



INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION

DECLARATION OF NEUTRALITY ATHLETE /SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Preamble

Following the Recommended Conditions of Participation for Individual Neutral Athletes and Support Personnel with a Russian and Belarusian Passport in International Sports Competitions Organised by the International Federations and International Sports Event Organisers, the ISSF Council approved the Rules for participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes in ISSF Competitions on 5 December 2023 and published on the ISSF website at the following link: <https://www.issf-sports.org/getfile.aspx?iist=166&inst=455&pane=1&mod=docf&file=INA-ISSF-RULES.pdf>

I, the undersigned athlete / support personnel,

Name: _____

Residing at /Address/ _____

With the following ISSF – ID: _____

apply to the ISSF to allow me participation in ISSF competitions as an Individual Neutral Athlete and

hereby I agree, as a condition of being permitted to participate in ISSF competitions, to comply with the following:

1. I accept, will respect and apply all the IOC Recommended Conditions of Participation for Individual Neutral Athletes and Support Personnel with a Russian and Belarusian Passport in International Sports Competitions organized by the International Federations and International Sports Event Organizers approved by the IOC Executive Board on 28 March 2023 and the Rules for participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes in ISSF Competitions approved by the ISSF Council on 5 December 2023.

2. I acknowledge that I may only participate in ISSF competitions as an individual and in neutral capacity, and not in any way as a representative of Russia or Belarus. As a neutral athlete /support personnel I am an ambassador for the Olympic values of excellence, respect, and friendship.

3. I have not acted against the peace mission of the Olympic Movement and I accept the ISSF may consider any evidence provided and all other relevant circumstances, including but not limited to public statements on social media, participation in pro-war demonstrations or events, the displaying of any symbols supporting the war in Ukraine, for example, the “Z” symbol.

4. I am not contracted to the Russian or Belarusian military or national security agencies, I haven't participated in any event organized by the International Military Sports Council (“CISM”) since 2015., and I am not or haven't been member of the CSKA or Dynamo shooting sport clubs in Russia or member or part of the Sport Committee of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus since the date of the start of the invasion of Ukraine.

4. I will not display any Russian/Belarusian national symbols, colors, or flags publicly or via social or other media.



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5. I will not display on my uniforms, clothing, accessories, weapons, bags, or other personal items, or on my equipment at any time in connection with my participation in ISSF competitions or otherwise in my capacity as a participant in ISSF Shooting competitions:

- the Russian or Belarusian flag (current or historical);
- any illustration of or reference to the Russian or Belarusian flag;
- any national emblem or other national symbol of Russia/Belarus (e.g. coat of arms of Russia /double-headed eagle of Russia);
- the words “Russian”, “Russia”, “Belarus”, “Belarusian”, “Russian Shooting Sport Federation”, “Belarus Shooting Sport Federation” or the acronyms “RUS” or “RSU” or “BSF”, “BLR” in any language or format;
- the emblem of the Russian Shooting Union (“RSU”) or “Belarus Shooting Sport Federation” (“BSSF”)
- any commercial or non-commercial emblems or identification of any national organizations or entities in Russia and Belarus, or
- any expression (message, graphical element, symbol, etc.) with direct or indirect political connotation.

6. I accept that the uniforms (whether competition, warm-up, formal, ceremonial, casual, free time, etc.) clothing, equipment, accessories and personal items which I will wear, use and/or displayed at competition venues, or any other area controlled by the organizer, shall be plain white in color and fulfill other conditions of the Rules for Participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes in ISSF competitions as well as complement ISSF rules applicable to shooting clothing, equipment, weapons, accessories and personal items. I acknowledge that any items which I intend to use in relation to ISSF competitions must be submitted to the ISSF equipment control for prior approval of the ISSF at least four weeks before the opening ceremony of the respective ISSF competition.

7. I acknowledge that no Russian/Belarusian national anthems will be played at ISSF competitions.

8. I will not make any statements or comments, take any actions, or conduct myself in a manner that is prejudicial to the interests of ISSF, any ISSF competition, and/or shooting sport generally. In particular, I will not express any support (direct or indirect) for the Russian and/or Belarusian activities in respect of Ukraine. I also accept not to go through the mixed zone or to participate in any press conference during the ISSF competitions, and I will not give any interviews to media during such competitions.

9. I will comply at all times with:

- a) the Olympic Charter, including the peace mission of the Olympic Movement, with the World Anti-Doping Code and other IOC rules and instructions related to my participation to the ISSF competitions
- b) all ISSF rules and regulations, guidelines, procedures, and other requirements, as amended from time to time;
- c) all decisions, rulings, and directions of ISSF; and
- d) any applicable sanctions regime.

10. I acknowledge and accept that ISSF may implement further measures or issue further decisions in relation to my participation in ISSF competitions in light of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, including the right to refuse me entry into or prevent me from participating in and/or attending any ISSF competitions. I will comply with any such further measures and decisions.



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11. I acknowledge and accept that neither ISSF nor its host member association – Organizer of the ISSF competition can be held responsible for the hosting country not providing any visa to enter the host country and therefore not allowing me to compete.

12. I have read and understood the contents of this Declaration of Neutrality and I acknowledge that it is legally binding upon me. I acknowledge that any relevant information for my Neutral Status may be checked by the independent intelligence/investigations service company hired from the ISSF to carry out the vetting process.

13. I understand and accept that any infringement to the IOC Recommended Conditions or to the ISSF Rules for participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes in ISSF competitions or to any other ISSF rule/decision will lead to immediate removal from ISSF competitions, withdrawal of the “Neutral Status” granted by the ISSF and possible further sanctions in accordance with the Rules for participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes in ISSF competitions, the ISSF Disciplinary Regulations and/or any other applicable provision of the ISSF Rules.

14. I understand and accept that any false or misleading information in this Declaration of Neutrality from me will lead to immediate removal from ISSF competitions, withdrawal of the “Neutral Status” granted by the ISSF and possible further actions.

This Declaration of Neutrality (including any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or relating to it) will be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with German law, subject to any conflict of law principles that would mandate the application of laws of another jurisdiction.

All disputes, claims, and controversies arising out of or relating to this Declaration of Neutrality will be fully and finally determined under and in accordance with the ISSF rules and regulations and any appeal against a decision under present Rules shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days from the date of the decision being appealed.

Date:

Signature:

Name:

*For persons under 18 only

Date:

Parent/guardian name:

Signature of parent/guardian:

Attach to this Declaration of Neutrality a copy of the passport of the individual making the Declaration and signing it.

This Declaration of Neutrality as well as the request for the INA status of athletes/support personnel to the ISSF competitions must be sent by email to office@issf-sports.org