

Player eligibility for refugees: Important to note! - a checklist -

- A player must apply for eligibility for through the respective club at the regional association's passport office, in North-Rhine Westphalia (NRW) of the West German Football Association (Westdeutscher Fußballverband (WDFV)) in Duisburg.
- In addition to the player eligibility application, a document must be presented containing the refugee status and name of the player. A document from an authority, which has already been acknowledged, can also be accepted. This also applies if the document has already expired, as this does not necessarily mean that it cannot be extended.
- The age of the player in the junior league must be confirmed by proof of date of birth. Proof can be provided directly on the player eligibility application through the district youth committee or through the residents' registration office (confirmation of registration must be stamped and signed). Alternatively an original birth certificate can be presented.
- Children up to the age of 9 must submit an application for player eligibility and proof of date of birth.
- Children from the age of 10 need a copy of a personal ID document (e.g. Aufenthaltsgestattung (permission to remain) or a Duldung (permission to remain until deported) and according to FIFA regulations must also obtain an "international transfer certificate" to ensure that that a player only has one eligibility worldwide. The transfer certificate is to be submitted with the application for player eligibility via the West German Football Association to the German Football Association (DFB), and issued from the association of their respective country of origin.
- Player eligibility is permitted as standard as with international procedures. Players are granted a maximum waiting period of 30 days for their player eligibility from the date of request of the German Football Association (DFB).
- Unaccompanied minors require proof from a guardian, who is recognised as their representative. The representative must be able to sign all necessary documents, which parents would normally be required to sign. As guardians are often responsible for many refugees, they can handover supervision for dealing with everyday questions e.g. to a residential carer. This also includes the signatures required for admission to the association or permission to play. This is recognised by FIFA.

Checklist (check all formalities are resolved):

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Application for player eligibility through the association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official document with the name of the refugee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirmation of age (only for players in the junior league)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of guardianship (only for unaccompanied minors)	<input type="checkbox"/>