

National Team Roster Eligibility Requirements

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the requirements for rosters of teams participating in IQA tournaments. The policy also outlines possible exemptions and the steps to take when requesting exemptions to the policy.

Policy Statement

The IQA is committed to providing a healthy and safe space for members, volunteers, and athletes to take part in the Sport. With inclusivity as one of our core values, it is important that quidditch events are inclusive and safe for all parties involved. The IQA is also committed to supporting global sport and athlete development.

Scope

This policy applies to all National Governing Bodies and teams participating at IQA tournaments. These roster policies have been created to ensure athlete safety and highlight gender equality within the sport, as well as to support the development of the sport around the world.

Procedure

This policy has been split in 2 sections: minimum roster size and gender balance. Rosters must comply with all sections of the policy.

Minimum roster size

IQA events have a minimum roster size of 12 athletes. This roster size ensures each athlete has a substitute for the first 20 minutes of the game. Teams having difficulties reaching the minimum roster size may apply for a waiver which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Rosters with under seven athletes are ineligible to play in IQA tournaments under all circumstances.

The maximum team roster size will be 25, from which the teams can select up to 21 athletes for each game. More information on how, when, and where to submit roster information will be sent out to participating teams during the event planning process.

Gender balance

IQA events have a gender balance requirement for each roster size. This information is shown in the adjacent table.

In the case of rosters with over 21 athletes, the specific roster selected for each game must also meet the gender balance criteria. Teams may include fewer athletes from their most represented gender group and more from their less represented gender groups in their roster. A team that does not have a single gender making up the majority of their roster is not subject to the below table.

	Roster size	Most Represented Gender <i>Must include only one gender group</i>	Total Minimum least represented gender group(s) <i>May include more than 1 gender group</i>
Up to 21 athletes per game	25	17	8
	24	16	8
	23	15	8
	22	14	8
Normal roster rules apply	21	13	8
	20	13	7
	19	12	7
	18	11	7
	17	10	7
	16	10	6
	15	9	6
	14	8	6
	13	7	6
	12	7	5
Roster minimum waiver to be submitted	11	6	5
	10	6	4
	9	5	4
	8	5	3
	7	4	3
Rosters with under 7 players are ineligible to play in IQA events under any circumstances	N/A	N/A	N/A

Roster policy waivers

All waiver applications will be reviewed by the IQA Membership and Gameplay department, in collaboration with the Events Department.

Minimum roster size and gender balance

To ensure accessibility to the event for all teams, we will allow waiver applications for both the event roster size and the roster gender balance policy for teams who have difficulties reaching these due to recruitment difficulties or other extenuating circumstances.

We strongly encourage anyone who has difficulties reaching these roster requirements to get in contact so we can work towards a solution.

The National Governing Body must send an email to events@iqasport.org with the following information:

- The reason the waiver is being applied for
- The current size and gender balance of the team
- The reason the size or gender minimums are unable to be met
- A full list of clubs within the NGB and the up-to-date number of registered athletes

Policy enforcement

All participating NGBs and teams must submit rosters to the event organising committee. The rosters must include identifying information to evaluate the IQA Events Roster Policy.

Teams not eligible under the abovementioned criteria will be excluded from participating at the event.

Teams, athletes, team management or NGB management found to be manipulating the eligibility of athletes or breaching this will be sanctioned. Sanctions may include but are not limited to game bans or tournament exclusion(s) for the Athlete or Team. This will be enforced by the IQA Membership & Gameplay Department.

Responsibilities

The Director, Membership & Gameplay has operational oversight over this policy and its implementation. They may delegate this authority as they deem fit. Oversight may include:

1. Management of files related to waiver applications
2. Management of the waiver approval process
3. Overview of IQA Event rosters
4. Evaluation of IQA Event rosters submitted
5. Implementation of this policy
6. Implementation of sanctions on policy breaches

The Director, Membership & Gameplay (jamie.turbet@iqasport.org) is responsible for accepting and reviewing waiver applications on this policy and reviewing the submitted event rosters, in collaboration with the Director, Events.

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Definitions

National Governing Body (NGB): Any recognized organisation that oversees the development and implementation of quidditch within their respective country.

Director: Any person or persons at the senior-most position of a department. They have the final say within their respective departments.