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**Memo: Citizenship vs Permanent Residence in relation to eligibility for NZ Representative Teams**  
**From: Krys Beardman ( Executive Officer, NZIHA)**

The following guideline is in response to requests for clarification on the requirement to hold either New Zealand Citizenship, a New Zealand Passport and/ or a New Zealand Birth Certificate if selected to play in a New Zealand representative team.

The International Federations governing the compliance with citizenship status state that all national representative team members must hold either;

- New Zealand Citizenship
- A New Zealand Passport
- A New Zealand Birth Certificate

The New Zealand Inline Hockey Association has no authority to grant dispensations for a waiver of this requirement.

There has been discussion at confederation meetings on this eligibility requirement, however the consensus view has been that there will be no change to this ruling in the foreseeable future.

The FIRS Statutes Article 2, Section 6 states:

1. "All competitors competing in a Confederation Championship must be citizens of the country they are representing and must provide original and/or certified copies of documents proving citizenship and be members of the Federation they are representing. Such documents must be available at the "Citizenship Control" meeting one day prior to commencement of the championship "

Players who do not meet the citizenship requirements may be invited to trial, and may be selected. A player if selected must undertake to apply for citizenship at his/her own expense and have the citizenship certificate available in time for the mandatory attendance at the first training camp (in 2010 this would be mid February).

NZIHA can supply a supportive letter to accompany the Citizenship Application if the player is selected for a New Zealand Team. There is no guarantee that this support will assist in the application process.

The team selection would be conditional upon ;

- a) documentation (either the Citizenship Certificate or DIA letter confirming approval date) being provided by the first training weekend and
- b) acknowledging that a reserve player will be called into the team if citizenship cannot be approved in the agreed timeframe.

If you require further information please don't hesitate to contact me.