



FIA CIRCULAR

REVISED MEASURES DUE TO RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

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

From: FIA Legal Office

Date: 13 August 2026

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

The purpose of this circular is to notify all FIA Members, licence-holders, competitors, officials, organisers, and other FIA stakeholders of the recent decision of the World Motor Sport Council (**WMSC**), adopted on 3 August 2026. This decision follows the measures previously adopted by the WMSC in relation to the situation in Ukraine, as reflected in the circulars of 10 and 27 February 2023, which set out the scope of the emergency measures applicable, *inter alia*, to the Russian and Belarusian states, Russian and Belarusian drivers, national teams, individual competitors and officials, as well as events based in Russia and Belarus (**FIA emergency measures**).

After consultation, the WMSC decided that the FIA emergency measures shall be revised to lift the restrictions on the participation of Russian and Belarusian drivers, national teams, individual competitors and officials, as well as those relating to the display of their national symbols, colours, flags and anthems.

WMSC DECISION

The WMSC issued the following decision:

Revised approach with respect to Russian and Belarusian drivers, national teams, competitors and officials:

- Russian and Belarusian drivers, national teams, individual competitors and officials are allowed to participate in international/zone competitions without any restrictions. The requirement of signing a commitment to neutrality no longer applies.
- The display of Russian and Belarusian national symbols, colours, flags (uniform, equipment and car), and the playing of their anthems are permitted at international/zone competitions.

The following FIA emergency measures shall remain in place:

- No international/zone competition to take place on the territory of Russia and Belarus, until further notice.

IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECT OF THE WMSC DECISION

This decision of the WMSC was implemented with immediate and binding effect on 3 August 2026 and will remain in force until further notice. Addressees of this circular must take all necessary steps to implement and comply with the WMSC decision. In this regard:

- Clubs, Associations, and Federations that are members of the FIA are reminded of their obligation under Article 5.3 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 5.6 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 decision 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 6.4 or Article 26 of the FIA Statutes, Article 6 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 and 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.