



**FIA CIRCULAR**

**EMERGENCY 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

**Date:** 4 March 2022

**Re:** WMSC decisions in 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 decisions of the World Motor Sport Council (**WMSC**) made at the extraordinary meeting of the WMSC held on 1 March 2022, in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The FIA unequivocally condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the support provided by Belarus. The decisions of the WMSC represent the strong commitment of the FIA to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, the Federation Automobile d'Ukraine, and all of those suffering as a result of the ongoing conflict.

This circular follows the FIA press release dated 1 March 2022 (available [here](#)).

**DECISIONS**

In accordance with Article 16.3 of the FIA Statutes, the WMSC issued the following decisions:

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. This decision applies to drivers of

Russian/Belarusian nationality and to drivers of any another nationality competing under the Russian or Belarusian ASN. 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.

- 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.

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

The WMSC decisions were implemented with immediate and binding effect on 1 March 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](#).

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.



## DRIVER COMMITMENT

### PREAMBLE

Considering the decisions of the World Motor Sport Council of 1 March 2022 and the need for emergency measures due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the support provided by Belarus, until further notice all drivers, individual competitors, and officials from Russia or Belarus may participate in international/zone competitions (**Covered Events**) only on the terms and conditions set out below.

Acknowledging the decisions of the World Motor Sport Council of 1 March 2022, where the FIA condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the support provided by Belarus, I, the undersigned driver, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (address), with the following licence(s):

HOLDER OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION LICENCE NUMBER: _____
HOLDER OF FIA SUPER LICENCE NUMBER: _____ (if applicable)
FOR: _____ (the Team)
NATIONALITY: _____
ISSUED BY: _____

hereby agree, as a condition of being permitted to participate in Covered Events, to comply with the following:

1. I will comply with the decisions of the World Motor Sport Council of 1 March 2022. I understand that any refusal or failure to comply with those decisions will constitute a breach of Article 12.2.1.e of the FIA International Sporting Code, and may result in the imposition of a penalty or sanction under the International Sporting Code, the FIA Statutes, the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, and/or under any other applicable provision of the FIA rules and regulations.
2. I acknowledge the strong commitment made by the FIA to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, the Federation Automobile d'Ukraine, and all of those suffering as a result of the ongoing conflict.
3. I acknowledge that I may only participate in Covered Events in an individual and neutral capacity, and not in any way as a representative of Russia or Belarus.

4. I will not display any Russian/Belarusian national symbols, colours, or flags publicly or via social media.
5. I will not display on my uniforms, clothing, accessories, or other personal items, or on my equipment or cars at any time in connection with my participation in Covered Events or otherwise in my capacity as a participant in Covered Events:
  - × the Russian or Belarusian flag (current or historical);
  - × any illustration of or reference to the Russian or Belarusian flag;
  - × any national emblem or other national symbol of Russia/Belarus (e.g. coat of arms of Russia /double-headed eagle of Russia);
  - × the words “Russian”, “Russia”, “Belarus”, “Belarusian”, “Russian Automobile Federation”, “Fédération de l'Automobile de Belarus” or the acronyms “RUS” or “RAF” or “BAF”, “FBA”, “BLR” in any language or format; or
  - × the emblem of the Russian Automobile Federation (“RAF”) or “Fédération de l'Automobile de Belarus” (“FBA”/”BAF”).
6. I acknowledge that no Russian/Belarusian national anthems will be played at Covered Events. I will not play or sing the Russian/Belarusian national anthem at any official event venue or other area controlled by the FIA or by the organiser or promoter of a Covered Event, or otherwise in connection with my participation in Covered Events or otherwise in my capacity as a participant in Covered Events.
7. I will not make any statements or comments, take any actions, or conduct myself in a manner that is prejudicial to the interests of the FIA, any Competition, and/or motorsport generally. In particular, I will not express any support (direct or indirect) for the Russian and/or Belarusian activities in respect of Ukraine.
8. I will comply at all times with:
  - a. all FIA rules and regulations, circulars, guidelines, procedures, and other requirements, as amended from time to time;
  - b. all decisions, rulings, and directions of the FIA; and
  - c. any applicable sanctions regime.
9. I acknowledge and accept that the FIA may implement further measures or issue further decisions in relation to my participation in Covered Events in light of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, including the right to refuse me entry into or prevent me from participating in and/or attending any Covered Event. I will comply with any such further measures and decisions.
10. I have read and understood the contents of this Driver Commitment and I acknowledge that it is legally binding upon me.

This Driver Commitment (including any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or relating to it) will be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with French law, subject to any conflict of law principles that would mandate the application of laws of another jurisdiction.

All disputes, claims, and controversies arising out of or relating to this Driver Commitment (1) will be fully and finally determined under and in accordance with the International Sporting Code and the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules; or (2) (if the matter in issue falls outside the scope of the International Sporting Code and the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules) will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribunal Judiciaire de Paris.

Date: .....

Signature: .....

Name: .....

\*For Drivers under 18 only

Date: .....

Driver's name: .....

Parent/guardian name: .....

Signature of parent/guardian: .....