



Participation of Russian athletes in FAI events in 2021 and 2022



Principles relating to the implementation
of the CAS decision on WADA vs RUSADA

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1.1 BACKGROUND

Following the CAS decision relating to WADA vs RUSADA dated 17 December 2020, the FAI documented its impacted calendars of events and engagement with WADA regarding the considerations for FAI respective World Championships.

A need to identify a set of principles for the consistent implementation of the CAS Award at respective World Championships was identified in the last weeks and in this regard, the attached guidelines have been developed by the IOC, endorsed by ASOIF, AIOWF and ARISF and tailored by the FAI. They provide the framework for a consistent implementation by the FAI at World Championships. The guidelines will go a long way to ensure consistency across all upcoming World Championships and can serve as a useful, and safe, reference point for FAI community.

The FAI noted the importance of WADA compliance in implementing the CAS Award. WADA Code Signatories (including FAI) are fully responsible for the implementation and compliance with the CAS award when it comes to FAI own events. WADA's role is limited to ensuring compliance by the Signatories with the CAS Award. In this regard WADA (including the WADA Compliance Review Committee) has additionally confirmed that implementing these guidelines would safeguard against a non-compliance procedure being opened against any of the WADA Code Signatories (including FAI).

To assist WADA with its monitoring duties, the FAI was requested to provide them with the procedures and instructions that the FAI plan to put in place and issue to FAI Russian Member that may participate in those World Championships (excluding junior and masters events) and to the local organizer in order to give effect to the operative part of the Award, para. 4 d) and 4 e), including consequences should these procedures and instructions not be abided by.

The FAI was also requested to provide the list of events to be held under FAI jurisdiction until 16 December 2022, considered as a senior/elite World Championship.

1.2 RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE OPERATIVE PART OF THE ARBITRAL DECISION

Decision delivered by CAS on 17 December 2020 in the matter WADA v. RUSADA (CAS 2020/O/6689)

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d. Subject to the provisos set out below, the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) may not be flown or displayed in any official venue or area controlled by a Signatory or event organiser appointed by the Signatory at any of the following events during the two-year period:

- i. The Olympic and Paralympic Games (winter or summer);
- ii. Any World Championships organised or sanctioned by any Signatory. For these purposes, a “World Championship” is any event or one or more of a series of events that determines the world champion for a particular sport or discipline in a sport, but does not include qualifying events.

The provisos to this order are:

- iii. This order does not require a Signatory to prevent spectators from bringing the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) into official venues of an Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or any World Championships venue;

iv. This order does not require a Signatory to prevent the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) from being displayed (if necessary) for the identification of Russian nationals who are technical officials or technical delegates at the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games or any World Championships;

v. A Signatory cannot be deemed non-compliant with this order unless the Signatory knowingly permitted the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) to be let fly or displayed in official venues or areas under the Signatory's control at a specified event.

e. Any Athlete from Russia and their Athlete Support Personnel may only participate in or attend any of the following events during the Two-Year Period, on the conditions set out below.

The specified events are:

i. The Olympic and Paralympic Games (winter or summer);

ii. Any World Championships organised or sanctioned by any Signatory. For these purposes, a "World Championship" is any event or one or more of a series of events that determines the world champion for a particular sport or discipline in a sport, but does not include qualifying events.

The conditions are:

iii. The Athlete/Athlete Support Personnel shall not be subject to suspension, restriction, condition or exclusion imposed by a competent authority in any past or future proceedings which remains in force at the time of the specified event.

iv. Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall participate in a uniform to be approved by the relevant Signatory which shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. If the uniform contains or displays the name "Russia" (in any language or format), the words "neutral athlete" (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name "Russia". For the avoidance of doubt, the uniform may contain the colours of the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) (collectively or in combination).

v. Subject to order (iv), Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall not display publicly the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), the name "Russia" (in any language or format), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation, including without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by the Signatory or its appointed Event organiser.

vi. The Russian national anthem (or any anthem linked to Russia) shall not be officially played or sung at any official event venue or other area controlled by the Signatory or its appointed event organiser (including, without limitation, at medal ceremonies and opening/closing ceremonies).

