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# CRITERIA FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN ATHLETES IN WORLD SKATE COMPETITIONS

## 1. Preliminary provisions and scope of application

1.1 The present criteria (the “Criteria”) have been adopted by the World Skate Executive Board in response to the war in Ukraine, with the objective of ensuring the integrity and security of sporting competitions and the respect of the Olympic values.

1.2 The Criteria shall be applicable to all World Skate sports.

## 2. Participation criteria

2.1 Pursuant to the recommendations issued by the International Olympic Committee on 28 March 2023, World Skate enacts the following conditions for the participation of athletes of Russian and Belarusian sporting nationality and their coaches, trainers, managers, physiotherapists, medical personnel, or any other person (“Support Personnel”) assisting them during World Skate competitions.

2.2 The Athletes and their Support Personnel may participate in World Skate competitions only if they meet the following requirements:

2.2.1 Compliance with all World Skate Regulations

2.2.2 No contract with the Russian or Belarusian military or with any other national security agency

2.2.3 No support for the war in Ukraine

Any form of verbal, non-verbal or written expression, explicit or implicit, at any time since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, in particular public statements, including those made in social media, participation in pro-war demonstrations or events, and the wearing of any symbol in support of the war in Ukraine, for example the “Z” symbol, are considered to be acts of support to the war in Ukraine.

2.2.4 Compliance with WADA Anti-Doping requirements

2.3 Athletes and their Support Personnel shall not be authorized to take part in any World Skate team competitions.

### 3. Application for status of Neutral Individual Athletes

3.1 The Athletes and their Support Personnel shall apply to the World Skate Legal Department to be granted the status of Neutral Individual Athletes. When applying, they have to present the certification issued by Sportradar Company that certifies their neutrality.

3.2 The Athletes and their Support Personnel shall only be entitled to compete in World Skate individual competitions after the issuance of such status as a Neutral Individual Athlete.

3.3 Upon receipt of the application form and of the Sportradar certificate, the World Skate Legal Department, after checking the compliance with the applicable requirements for such status of Neutral Individual Athlete, will grant the status to the Athlete. World Skate shall not be held responsible for any competition missed by the Athletes and their Support Personnel while their application is being reviewed.

3.4 If, after granting the status of Neutral Individual Athlete, the World Skate Legal Department becomes aware of a breach of the criteria or conditions of participation, it may withdraw the status of Neutral Individual Athletes.

### 4. Maximum number of entries per event

4.1 The number of athletes, whose sporting nationality is Russian and/or Belarusian, who can be registered in World skate competitions as Neutral Individual Athletes, will depend on the respective country quota foreseen for each sport and each event. The World Skate Sports Department shall be responsible for the selection of such Neutral Individual Athletes - once the status is granted - according to the results in previous competitions, the ranking (if any) or, in a subordinate position, on the basis of the participation of athletes to the event/s.

### 5. Flags

5.1 Flags of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus (current or historical) shall not be raised or displayed at any competition venue, nor in any area where ancillary events are held, or any other area controlled by the organizers of World Skate competitions.

5.2 Where the use of a flag is necessary to identify Neutral Individual Athletes (e.g., at ceremonies, protocol events, on-site, TV/media displays), the World Skate flag shall be used.

### 6. Anthems

6.1 The national anthems of Russia and Belarus (or any other anthem associated with the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus) shall not be played or sung at any time during World Skate



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competitions, neither at any competition venue, nor in any area where ancillary events are held, or any other area controlled by the organizer of World Skate competitions.

6.2 The anthem to be used to represent any Neutral Individual Athletes at an official ceremony of a World Skate competition (opening or closing, protocol, medal ceremony, etc.) shall be the anthem of World Skate, or the anthem selected from time to time by World Skate.

## 7. Uniforms

7.1 The uniforms (whether competition, warm-up, formal, ceremonial, casual, etc.), clothing, equipment, accessories and personal items belonging to Neutral Individual Athletes and their Support Personnel that are worn, used and/or displayed at competition venues, or any area where ancillary events are held, or any other area controlled by the organizer, shall be plain white in color and submitted to World Skate for approval.

## 8. Distinctive national signs

8.1 The appearance of all emblems, names, acronyms, colors, flags and anthems linked to Russia and Belarus is prohibited at all World Skate competitions.

8.2 Organizers shall withdraw references to Russia and/or Belarus on all documents and publications in both printed and electronic format, including, but not limited to, start lists, result lists, rankings and TV graphics. The acronym to be used instead of RUS and BLR shall be NIA.

## 9. Support Personnel and Technical Officials

9.1 World Skate reserves the right to limit the number of Support Personnel accompanying the Athletes. In any case WSK will consent to their presence always and only after having carried out a check regarding their neutrality.

In case of inadequate behavior by the Support Personnel, repercussions will be in place against the relevant athlete.

9.2 Russian and Belarusian Technical Officials shall not be appointed to World Skate competitions.

## 10. Events

10.1 No World Skate competitions shall be held in Russia or Belarus.

## 11. Russian and Belarusian government or state official

11.1 No Russian and Belarusian government or state official shall be invited to or accredited for World Skate competitions.



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## 12. Enforcement of the Criteria and sanctions

12.1 Any violation of these criteria, including providing false information by any person or entity bound by World Skate Regulations shall be subject to sanctions pursuant to the technical rulebook concerned and to World Skate Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.

12.2 Any infringement committed within the scope of, or in relation to, a World Skate competition, in particular with regard to the prohibition of wearing emblems or logos referring to Russia or Belarus or any communication, whether verbal, non-verbal or written, in support of the war in Ukraine, shall be excluded directly and immediately.

12.3 Any infringement committed outside a competition will be subject to disciplinary proceedings by the DELA Department pursuant to the World Skate Code of Ethics.

12.4 World Skate shall take all necessary measures to ensure the enforcement of these Criteria.

12.5 Any discriminatory behavior towards the Athletes and their Support Personnel authorized to participate in a World Skate competition under the present Criteria shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to the World Skate Code of Ethics.

12.6 Any appeal against a decision under the present criteria shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of CAS within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the decision being appealed. Recourse to ordinary state courts is prohibited.



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