



**FIA CIRCULAR**

**REVISED MEASURES DUE TO RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE**

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**To:** All FIA Members, licence-holders, competitors, officials, organisers, and other FIA stakeholders

**From:** FIA Regulatory & Governance Department

**Date:** 10 February 2023

**Re:** Update on the FIA's response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine

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The purpose of this circular is to notify all FIA Members, licence-holders, competitors, officials, organisers, and other FIA stakeholders of the recent decisions of the World Motor Sport Council (**WMSC**) made at its meeting held on 7 December 2022 as a follow-up to the decisions it had already adopted on 1 March 2022 and 19 March 2022 to address the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

During the meeting on 7 December 2022, the WMSC analysed the scope of the emergency measures put in place in March 2022 following the invasion of Ukraine against *inter alia* the Russian/Belarusian states, Russian/Belarusian drivers, and Russia/Belarus-based events (**FIA emergency measures**). In particular, the WMSC sought further discussions about the specific situation of Russian/Belarusian drivers holding dual citizenship.

After consultation, the WMSC agreed that the FIA emergency measures shall remain in place, but with a revised approach towards the specific situation of Russian/Belarusian drivers holding dual citizenship.

**WMSC DECISIONS**

The WMSC issued the following decisions:

FIA emergency measures shall remain in place, and these include:

- ❖ *Competitions organized on the territory of Russia and Belarus*
  - No international/zone competition to take place in Russia and Belarus, until further notice.
  - No flag/symbol or anthem of Russia/Belarus to be used in international/zone competitions, until further notice.
- ❖ *Drivers, competitors and officials*
  - No Russian/Belarusian national teams to participate in international/zone competitions (e.g. FIA Motorsport Games), until further notice.
  - Russian/Belarusian drivers, individual competitors and officials to participate in international/zone competitions only in an individual and neutral capacity (as Authorised

Neutral Drivers (**AND**) or Authorised Neutral Competitors (**ANC**) or Authorised Neutral Officials (**ANO**)), subject to specific commitment and adherence to the FIA's principles of peace and political neutrality, until further notice. Any Russian/Belarusian driver or other driver competing under the Russian or Belarusian ASN who does not sign a declaration committing to adhere to the FIA's principles of peace and political neutrality will not be allowed to participate in any international/zone competitions. This decision applies to drivers of Russian/Belarusian nationality and to drivers of any another nationality competing under the Russian or Belarusian ASN, unless they can demonstrate coverage under the specific situation of those Russian/Belarusian drivers holding dual citizenship described below.

- No Russian/Belarusian national symbols, colours, flags (uniform, equipment and car) should be displayed, or anthems should be played at international/zone competitions, until further notice.

Revised approach with respect to Russian/Belarusian drivers holding dual citizenship:

- Russian/Belarusian drivers holding dual citizenship with a different country may participate under the nationality of such different country in FIA World Championships only and under the nationality of their Parent ASN in other Competitions, until further notice. Any Russian/Belarusian driver holding dual citizenship who will compete under the nationality of such different country in FIA World Championships or under the nationality of his/her Parent ASN in other Competitions shall remain liable to comply with the FIA's principles of peace and political neutrality.

Exceptional authorisation to extend FIA emergency measures at a national level shall remain in place:

- The exceptional authorisation granted by the WMSC on 19 March 2022 to ASNs wishing to implement the FIA emergency measures at a national level shall continue to remain in force. It may, however, be withdrawn at any time by the FIA.
- Any ASN deciding to implement such measures at the national competition level is required to inform the FIA Administration in advance ([integrity-regulatory@fia.com](mailto:integrity-regulatory@fia.com)).

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECT OF THE WMSC DECISIONS**

These decisions of the WMSC were implemented with immediate and binding effect on 7 December 2022 and will remain in force until further notice. Addressees of this circular must take all necessary steps to implement and comply with the WMSC decisions. In this regard:

- Clubs, Associations, and Federations that are members of the FIA are reminded of their obligation under Article 6.3 of the FIA Statutes to accept, observe, and enforce all decisions taken by the bodies of the FIA, including the WMSC;
- all persons involved in FIA activities are reminded of their obligation under Article 6.6 of the FIA Statutes to comply with the FIA Statutes, rules, regulations, and decisions of the FIA; and
- any person or group of persons, organising or taking part in a Competition are reminded of their obligations pursuant to Article 1.3.1 of the International Sporting Code to comply with the statutes and regulations of the FIA and the decisions of the sporting authority and the consequences arising from them.

Any refusal or failure to comply with the WMSC decisions will constitute a breach of Article 12.2.1.e of the International Sporting Code, and may result in the imposition of a penalty or sanction under Article 1.3.2 or Article 12 of the International Sporting Code, Article 4.4 or Article 25 of the FIA Statutes, Article 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, or under any other applicable provision of the FIA rules and regulations.

Copies of the International Sporting Code, the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules and the FIA Statutes are available here:

- [International Sporting Code](#).
- [FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules](#)
- [FIA Statutes](#).

For the avoidance of doubt, the participation of Russian/Belarusian drivers, competitors and officials in a given country remains subject to compliance with any applicable transnational, national and local laws.

The FIA continues to carefully monitor the events in Ukraine and reserves the right to take any further actions or implement further measures in the future, including any necessary actions required to comply with its obligations under any applicable sanctions regime and/or any contracts to which the FIA is a party.