GBFUA National Transfer Regulations

1. Introduction

The following rules shall determine if an individual is allowed to be registered and take part in Floorball competitions organised or supported by the Great Britain Floorball and Unihockey Association (hereafter referred to as the GBFUA) and International Floorball Federation (hereafter referred to as the IFF).

There are two ways for a team to register a player in a competition; one is by registering the player with the team at the start of the competition and the other one is by transferring the player. In both cases the registration is valid till the start of the following season or till the player transfers again. This document covers the second case in detail.

At the start of the season all players are considered free to join any club without the need of a national transfer, IFF international transfers still apply.

Updates to this regulation and transfer form are available on www.gbfua.org.uk

2. International

IFF transfer regulations apply. Players that have been registered in another IFF member association shall not be permitted to register with any GBFUA member or affiliated organisations unless they comply with IFF International transfer requirements; as detailed by the IFF on www.floorball.org

3. New registrations

Registrations of new players shall be done at any time throughout the season. New players are players that have not been registered with another senior club in the United Kingdom within the current season and are not restricted by IFF international transfers regulations.

Any registration or transfer may be withdrawn if the new player does not play in at least one competitive league game with the new team in the United Kingdom before 1 February in the current season. However this does not cancel any club membership agreements.

Players from youth clubs in the UK that have never been registered with a senior club may be promoted to senior club without a transfer. New registration rules apply.

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4. Club Membership Agreement

Club membership agreements aim to protect the benefits of clubs sponsorship and other privileges. They are not mandatory by the GBFUA and it is up to the clubs to implement these agreements.

The GBFUA will recognise club membership agreements between players and clubs only when they are using a recognised GBFUA template and conditions, signed by the player and attached to the GBFUA at the time of registration to the team or as part of a transfer. In both cases the agreement will be effective from the time of the registration or transfer to the new club being approved by the GBFUA.

The GBFUA will not recognise any other private agreements between clubs and players.

The GBFUA reserves the right to void any agreement at at its own discrection. (i.e. mitigating circustances or exceptions).

5. Transfer windows

Youth leagues do not allow player transfers unless there are mitigating circumstances which are to be decided by the Youth Committee, but they are still subject to National Transfer Regulations.

Transfer rules vary according to the time of the year when the transfer is correctly completed and received by the GBFUA.

Summer Recess: End of season – start of the following season.

- Players cannot transfer after their league is ended into another league that is still running (for the same season).
- Players wishing to join a new club over this period are not subject National Transfer Rules with regards the season just finished other than for the above point.
- Players having registered for the new season are subject to National Transfer.

Unrestricted Transfer Window: Start of the season - 31st of January.

- A player can transfer to the new club 5 days after the transfer application has been received by the GBFUA and payment settled.
- Both clubs affected must be in agreement that a player may transfer; alternatively the GBFUA will decide.
- A player can transfer multiple times during the season but a 30 day cooling off period or 2 tournaments (whichever comes first) applies before a new transfer application can be submitted.
- Transfer considered as completed 5 days following application approved and payment cleared in GBFUA accounts.

Restricted Transfer window - 1st of Feb – End of season

- The rules for Unrestricted Transfers apply on this period.
- The GBFUA reserves the right to reject transfers in this period at its own discretion. Rejections are likely in the event of unfair advantage to a club. Transfers of less skilful players are likely to be approved.
- The GBFUA reserves the right to request advice from other teams in the receiving League or competition prior to take a decision. This may increase the response time from the GBFUA.

6. Cost

The fee for a transfer is £15 to the GBFUA. A disapproved or withdrawn transfer is non refundable.

7. Sanctions

Clubs, teams and individuals may be punished by warning, fines, point deduction or forfeit matches should the rules not be followed.

Complaints shall be dealt with in accordance with the GBFUA complaints procedure. The league receiving the player is responsible for transfers between leagues. Clubs not cooperating with players seeking transfers are subject to disciplinary action. Clubs are encouraged to address their leagues coordinators or the GBFUA if there are any issues with the transfer process.

7) Exceptions

The GBFUA reserves the right to grant extraordinary exceptions for particular players or events at its

own discretion.
Some examples are detailed below:

A: Transfers for the GB Nationals

Clubs participating at the GB Nationals and travelling long distances may be allowed to borrow players exclusively for that event under the following conditions:

a. Up to 3 players can be borrowed.
b. Must inform their local league of such intention at least 2 weeks prior to the event
c. The local league must agreed to the new formation
d. The GBFUA must be informed and agree to the new formation.

B: Transfers in Summer Recess events

Transfer rules are not strictly applied over the summer recess to events in the UK. Player can freely participate in events in the UK with other teams or clubs without the need of a transfer.

C: Support players

Players can be borrowed within the limits of their own league regulations and subject to authorisations from the league coordinators and the opposing team. National transfers are exempt in these circumstances. This is also aiming to support teams with a lack of members or in the same club on certain times of the year or events.

8) Transfers within a club

Transfers of players from teams within the same club are not subject to transfer fees. However, full GBFUA transfer regulation applies and the transfer need to be received and approved by the GBFUA as defined above.

Note: Teams are allowed to borrow players from lower teams in the club without a need of a transfer subject to authorisations from the league coordinators. Transfers are exempt in these circumstances. The Local league will decide which teams are considered to be the upper or lower. Clubs with multiple teams can still take advantage of transfer exceptions.

9) Change of Rules

No amendment may be made after the start of the season except that changes arising from decisions of the GBFUA or IFF shall be implemented without delay, and changes already indicated in the wording of a rule may be implemented without delay.

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GBFUA – National Transfer form

Completed form to be scanned and emailed to: info@gbfua.org.uk **Fee payable to the GBFUA**
Please contact info@gbfua.org.uk for bank account details

Player Name _____ **E-mail** _____

DOB (DD-MM-YY) _____ **Phone** _____

International Transfer completed? (Yes/No/NA) _____ **Date** _____

Signature _____

CLUB TRANSFERRING FROM:
(Name of the Club) _____

Approved by Team Manager:

_____ _____ _____
Signature **Date** **Print Name**

CLUB TRANSFERRING TO:
(Name of the Club and team) _____

Approved by Team Manager:

_____ _____ _____
Signature **Date** **Print Name**

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Decision: Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ **Fee paid:** _____ **Valid From:** _____ **Club Agreement** Yes ☐ No ☐

Reason if not approved: _____

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Signature **Name** **Date Completed** **Date Received by GBFUA**

Comments: _____

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