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Тема: RE: FIDE letter regarding clarification

Dear Aleksandr,

Further to your inquiry, we would like to provide the following clarification:

According to the current position of the International Olympic Committee, the eligibility to participate in team competitions, as well as the conditions governing such participation, fall under the authority of the respective International Federation. The Federation is responsible for determining and applying the admission criteria for the competitions it organises.

Thank you and best regards,
Pierre

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Subject: FIDE letter regarding clarification

Dear Sirs/Madams,

FIDE presents its compliments to the IOC and has the honour to request its consultation on the following matter.

The agenda for the FIDE General Assembly, scheduled for 14 December 2025, includes an item concerning the full admission of teams from Russia and Belarus to FIDE team competitions.

In light of previous clarifications provided by the IOC, as well as the decision-making practices of other IOC-recognised federations (including International Gymnastics Federation, World Aquatics, International Fencing Federation, World Rowing, International Federation for Equestrian Sports, etc.), we would be grateful for clarification on whether the admission of teams from the aforementioned countries to team competitions under a neutral symbol contravenes current IOC recommendations, or if such a decision falls within the discretion of the respective international federation.

Sincerely,

FIDE Legal Director

Aleksandr Martynov



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Lausanne, 28 July 2025

Admission of neutral athletes

Dear Mr. Dvorkovich,

I would like to thank you very much for your letter of 18 July regarding FIDE neutral athletes and for providing useful context to the current situation.

Following the last exchange with your team from December 2024, it is for each International Federation to consider the appropriate implementation of the IOC Executive Board recommendations on the participation of neutral athletes in the events the International Federation governs.

Since this decision would not impact the Olympic Games, should FIDE decide to approve the admission of women teams of neutral athletes in relation to the World Women's Team Championships, the IOC would not take a position on this.

I remain at your disposal if any additional questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pierre Ducrey'.

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Тема: RE: Clarification from FIDE

Dear Aleksandr

Many thanks for your letter of 19 December and I apologise for the delay in coming back to you.

We appreciate your efforts to provide the opportunity for athletes from all countries to compete in your competitions, even where required in a neutral status.

We would also like to confirm that it is up to each International Federation to consider the appropriate implementation of the IOC Executive Board recommendations on the participation of AIN athletes in the events they govern. Therefore we would respect FIDE's decisions in regards to your implementation of the recommendations and note the proposal below is not contrary to these recommendations.

Many thanks and please accept our best regards for the New Year. We look forward to continuing our close partnership in 2025.

Very best regards

Kit

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Subject: Clarification from FIDE

Dear Mr. McConnell, please see FIDE' letter regarding current best practices for the neutral athletes' teams.

Sincerely,

FIDE Legal Director

Aleksandr Martynov



19 December 2024

Mr. Kit McConnell
Sports Director
International Olympic Committee

RE: admission of neutral athletes

Dear Mr. McConnell,

following our previous letter as of September 2024 regarding admission of neutral athletes to team international competitions, we would like to request for some advice regarding best applicable practices in the world of sports.

As we have recently been informed, World Aquatics allowed neutral athletes to compete in relay race¹, and such neutral team even won a gold medal at the recent World Championships in short course competitions.

Moreover, as far as we are aware, similar decisions on participation of teams under neutral flag have already been made with reference to the nearest artistic swimming world championship and canoe world championship, while other federations are currently discussing such options.

In light of the above, FIDE is currently considering admission of teams of neutral athletes to participate under the FIDE flag in youth (U-18) competitions and in competitions for people with disabilities in 2025.

Could you kindly confirm that we understand correctly that such a decision would not contradict the existing practices of the IOC?

We are thankful for your attention and look forward to your guidance on this matter.

Arkady Dvorkovich
FIDE President

Respectfully,

¹ <https://www.swimmingworldmagazine.com/news/world-aquatics-opens-the-door-for-neutral-athletes-to-enter-relay-teams/>