

The official position of the Polish Fencing Federation regarding the organization of the Women's Foil World Cup in Poznan, agreed with the Minister of Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Poland.

The Polish Fencing Federation maintains its intention to organize the World Cup in Poznan while respecting the rules of admitting RUS/BLR competitors to participate in the competitions provided for in the recommendation of the International Olympic Committee, announced on March 28, 2023 as Recommendations for International Federations and international sports event organizers on the participation of athletes with Russian or Belarusian passport in international competitions.

The Recommendation of the International Olympic Committee provides for the criteria for admitting RUS/BLR competitors to participate in the competition, therefore the organizer of the Women's Foil World Cup in Poznan, i.e. the Polish Fencing Federation and the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, reserves the right to strictly control the fulfillment of both requirements by the competitors, countries for all the criteria listed there. In order to carry out such control, fencers and support staff holding a Russian or Belarusian passport will be required to submit a written statement in which they declare that:

- they do not support the war in Ukraine, which is a flagrant violation of international law and international treaties;
- meet the conditions of neutrality, i.e. they are not associated with the regime of Vladimir Putin, against whom the International Criminal Court in The Hague issued an arrest warrant as a person suspected of committing war crimes in Ukraine;
- are not soldiers or are not employed in Russian or Belarusian military or national security bodies.

Flags, anthems, national colors or any other identifying signs of Russia and Belarus are not allowed to be presented during the competition in Poznan, including the entire sports hall.

No official representatives of the Russian state or government will be invited or accredited to the competition in Poznan.

The FIE will issue an official position stating that the IOC's Recommendations for International Federations and international sports event organizers on the participation of athletes with Russian or Belarusian passport in international competitions supersede the regulations adopted by the International Fencing Federation (FIE) at the Extraordinary Congress on March 10, 2023 r.

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