

Clarify paragraph 7.23.4 also add explicit exceptions to bylaws that are routinely granted by the EC to alleviate the need for explicit EC action and consent.-Submitted by Drew McPheters

Original text

7.23.4. Transfer: A player registered with one band may, within the period of registration, transfer only once to another band. All transfers must be declared to the WUSPBA Band Registrar in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the first contest in which that player will compete with the gaining band.

In certain unique circumstances, a player who has previously transferred once to another band may request the Association to grant an exception and allow a second transfer to another band. The request shall be in writing and disclose the nature of his or her special circumstances. No transfer shall be allowed unless the Executive Committee approves the transfer. The special request must be submitted to the Band Registrar at least thirty (30) days prior to the first contest in which the player will compete with the gaining band, and must be acted upon by the WUSBPA Executive Committee within ten (10) days after the request is received.

A Pipe Major, band Secretary or other authorized person representing the band from which the player is transferring may file a grievance with WUSPBA if the transferring member has failed to satisfy all obligations which might exist, or if the member has not returned all band property, including uniforms, musical instruments or other equipment belonging to the band. The Executive Committee may hear a grievance when accompanied by supporting documentation.

No member band may register any player who is registered with any other Pipe Band Association without the approval of the Executive Committee. Newly registered players, in this event, would be registered to that member band for that season's registration period.

Proposed text

7.23.4 Transfer: A player registered with one band may transfer to another band within the period of registration. All transfers must be declared to the Band Registrar in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the first contest in which that player will compete with the gaining band.

Players may only transfer one time within the period of registration, with following exceptions.

- a. A player may transfer to a band for purposes of competing in a contest outside of WUSPBA (e.g. the World Pipe Band Championship) and then transfer back to their original band for the remainder of the period of registration.
- b. A player may transfer to a band due to relocation for educational purposes (e.g. college) or military service commitments and then transfer back to their original band for the remainder of the period of registration.
- c. A player who has already transferred once during the registration period may request the Executive Committee to grant a special exception and allow a transfer to another band due to some unique circumstance. The request shall be in writing and disclose the nature of his or her special circumstances. No transfer shall be allowed unless the Executive Committee approves the transfer. The special request must be submitted to the Band Registrar at least thirty (30) days prior to the first contest in which the player will compete with the gaining band, and must be acted upon by the WUSBPA Executive Committee within ten (10) days after the request is received. This will allow the person to be added to the roster prior to the required fifteen (15) day period.

All of the listed exceptions are limited to one time within the period of registration.

A band from which the player is transferring may file a grievance with WUSPBA if the transferring member has failed to satisfy all financial or legal obligations which might exist, or if the member has not returned all band property, including uniforms, musical instruments or other equipment belonging to the band. The Executive Committee must be presented with supporting documentation in order to hear any such grievance.

No member band may register any player who is registered with any other pipe band association without the approval of the Executive Committee. Newly registered players, in this event, would be registered to that member band for that season's registration period.

Rational: The EC routinely gets requests to waive the one transfer restriction to allow players to take advantage of opportunities to travel with other bands to compete at the worlds, and then return to their original band to finish the season. Also many students travel and compete with bands during the school year and then other bands during the summer break. This allows them to play with bands upon return from summer break. Also in the past we have granted waivers to military members whose service related deployment took them away from home for some portion of the year.

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