



**Dear Presidents and Secretaries General,**

Following the 14th Olympic Summit, held on 11 December 2025 at the Olympic House in Lausanne (Switzerland), and chaired by IOC President Ms. Kirsty Coventry, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) issued a letter outlining important decisions concerning youth athletes.

**Among other matters, the Summit supported the IOC Executive Board's recommendation that:**

"Youth athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport should no longer be restricted in their access to international youth competitions, in both individual and team sports."

"The definition of youth competitions and the application of these recommendations depend for this purpose on the regulations of each International Federation (IF)."

"In addition, the standard protocols of the IF or the International Sports Event Organiser regarding flags, anthems, uniforms and other elements should apply, provided that the national sports organisation concerned is in good standing."

"The above principles should apply to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games and are recommended for adoption by all IFs and International Sports Event Organisers for their own youth events."

**Following this communication, the FIE requested further clarification from the IOC and received the following recommendation:**

"Regarding youth athletes, the recommendation is to return to the standard protocol with athletes' participation under flags, acronyms, anthems, uniforms, etc., as long as there are no issues between the National Federation and the International Federation. All youth athletes should be able to compete and no longer under AIN status."

**Based on the above, the FIE Executive Committee has adopted the following decisions concerning Junior and Cadet fencers holding Russian or Belarusian passports, effective immediately from January 2026:**

1. The FIE will cease the investigation of neutrality for Cadet and Junior fencers holding Russian or Belarusian passports. These athletes will no longer be registered as AIN for participation in FIE Cadets and Juniors competitions.

2. Cadet and Junior fencers holding Russian or Belarusian passports may participate in both individual and team events under their national flag, country acronym, anthem, uniforms, and other standard national identifiers.
3. Cadet and Junior fencers holding Russian or Belarusian passports who were previously registered as AIN may, going forward, participate under their national flag, acronym, anthem, uniforms, and other national identifiers.
4. The FIE will maintain the existing practice regarding AIN registration for Senior fencers and all support personnel, irrespective of their involvement with Junior or Cadet athletes.
5. The participation of Senior fencers and all support personnel in FIE competitions shall continue under the same conditions currently in force, without any change.
6. Cadet and Junior athletes who decide to participate in Senior competitions would do so under the existing AIN conditions only, in line with the current rules applicable to Senior events.



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