

International Oarball Union

International Team Guidelines



International Team Recognition

In order to be considered for recognition, an international team must:

1. Represent a recognized nation-state, autonomous region, or indigenous group
2. Be the sole team representing that nation, region, or group
3. File a petition of recognition, including a map of claimed area, list of all persons assigned to leadership positions, description of by-laws and procedures for changes in leadership, and signatures of at least fifteen (15) prospective players.

International teams may have overlapping territories, but only one team is permitted to be the representative of a recognized nation-state, autonomous region, or indigenous group. If a second group submits an application to represent an already represented team, the IOU will go through its dispute procedures to choose the association deemed to better represent the area or to find an amicable solution to merge the groups.

International Team Good Standing

In order to remain in good standing, an international team must:

1. Accept all challenges for challenge cups and field a team in defense of earned championships
2. Comply with all IOU regulations
3. Expel from leadership positions any person found to behave in a manner not according to the values the IOU
4. Honor IOU suspensions of its players, including for exhibition matches and practices
5. Make an acceptable effort to grow the sport of oarball across youth, adult, high school, college, club, and international levels
6. Be a good steward of its community

Player Eligibility

Every player may declare eligibility for no more than two (2) international teams. In order to be eligible to play for an international team, they must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Be born inside of the territory of the international team
2. Have one or both parents who are born inside the territory of the international team
3. Be a citizen of the nation-state, autonomous region, or indigenous group represented by the international team
4. Live in the territory of the international team for at least five (5) years total or four (4) years consecutively

A player is said to declare for an international team if they:

1. Are listed on the reserve roster or active roster of the international team, including any subsidiary squads or age group teams, for any match
2. Participate in any try-outs or practices for the team, including any subsidiary squads or age group teams
3. Express in writing their desire to play for the team, either publicly or in correspondence to the team or its staff

Once a player has declared eligibility for two (2) teams, any attempts to play on another international team will result in suspension. Teams which knowingly attempt to circumvent these regulations are subject to fines, forfeits, and de-recognition.