

CONIFA Internal Regulations

Regulations Governing the Admission of new members

A football association may be eligible to apply for membership of ConIFA if it, or the entity (nation/territory/people) it represents, is not a member of FIFA and satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

1. The Football Association is a member of one of the six continental confederations of FIFA.¹
2. The entity represented by the Football Association is a member of the IOC².
3. The entity represented by the Football Association is a member of one of the member federations of ARISF³.
4. The entity represented by the Football Association is in possession of an ISO⁴ 3166-1 country code⁵.
5. The entity represented by the Football Association is a de-facto independent territory⁶.
6. The entity represented by the Football Association is included on the United Nations list of non-self-governing territories⁷.
7. The entity represented by the Football Association is included in directory of countries and territories of the TCC⁸.
8. The entity represented by the Football Association is a member of UNPO⁹ and/or FUEN¹⁰.
9. The entity represented by the Football Association is a minority included in the World Directory of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples¹¹.
10. The entity represented by the Football Association is a linguistic minority¹², the language of which is included on the ISO 639.2 list¹³.

¹ The six continental confederations of FIFA are: [AFC](#), [CAF](#), [CONCACAF](#), [CONMEBOL](#), [OFC](#), [UEFA](#)

² [International Olympic Committee](#)

³ [Association of IOC recognized international sports federations](#)

⁴ [International Organization for Standardization](#)

⁵ [ISO 3166-1 country codes](#) are 2-digit codes for countries and nations

⁶ A territory is considered de facto independent if it meets all of the following criteria: (a) a well-defined territory; (b) a permanent population; (c) an autonomous government, and (d) diplomatic recognition by at least one [member state of the United Nations](#).

⁷ The full list is available [from the UN](#)

⁸ [Travelers' Century Club: List of Countries](#)

⁹ [Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization](#)

¹⁰ [Federal Union of European Nationalities](#)

¹¹ Maintained and published by [Minority Rights Group International](#)

¹² Here 'minority' means that the particular language is not the majority language of the country in which the prospective member association is based. If the association represents a supranational entity, then the language shall not be the major language in any of the countries within that entity.



For all of the above-mentioned external organizations, lists, and directories, the versions correct as of January 2014 will be considered to be definitive until further notice is given by the Executive Committee, which will decide annually whether or not to update this definition.

¹³ Maintained by the [International Organization for Standardization](#) and published by the [Library of Congress](#)