



Statement: Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials cannot return to international competitions

The Swedish Canoe Federation fully supports the statement from the national sports associations, the Olympic Committees and Paralympic Committees in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

The common statement is as follows.

1. The situation with the war in Ukraine has not changed.
2. Therefore, we stand firm in our position, not to open for Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in the international sports participation.
3. Now is not the right time to consider their return; that is our position.
4. We, the Nordic Olympic and Paralympic Committees and Confederations of sports, take this opportunity to reaffirm our steadfast support once again with the Ukrainian people and the demand for peace.
5. The Nordic Olympic and Paralympic Committees and Confederations of sports will work together and in close dialogue with relevant stakeholders to evaluate and monitor the situation closely.

The Swedish Canoe Federation also stands firm in our position and urge the ICF to do the same. Now is not the right time to consider the return of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials to international competitions.

On behalf of the Swedish Canoe Federation

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