

Statutes By-Laws and Sporting Code WG - AOB

Hi Les

I have a suggestion for the S&SC to work on this year. I know that it is after the agenda is set, but please consider it.

As you have read from the FAI presidents letter, the WADA action on Russia is not final. What I have read in the press is that Russian athletes will be allowed to participate under a neutral flag if they can prove that they are clean of doping. As far as I know (I haven't done a thorough reading), our current rules don't have any option for a neutral flag competitor. Could you look into this and see if we can prepare this option in case CASI confirms the WADA ban? Is this something we could have in our sporting code or does it even reflect back to the General Section?

Note, I didn't have any further discussion about this with the FAI secretary, I am suggesting this based on media information. (e.g. <https://www.bbc.com/sport/olympics/50710598>)

The bureau agrees that we should prepare what we can to allow Russian athletes (and officials) to participate in our events under the conditions allowed by WADA.

Best Regards,
Marc

LPP. – I think that this is covered by the General Section paragraphs below:

GS 4.5.1 ENTRANT: a person or NAC from whom a completed entry form has been received for participation in a sporting event. A person or persons unable to represent an NAC may be authorized to participate by the FAI Executive Board or the ASC concerned, such person or team being defined as FAI Participants.

GS 4.5.5.3 FAI Participants may be invited to participate in international sporting events providing that the organizing NAC and the relevant ASC approve.

GS 4.6.2 FAI competitors or teams complying with 4.5.1 and/or 4.6.1 may be invited to participate in international sporting events, providing that the organizing NAC confirms that vacancies exist.