

FIDE Council resolution and IOC recommendations

IOC Summit Decision (11 December 2025)*

1. Full reinstatement of national symbols

- IOC Summit allows full use of Russian and Belarusian flags, anthems and national identifiers in youth competitions
- Applies to all Youth and Junior competitions
- Covers both individual and team events

2. Removal of restrictions on Belarus as host country

- All previous limitations on organising official international events in Belarus are lifted
- Belarus is now eligible to host recognized competitions without restrictions

*<https://www.olympics.com/ioc/news/olympic-summit-reaffirms-athletes-fundamental-rights-to-access-sport-without-political-interference>

IOC: Participation in team competitions - under the authority of the International Federation*

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Topic: 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

Pierre Ducrey Sports Director

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Federations Allowing Athletes from Russia and Belarus (Neutral Status)

Bullet List:

- World Gymnastics (FIG)
- World Aquatics (AQUA)
- International Fencing Federation (FIE)
- World Rowing (WR)
- International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI)

These federations represent a total of 140 medal events at the Olympic Games.

Coordination With the IOC

All actions and recommendations of the FIDE Council were fully coordinated and aligned with the IOC.

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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

IOC: No objection 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.

FIDE: Allows the team under FIDE flag.

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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,


 Pierre Ducrey
Sports Director

IOC: No objection of women teams of neutral athletes in relation to World Women's Team Championships.

FIDE: Allows the team under FIDE flag.

The FIDE Council by majority votes would like to propose to the FIDE General Assembly to approve the following resolution

The FIDE General Assembly supports the measures taken by the FIDE Council in implementing the FIDE General Assembly resolution GA2024/20 adopted in Budapest and considers all actions taken by the FIDE Council to be in compliance with this resolution and with the consultations with the IOC.

Given the clarifications provided by the IOC and the practices of other IOC-recognised federations (including World Gymnastics, World Aquatics, International Fencing Federation, World Rowing, International Federation for Equestrian Sports, and others), the FIDE General Assembly resolves:

- 1. To allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian teams in official FIDE tournaments in full. Regarding the symbols to be used, and in consideration of the IOC Executive Board recommendation and the IOC Summit decision approved on December 11, 2025 (<https://www.olympics.com/ioc/news/olympic-summit-reaffirms-athletes-fundamental-rights-to-access-sport-without-political-interference>), the FIDE General Assembly further resolves:
- 2. To allow the full use of the symbols of Russia and Belarus in all youth and junior competitions.
- 3. To instruct the FIDE Council to make the relevant decision regarding the symbols used in the events for people with disabilities, taking into account the clarifications provided by the IPC.
- 4. At adult competitions, players from Russia and Belarus shall compete under neutral symbols. The FIDE Council is authorised to approve these symbols and to make future decisions regarding the symbols to be used, taking into account additional consultations with the IOC as well as the practices of other IOC-recognised international federations. Considering the position of the IOC regarding the hosting of international competitions, the FIDE General Assembly resolves to lift all restrictions on holding official FIDE events in Belarus.