



## *Nordic Fencing Union*

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### *Nordic Fencing Union's Statement Concerning War in Ukraine*

The Nordic Fencing Union strongly condemns Russian Federation's and Belarus' invasion of Ukraine and stands in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and especially the Ukrainian fencing community.

Nordic Fencing Union demands that the International Fencing Federation (FIE) immediately implements the resolution issued by the The Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on the 28th of February and decides the following:

- FIE does not allow participation of either officials or athletes from the Russian Federation or Belarus in any international competitions
- FIE does not organise any competitions or other activity in the Russian Federation or Belarus and strongly urges the zonal federations to do the same

Furthermore, the Nordic Fencing Union demands that in order to protect the integrity of the decision-making process in international sports governing bodies, all elected members of the Comex, the commissions and the councils from the Russian Federation or Belarus are suspended from participation in any activities of either the International Fencing Federation or the European Fencing Confederation (EFC).

In our opinion, this especially applies to the current President of the FIE, Alisher Usmanov, who was sanctioned by the European Union on 28th of February. According to the European Union, Mister Usmanov has "*particularly close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin*" and has "*actively supported the Russian government's policies of destabilisation of Ukraine*" (COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/336).

These actions should be upheld until the military aggression and/or occupation of Ukraine by the Russian Federation's military has ended and international sanctions against the Russian Federation have been lifted.

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