



Alisher Usmanov (RUS)

President of the FIE since 2008

Alisher Usmanov is a visionary investor and successful entrepreneur with interests in metals and mining, telecoms, media and internet.

Alisher Usmanov is the founder of USM, which owns a number of assets including Metalloinvest, the leading Russian board mining company, MegaFon, one of the largest Russian mobile operators, and Mail.ru Group, the leading Russian internet company. He was a major shareholder in Arsenal Football Club in the United Kingdom between 2007 and 2018.

Since 2008, Alisher Usmanov has been the President of the FIE. He was President of the European Fencing Confederation from 2005 to 2009 and the Russian Fencing Federation from 2001 to 2009. In 2004, he founded the International Charity Fund “For Future of Fencing” to support fencing all over the world.

He was a member of the Russian President’s Council for the Development of Physical Culture and Sport, Excellence in Sports, Preparation and Organization of the 2014 Sochi XXII Winter Olympics and XI Paralympics, and the 2013 Kazan XXVII Summer Universiade and a member of the Board of Trustees of the “Russian Olympian Sportsmen Support Fund”.

In a personal capacity and through MegaFon and Metalloinvest, Alisher Usmanov acted as a Partner of Sochi 2014, supported the 2013 Universiade in Kazan and provides ongoing support to the Russian Biathlon Union, Kontinental Hockey League, Russian Premier League, Russian national football, biathlon and hockey teams, and the football club Zenit Saint Petersburg. He also provides support to motorsports and Paralympic sports. His wife, Irina Viner-Usmanova, is the President of the All-Russian Federation of Rhythmic Gymnastics and the Head Coach of the Russian national team.

Alisher Usmanov is the founder of the Arts, Science and Sports Charity Foundation, one of the key supporters of the successful 2018 Russian football World Cup bid. The Foundation supports the Russian Fencing Federation, the All-Russian Kayak-Canoe Federation and the All-Russian Volleyball Federation, and assists in the organization of international tournaments, the promotion of sport and the improvement of organisational aspects of competitions.

Mr Usmanov was awarded the Order for Merit to the Fatherland IV class in recognition of his services to the state, as well as his community, and charitable activities; the Order of Alexander Nevsky and the Order of Honour of the Russian Federation for his professional contribution over a long period of time; the Medal for Contribution to International

Cooperation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; and the Order of Friendship of the Republic of Kazakhstan for his work on maintaining the common accord in society, and his achievements in strengthening peace, friendship and cooperation between peoples. Additionally, Mr Usmanov holds state decorations from Uzbekistan and Italy.

Mr Usmanov was born on September 9, 1953 in the town of Chust in the Namangan Region of Uzbekistan. In 1976, he graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) with a degree in international law. In 1997, he obtained a degree in banking from the Financial Academy under the Government of the Russian Federation.