



Dear President,

A. Decisions of the 2023 FIE online Extraordinary Congress

146 federations took part in the online Extraordinary Congress of 10th March 2023, of which 132 were present and 14 were represented.

The following decisions were made:

1. To allow athletes with an FIE Licence registered by the National Federation of Russia or Belarus and holding the respective passport (or citizenship) to participate in FIE individual competitions from the second half of April 2023, subject to possible future IOC recommendations/decisions, and in compliance with conditions of neutrality and individual eligibility.
2. To allow athletes with an FIE Licence registered by the National Federation of Russia or Belarus and holding the respective passport (or citizenship) to participate in FIE team competitions from the second half of April 2023, subject to possible future IOC recommendations/decisions, and in compliance with conditions of neutrality and individual eligibility.
3. To allow officials (referees, coaches, trainers, medical staff, technical staff, members of commissions and councils) registered by the National Federation of Russia or Belarus and holding the respective passport (or citizenship) to attend FIE competitions from the second half of April 2023, subject to possible future IOC recommendations/decisions, and in compliance with conditions of neutrality and individual eligibility.

B. International Olympic Committee (IOC) recommendations

On 28th March 2023, following a request by the 11th Olympic Summit, IOC issued recommendations for International Federations and international sports event organisers on the participation of athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport in international competitions, published on the following link:

<https://olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-issues-recommendations-for-international-federations-and-international-sports-event-organisers>

The detailed Recommended Conditions of Participation for Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and International Technical Officials with a Russian or Belarusian Passport in International Sports Competitions Organised by the International Federations and international sports event organisers are posted on the following link:

<https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/News/2023/03/Participation-for-Individual-Neutral-Athletes-Personnel-with-a-Russian-or-Belarusian-Passport.pdf>

C. Decisions of the FIE Executive Committee

Online meeting of 30th March 2023

In line with the decisions of the FIE 2023 Online extraordinary Congress which were made “*subject to possible future IOC recommendations/decisions, and in compliance with conditions of neutrality and individual eligibility*”, the Executive Committee decided, for the competitions of the FIE, to follow the IOC recommendations and IOC detailed Recommended Conditions of Participation for Athletes, Athletes Support Personnel and International Technical Officials (ITO) with a Russian or Belarusian Passport.

Therefore, from the second half of April 2023 and until further notice:

1. Athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport are allowed to participate in FIE individual competitions, as Individual Neutral Athletes, in compliance with the IOC Recommendations and the Conditions of Participation recommended by the IOC.
2. Athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport are not allowed to participate in FIE team competitions.
3. a) Athletes Support Personnel (coaches, trainers, medical staff, technical staff) with a Russian or Belarusian passport are allowed to attend FIE individual competitions, in compliance with the IOC Recommendations and the Conditions of Participation recommended by the IOC.
b) International Technical Officials (referees, members of commissions and councils) with a Russian or Belarusian passport are allowed to participate in FIE competitions, in compliance with IOC Recommended Conditions of Participation.

Online meeting of 3rd April 2023

1) The attached Specific Executive Committee Directives for Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and International Technical Officials holding Russian or Belarusian passports have been adopted by the Executive Committee for FIE competitions.

In view of the coming FIE competitions and in order to answer various questions received, the Executive Committee would like to remind the following:

- a) The fencing family, including federations, organisers, athletes and officials, is subject to and must comply with all FIE Rules, Statutes, Ethical code, Safeguarding policy, Administrative Rules, Anti-doping rules and any other FIE decision or rule in force.
- b) In compliance with the FIE Statutes, Rules and Administrative Rules, federations which accept the organisation of an FIE event must ensure that visas will be granted to all participants by their national authorities. In case this requirement concerning the granting of visa cannot be fulfilled, the organising federation must inform the FIE that it cannot hold the event, according to the deadlines provided for by the Calendar chapter of the Administrative Rules.



Failure to comply with the above will not only prevent the Executive Committee from reallocating the event to another federation but will also be very detrimental to the fencers entered and their federations. Such failure will therefore lead to all the consequences provided for by the FIE Statutes, Rules and Administrative Rules.

The Executive Committee is very grateful to the federations which are supporting the mission of the FIE to organise worldwide competitions. We count on the support of everyone to provide the best possible conditions and a safe environment to the athletes.

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