

For the attention of:

European Athletics Member Federations
European Athletics Council
European Athletics Commissions and Committee

Copy: World Athletics President, World Athletics CEO

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Circular Letter 2022/08

Items covered in this letter:

- European Athletics sanctions to Russia and Belarus

Dear Friends,

We hereby inform you on the European Athletics Council decision to impose sanctions against the Member Federations of Russia and Belarus, following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia supported by Belarus. The unanimous decision was taken following deliberations of the European Athletics Council late yesterday evening and in line with World Athletics' position.

The decision is therefore for the exclusion of all athletes, support personnel and other officials from Russia and from Belarus from participating at any European Athletics' events for the foreseeable future with immediate effect. In the case of Russia this includes all Authorised National Athlete (ANA) athletes, as the Russian Athletics Federation (RusAF) has been suspended by World Athletics since 2015 due to doping violations.

Both the Belarus Athletics Federation and the Russian Athletics Federation have been informed of this decision by separate letter.

We will continue to monitor the situation and the European Athletics Council will use its next meeting on 6-8 May in Munich, Germany, to discuss further measures, as necessary, including a possible suspension of the Belarus Federation.

We trust the whole European Athletics family join us in expressing our solidarity to the Ukrainian Athletics family and in the pray for this conflict to end, so that we can regain peace in Europe.

Kind regards



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