

**WHEN IS A NATIONAL
TEAM NOT A NATIONAL
TEAM?**

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FIFA STATUTES

- Article 10
- “Any association which is responsible for organising and supervising football in its country may become a member of FIFA. In this context, the expression “country” shall refer to an independent state recognised by the international community.”

FIFA STATUTES

- Article 10 (Continued)
- “Only one association shall be recognised in each country.
- “Each of the four British associations is recognised as a separate member of FIFA
- “An association in a region which has not yet gained independence may, with the authorisation of the association in the country on which it is dependent, also apply for admission to FIFA.”

NATIONAL TEAMS vs NATIONS

- FIFA - 207 members
- United Nations - 191 members

UEFA STATUTES

- Article 5
- “Membership of UEFA is open to national football associations situated in the continent of Europe, based in a country which is recognised by the United Nations as an independent state, and which are responsible for the organisation and implementation of football-related matters in the territory of their country.”

Gibraltar



FIFA'S NON-COUNTRIES

- American Samoa
- Bermuda
- England
- Hong Kong
- Northern Ireland
- Palestine
- Tahiti
- US Virgin Islands
- Anguilla
- British Virgin Islands
- Faroe Islands
- Macau
- Netherlands Antilles
- Puerto Rico
- Taiwan
- Wales
- Aruba
- Cayman Islands
- Guam
- Montserrat
- New Caledonia
- Scotland
- Turks & Caicos

OTHER NON-COUNTRIES PLAYING INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

- French Guiana
- Martinique
- Sint Maarten
- Zanzibar

Guadeloupe

Reunion

Saint Marten

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IF THEY PLAY, WHY CAN'T WE?

- Wales so why not Jersey
- Hong Kong & Macau so why not Tibet?
- Bermuda so why not Guernsey?
- The Cayman Islands so why not Gibraltar?
- The Faroe Islands so why not Greenland?
- Palestine so why not the Chagos?

Tibet



Tibet vs Greenland



Go Tibet or Go Greenland : Audience cheering for their respective Team.

Greenland vs Guernsey



THE NF BOARD



THE NATIONAL TEAMS THAT DON'T EXIST

NF BOARD MEMBERS

- Chagos
 - Western Sahara
 - Zanzibar
 - West Papua
 - South Cameroon
 - Sealand
- Chechnya
 - Tibet
 - Somaliland
 - South Moluccas
 - Occitania
 - The Roma
- Monaco
 - North Cyprus
 - South Lower Saxony
 - The Sami
 - Saugeais

APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Greenland
- The Maasai
- Easter Island

ALSO INTERESTED

- Jersey
 - Kosovo
- Gibraltar
- Kurdistan