



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.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH)**  
Interim President

**Specific directives of the Executive Committee  
for FIE competitions**

**following the IOC Recommended Conditions of Participation of 28 March 2023  
for Neutral Individual Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and International Technical Officials  
holding Russian or Belarusian passports**

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**Participation**

**Specific directives from the FIE Executive Committee:**

- a) The status of Neutral Individual Athlete and neutral Athlete Support Personnel is granted by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - b) Officials are:
    - 1) Athlete Support Personnel includes: coaches, trainers, medical staff, technical staff.
    - 2) International Technical Officials (ITOs) include: Referees, Commission and Council members.
  - c) Athletes/ Athlete Support Personnel who have obtained the status of Individual Neutral Athletes/ neutral Athlete Support Personnel are allowed to participate in FIE individual competitions.
  - d) All Individual Neutral Athletes/ neutral Athlete Support Personnel and the International Technical Officials shall undertake in writing to comply strictly with the Conditions of Participation and Executive Committee Directives.
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**Code of conduct**

**Specific directives from the FIE Executive Committee:**

- a) Demonstrations and symbols of political nature are prohibited in FIE competitions venues at any time and under any form.
  - b) Physical or verbal provocations, abuse or violence will not be tolerated at any time and will be sanctioned in conformity with the FIE Rules and Statutes.
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**Anti-doping**

**Specific directives from the FIE Executive Committee:**

All athletes participating in FIE competitions must comply with the FIE Anti-Doping Rules, not use any prohibited substances or methods, and agree to submit to all in-competition and out-of-competition testing.

Neutral Individual Athletes will be incorporated into the FIE RTP programme.

The full FIE Clean Sport programme is published on the FIE website:  
<https://www.fie.org/fie/documents/clean-sport>

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### **Registration for individual FIE events**

#### **Specific directives from the FIE Executive Committee:**

- a) The FIE will receive the list of Individual Neutral Athletes and their Support Personnel at the address [info@fie.ch](mailto:info@fie.ch). Entries for FIE individual competitions will be made by the FIE head office on the FIE website.
  - b) The number of athletes that may be entered in each FIE individual competition is determined by the FIE Competition Rules and applies to Individual Neutral Athletes.
  - c) Individual Neutral Athletes have the same rights as other athletes with regard to the number of Athlete Support Personnel who may accompany them.
  - d) The group appointed by the Executive Committee will review the applications and determine which individual athletes/ Athletes Support Personnel will be allowed to participate as Individual Neutral Athletes/neutral Athletes Support Personnel, based on the recommendations provided by the IOC and the information obtained on the specific situation of each athlete and Athlete Support Personnel (such as doping history, etc.).
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### **Participation name**

**Specific directive from the FIE Executive Committee:** Entries, results and rankings on the FIE website and all other written, graphic and visual material shall mention the name of the Individual Neutral Athlete, the acronym "AIN" and either "Athlète Individuel Neutre" in French or "Individual Neutral Athlete" in English.

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### **Flag**

**Specific directive from the FIE Executive Committee:** The FIE flag will be raised.

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### **Spectators**

**Specific directive from the FIE Executive Committee:** The competition organiser and the supervisor or Event Manager will be in charge.

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### **Anthem**

**Specific directive from the FIE Executive Committee:** The FIE anthem will be played.

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### **Uniforms**

**Specific directives from the FIE Executive Committee:**

- a) Uniforms are: competition, warm-up, formal, ceremonies, casual, etc., clothing, equipment, accessories and personal items belonging to Individual Neutral Athletes and their support personnel that are worn, used and/or otherwise displayed at official venues and any other areas controlled by the IF or event organizer.
  - b) No colour, design or emblem shall appear on the fencing uniform, equipment or mask.
  - c) The Individual Neutral Athlete shall wear his name on the back of the fencing jacket and the acronym "AIN" under his name.
  - d) The Executive Committee shall approve uniforms and advertising on uniforms, clothing and equipment.
  - e) The Call Room staff, Referees and Directoire Technique must ensure that Individual Neutral Athletes/Neutral Athlete Support Personnel wear the FIE approved uniform, clothing and equipment and that no unauthorised material is brought into the competition area.
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### **Protocol**

#### **Specific directives from the FIE Executive Committee:**

Individual Neutral Athletes must be represented under all circumstances and at all venues as either "Athlète Individuel Neutre" in French or "Individual Neutral Athlete" in English.

If an Individual Neutral Athlete is among the athletes ranked in places 1 to 3 in an individual event, he/she shall be presented by his/her name and either "Athlète Individuel Neutre" in French or "Individual Neutral Athlete" in English.

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### **Hotels and transport:**

#### **Specific directive from the FIE Executive Committee:**

Competition organisers must provide a separate official hotel and transport for Individual Neutral Athletes/Neutral Athlete Support Personnel.

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### **Security:**

#### **Specific directive from the FIE Executive Committee:**

The competition organisers will provide professional security personnel in all areas of the competition venue and official hotel allocated to Individual Neutral Athletes/Neutral Athlete Support Personnel at the expense of the FIE. Offers will be submitted and must be approved in writing by the FIE.

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### **Non-compliance**

i) Failure to comply with any Condition of Participation or failure to comply with any Directive of the FIE Executive Committee shall be brought to the attention of the Directoire Technique, the Supervisor and the Executive Committee of the FIE.

ii) The Executive Committee of the FIE will investigate the case and remove from the competition and from further competitions those persons who have violated these Conditions or Directives.

Any cases shall also be reported to the IOC.

iii) Any false declaration or false denunciation will lead to disciplinary measures.

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**Final Provisions:** The Executive Committee of the FIE shall have full discretion to decide any matter not provided for in the Conditions of Participation or Directives. The decision of the Executive Committee on such matters shall be final and binding.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.