested. Regional Teams that are accepted are only accepted for the upcoming event and must resubmit their application in future years. This will be treated as a new application and teams will not be automatically eligible to attend future events. All applications must be submitted at least three months before the registration deadline for the event in question.

Once an NGB has sent 1 or more regional teams to 3 IQA international tournaments, their regional teams will be automatically accepted to future IQA events. An NGB must indicate to the IQA if they will send a National team or regional teams through the event registration forms for the relevant tournament.

2.1 Regional Team eligibility criteria

All qualifying applicants for positions on a Regional Team should be considered and have an equal chance under a fair and transparent method of selection, free of any Conflict of Interest. An NGB is free to set more restrictive guidelines for selecting their Regional Teams than those outlined below.

An athlete is eligible for any Regional Team if, at a minimum, they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Are at least 16 years of age on the first day of the event AND
- Are not a current member of another National or Regional Team squad (including team staff, training, expansion, and National or Regional B teams) in the current IQA event-year AND
- Are in good standing with the IQA, and are not currently being investigated by an NGB, Continental organisation, or the IQA AND
- Are not currently serving a tournament or season ban from either an NGB, Continental organisation, or the IQA

They must also satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- Hold citizenship OR
- Have permanent legal residency OR
- Been born in the nation OR
- Have lived in the country for at least the last 3 months leading up to the event OR
- Have played quadball only in the nation OR
- Have played quadball in the nation for at least 8 months prior to the first day of the event OR
- Have at least one parent or grandparent who holds citizenship OR
- Have at least one parent who was born in the nation