



**Dear President,**

During the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board (EB) meeting held on **6 and 7 May 2026**, the IOC announced that it no longer recommended any restrictions on the participation of Belarusian athletes, including teams, in competitions governed by IFs and international sports event organisers. This recommendation included the lifting of the protective measures.

Previously, following the 14<sup>th</sup> Olympic Summit held on **11 December 2025**, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) issued a letter outlining decisions concerning **youth athletes** with Russian or Belarusian passports. 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 standard protocols of the International Federation 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; and
- 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.

**On 27 December 2025**, a series of decisions on this subject were made by the FIE Executive Committee and published via [Information Letter N°29-25](#).

Pursuant to the above, **on 29 May 2026**, the FIE Executive Committee took the following decision:

**Starting with the 2026 Senior Fencing World Championships in Hong Kong, China**, all protective measures will be lifted and athletes and officials holding Belarusian or Russian passports will be permitted to participate in all FIE individual and team events under their respective national acronyms, uniforms, flags, and anthems.

The decision reflects the FIE's commitment to the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, including non-discrimination, equal treatment, and the universality of sport, as well as the objectives and principles set out in the FIE Statutes.

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