

**Question for written answer E-003323/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Fairness in sport in the event of competitors having unverified birthdates

Many sports are divided into age-based categories. The aim is to ensure that participants can compete fairly within the same age group, so that children compete not against adults, for example, but against their peers.

The immigration crisis has led to many so-called asylum-seekers being given passport replacement papers which rely solely on the data provided by the applicants. The figure they give for their age is only checked if it seems highly questionable.

- (1) Does the Commission consider fair competitive conditions to prevail if so-called asylum-seekers, for various reasons, say on arrival that they are several years younger than they actually are, so that, for example, 21-year-olds are placed in categories in which 18 is the upper age-limit?
- (2) What can the Commission do to support the Member States in correctly determining applicants' ages when issuing passport replacement papers?