

A Introduction

1. Hockey Ireland has adopted regulations to further the fundamental sporting imperatives identified in the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, by implementing and giving effect to those FIH Regulations within Hockey Ireland's jurisdiction. To such ends, these regulations establish a procedure for an Athlete to apply to Hockey Ireland for a No-Objection Certificate confirming that Hockey Ireland has no objection to the Athlete participating in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association.
2. An Athlete whose Home National Association is Hockey Ireland who wishes to participate in an Event organised or sanctioned by another National Association must obtain a No-Objection Certificate from Hockey Ireland in respect of that Event.
3. An Athlete who fails to comply with A2 may not participate in the Event in question.
4. A failure to comply with this clause may result in the bringing of disciplinary proceedings and the imposition of disciplinary consequences under Hockey Ireland Player Registration Rules.

B Obtaining a No Objection Certificate from Hockey Ireland

1. An Athlete whose Home National Association is Hockey Ireland who wishes to participate in one or more Events organised or sanctioned by another National Association, and who is not included by name or by category in a notice issued by Hockey Ireland pursuant to its rules and regulations must complete and submit a No-objection request form by post or via email to the following address:

Hockey Ireland, Newstead, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4
For attention of: Operations Administrator
Email: niamh.fahey@hockey.ie

Please see below the link to the No-Objection Request Form:

[No-Objection Certificate Request Form](#)

Please ensure all necessary attachments are included with your No-Objection Certificate Request Form

Hockey Ireland may ask the Athlete for any further information about the proposed Event that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the Athlete's application until that information is received

Hockey Ireland will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the Athlete at the address specified above (see Appendix A). The application may be granted or denied, or granted conditionally. In particular (but without limitation), Hockey Ireland may agree to the Athlete's participation in parts of an Event as long as he/she is released from other parts of the Event for specified periods so that he/she can train/prepare for and/or participate in other Events as part of his/her National Representative Team.

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An application for a No-Objection Certificate made pursuant to this clause may not be deemed granted unless and until written notice is received from Hockey Ireland to that effect.

Subject only to the right of review reserved by the FIH to itself under the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, Hockey Ireland's decision on an application for a No-Objection Certificate pursuant to these regulations shall be final and binding on all parties.

C Providing a No Objection Certificate to Hockey Ireland

1. An Athlete whose Home National Association is not Hockey Ireland or who has been playing hockey in another National Association Event who wishes to participate in one or more Events organised or sanctioned by Hockey Ireland, and who is not included by name or by category in a notice issued by Hockey Ireland pursuant to its rules and regulations must submit a written and signed No-Objection Certificate from either the National Association whose Event the athlete has been taking part or from the athlete's former club by post or via email to the following address:

Hockey Ireland, Newstead, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4
For attention of: Operations Administrator
Email: niamh.fahey@hockey.ie

The following information is required for inclusion in the No Objection Certificate.

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| Name of athlete | |
| Name of Hockey Ireland club | |
| Name of Hockey Ireland event in which the athlete wishes to participate | |
| The dates of the Hockey Ireland event | |
| The dates for which the NOC applies (if different from the dates of the Hockey Ireland event) | |
| Signature on behalf of the relevant National Association or club | |

Hockey Ireland may ask the Athlete for any further information about the application that it considers relevant, and may delay further consideration of the Athlete's application until that information is received

Hockey Ireland will send written notice of its decision in relation to the application to the Athlete at the address specified above.

Appendix A**NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE**

Hockey Ireland having adopted regulations to further the fundamental sporting imperatives identified in the FIH Regulations on Sanctioned and Unsanctioned Events, hereby grant a No Objection Certificate to(The Athlete) in respect of the Event(s) detailed below.

Name of Event

Dates of Event

Dates for which Certificate applies
(If different from Dates of Event)

Signed on behalf of Hockey Ireland

Title

Date

Hockey Ireland Procedure: No Objection Certificates**Obtaining a No Objection Certificate from Hockey Ireland**

1. Most requests for NOCs from Hockey Ireland are received via email
2. The recipient is to be replied to requesting the completion and submission of the No-Objection Certificate Request form accompanied by necessary documents from Club if not already received. [No-Objection Certificate Request Form](#)
3. Once the request form is received, if required it is sent onto High Performance Manager to ensure there is no conflict with representative duty.
4. Once clearance is provided by the High-Performance Manager, the information is saved on the Hockey Ireland server as follows: Competitions > No Objection Certificates > Relevant Year > Outgoing NOC
5. A letter is then created as per Appendix A. Once completed with a staff member electronic signature (Competitions Administrator or Office Manager), the letter is saved as a pdf and is saved on the server as follows: Competitions > No Objection Certificates > Relevant Year > Outgoing NOC
6. The letter is then emailed to the person requesting the No Objection Certificate
7. The 'NOC Log – Players Out' spreadsheet is updated with the details.

Providing a No Objection Certificate to Hockey Ireland

1. Most NOCs sent to Hockey Ireland are received via email
2. The NOC must be provided by the athlete's National Association or former club. Otherwise the NOC should not be accepted.
3. The NOC must include the following information:
 - a. Name of athlete
 - b. Name of Hockey Ireland Club
 - c. Name of Hockey Ireland event in which the athlete wishes to participate
 - d. The dates of the Hockey Ireland event
 - e. The dates for which the NOC applies (if different from the dates of the Hockey Ireland event)
 - f. Signature on behalf of the relevant National Association or club
4. If the NOC does not contain the information above, it is to be returned with a request for the missing information
8. When a NOC is received which meets the criteria above, the NOC is to be saved on the Hockey Ireland server as follows: Competitions > No Objection Certificates > Relevant Year > Incoming NOC
5. If a NOC is received after December 31st, it must receive clearance first from the Chair of the Competitions Working Group prior to its acceptance as it may contravene competition rules and regulations.
6. The sender of the NOC is then sent confirmation from Hockey Ireland that the NOC has been accepted. The sender or athlete is advised that they must contact their club in order to ensure that they follow the registration process that applies to the club (and/or province).
7. The 'NOC Log – Players In' spreadsheet is updated with the details.