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1.3 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Topic	CAS decision	Implementation for FAI World Championships in 2021 and 2022
Organizations' participation name	<p>The Award places restrictions on the extent to which Russian Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel may be associated with <i>"the name ... and colors of their homeland."</i></p> <p>The Award specifically states in the operative part that an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel may not: (i) have the name Russia (in any language or format) on his/her uniform; or (ii) display publicly the name Russia (in any language or format) including, <i>"without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner"</i>, unless <i>"the words 'neutral athlete' (or an equivalent [are] displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name 'Russia')."</i></p>	<p>Athletes to be entered by and represent their NAC (FAI Member) or the respective acronym</p> <p>All public displays should use the acronym of the NAC of Russia.</p>
Emblem	<p>The emblem used during events should not contain the <i>"flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), the name 'Russia' (in any language or format), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation."</i></p>	<p>The emblem of the NAC of Russia (assuming such emblem meets the requirements set out here).</p> <p>Where necessary, the emblem should be amended to remove any wording or national symbols (Russian flag, national Coat of Arms, or other national emblem or national symbol of the Russian Federation).</p>
Flags (for ceremonies, in protocol sets and in-venue and TV graphics referring to athletes)	<p><i>"The flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) may not be flown or displayed in any official venue or area controlled by a Signatory or event organizer."</i></p>	<p>Flags should include the emblem of the NAC of Russia (with no wording - assuming such emblem meets the requirements set out above) on a white background (assuming that such emblem meets the requirements set out directly above).</p>
Anthem	<p><i>"The Russian national anthem (or any anthem linked to Russia) shall not be officially played or sung at any official event venue or other area controlled by the Signatory or its appointed event organizer (including, without limitation, at medal ceremonies and opening / closing ceremonies)."</i></p>	<p>The musical score approved by the IOC Executive Board for the Russian Olympic Committee can be used at all World Championships.</p> <p>Alternatively, the FAI anthem can be used, if appropriate.</p>

<p>Uniforms / clothing / Equipment</p>	<p><i>Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall participate in a uniform to be approved by the relevant Signatory which shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. If the uniform contains or displays the name 'Russia' (in any language or format), the words 'neutral athlete' (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name 'Russia'. For the avoidance of doubt, the uniform may contain the colors of the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) (collectively or in combination).</i></p> <p><i>The same conditions apply to public displays of the same elements (i.e., the flag, national emblems/symbols and name), "including without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by the Signatory or its appointed Event organizer".</i></p>	<p>Replace any Russian flag or Russian Federation emblem/symbol with the emblem of the NAC of Russia (assuming such emblem meets the requirements set out above).</p> <p>If the uniform contains the words "Russian Federation" such wording should be removed all together or be replaced with the acronym of the NAC of Russia emblem.</p> <p>If removing the words "Russian Federation" is not possible or if the word "Russia" or "Russian" appears separately, then the words "Neutral Athlete" for example must be included in a position and size that is no less prominent.</p> <p>For sporting equipment that requires the use of the country's acronym, use the acronym of the NAC of Russia rather than RUS.</p>
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Note : the above-mentioned information has been developed by the IOC, endorsed by ASOIF, AIOWF and ARISF and tailored by the FAI

1.4 ENFORCEMENT

The following steps will be taken :

1. The FAI Anti-Doping Manager will:
 - Send these guidelines to NAC Russia, which will be responsible to disseminate this information to Russian national federations and athletes
 - Request from NAC Russia a written commitment by 31 March 2021 that these requirements will be met
2. The FAI Air Sports Commissions will support the FAI in implementing these rules:
 - By sharing this document with each event organizer, which has been or will be awarded with an FAI World Championship in 2021 and 2022, latest 3 months before each respective event
 - By copying FAI Anti-Doping Manager (antidoping@fai.org) in this communication thread
 - By sharing this document with ASC officials (juries) of the respective events, latest 3 months before each respective event
3. FAI Event organizers will implement the above-mentioned list of actions (see 1.3 Implementation Plan)
4. A statement in the jury report will be provided within 2 weeks after the event, confirming that the rules have been respected

1.5 LEGAL OBLIGATION

Since the FAI is a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code, there is a legally binding obligation to follow the rules established by this CAS decision, which means that these guidelines become an official appendix to the Organizer Agreement, might it be already signed or still to be signed.

1.6 VIOLATIONS

In case of violations of these requirements, FAI is required to implement penalty procedures which will be elaborated by FAI Air Sport Commission (CASI).



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