

# ATHLETE TRANSFER

## Competitive Athletes

Competitive athletes are **not permitted to transfer freely** between BCRSGF member clubs during the competitive season. A formal transfer process must be initiated by the **new club** and approved by the athlete's **former club** before the transfer can be finalized.

This process ensures that athletes and families do not leave behind any outstanding financial obligations at their previous club. **All debts must be settled** before the former club can release the athlete.

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## Transfer Requirements

An athlete may register with a new club once **all** of the following conditions have been met:

- The **new club** has notified BCRSGF by submitting an official email that includes:
  - Athlete's name
  - Competitive level
  - Current club name
- **One** of the following applies:
  - The current club approves the transfer within **10 days** of receiving the request sent to BCRSGF; **or**
  - **10 days** have elapsed since the transfer request was submitted and the current club has not responded.

Once these conditions are met, **BCRSGF will register the athlete with the new club.**

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## Athletes in Bad Standing

If the athlete's current club believes the athlete is in **bad standing** (e.g., outstanding financial obligations), the club must notify **both BCRSGF and the athlete** within **10 days** of receiving the transfer request.

Upon receiving this notification, BCRSGF will inform the new club that the athlete **cannot be registered** until one of the following occurs:

- The athlete satisfies all financial obligations to the former club; **or**
- If disputed, the matter is resolved through mediation, negotiation, or another legal process.

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## Independent Athlete Status

While the matter remains unresolved, the athlete will be classified as an **independent athlete**, and the following conditions apply:

- The athlete may train at any BCRSGF member club.
- The athlete will remain insured until the end of the current membership year.
- If the matter is unresolved beyond the current registration year:
  - The athlete must register directly with BCRSGF as an independent athlete for the new registration year.
  - This may result in the athlete **not being permitted to compete at national events**, should Gymnastics Canada not allow independent athlete participation.
- To compete in any sanctioned competition in BC, an independent athlete must pay the **event host's registration fee**.

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## Completion of Transfer

Once the transfer requirements are resolved, the former club must **immediately notify BCRSGF by email**. BCRSGF will then notify the new club and proceed with registering the athlete with their new club.

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## Compliance

Any BCRSGF member club that contravenes any part of this policy may be subject to a fine of up to **\$500**, as determined by BCRSGF.