



For the attention of:
FISTF Member Nations
FISTF Member Nations Provisional

Subject: Re-introduction of the *Extended Transfer Period* for 2023-24 Season

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Chères Mesdames et Messieurs,

Dear Members, Chères Membres,

Member Nations would be aware that the "Extended Transfer Period" was removed from the version of the FISTF *Official Handbook* prepared for the 2023-24 season and published in August 2023.

The main rationale for this change was that the normal transfer period was extended from its previous *two* months (1 December to 31 January for the 2023 season, which ran from 1 January to 30 September 2023) to *three* months (1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023) for the 2023-24 season (which is running from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024).

The Handbook does include a "Special Transfer Period" for players licensed by Member Nations outside Europe, some of which have a different season period running between the 1 January and 31 December.

However, following recent inquiries from a number of countries, the Board has noted that by removing the extended transfer period, we also removed the previous provision (2.3.10 in the previous version of the Handbook) which stipulated that a player who had not yet played in a FISTF competition had the right to be transferred outside the normal transfer period.

This deletion has posed a problem in particular cases where, whether for family, professional, relational, contractual or logistical reasons, a player wishing to transfer outside the normal transfer period has been unable to do so.

The Board has therefore decided, with immediate effect, to issue an addendum to Article 2.3.9 of the *Official Handbook*, as follows:

2.3.9. Special Transfer Period

- (a)....
- (b)....
- (c)....
- (d)....

(e) "Extended transfer period" - Players who have not played in any team FISTF tournaments in the 2023-24 season can transfer until 31 December. This transfer must be received by 24.00 hrs (Paris CET), 31 December.

Please also note the following:

- i. For season 2023-24 only, players who have played in an *individual* FISTF tournament between 1 September and 30 October, but *not* in a team competition, are permitted to transfer. Previously, a player who had played in either an individual or team FISTF event prior to the extended transfer period was unable to transfer during the extended transfer period. However, this rule is being relaxed for this season given the late introduction of this addendum. The Board will consider this issue further when revising the Official Handbook for the 2024-25 season;
- ii. The normal administrative requirements for transfers, as set out in the Handbook will apply. In summary, however:
 - a. *The new (receiving) club submits Form 06 to the player's MNA and to the previous club (for its information). MNA contacts can be found in Appendix 2 to the Handbook. The player's MNA checks that all the data has been entered. The MNA must verify that the player does not already have a license number from the country in which he resides (to avoid any duplication of licenses) as well as to verify the player's personal information.*
 - b. *The MNA of the player then submits the form to FISTF via the website contact page: <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>*
 - c. *The MNA of the player must make the changes in its own Google Sheet Form20. This must be done no later than 5 days after acceptance by FISTF.*

With kindest regards FISTF Board