



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Escrime

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Nordic Fencing Union

Dear Members of the Nordic Fencing Union, dear signatories,

First of all let me thank you for sharing your concerns and opinions at this difficult time. I am sure that you will understand that we have been consulting with many parties and discussing the situation internally in order to make an appropriate decision.

Our predominant concern has been the welfare of every young participant taking part at the Junior and Cadet European Championships. We are convinced that you agree that none of the athletes taking part in these Championships can be apportioned any blame for what is currently happening.

For the sake of clarity, the following decisions have been made by the EFC Executive Committee:

- competitions currently planned in Russia or Belarus will be cancelled or relocated
- neither the Russian nor the Belarussian national flags will be displayed
- neither the Russian nor the Belarussian national anthems will be played at EFC competitions

There is no provision in our Statutes or Internal Rules allowing the suspension of an EFC Commission or Council Member. Whilst we understand that this may be difficult for some to accept our doors remain open for further discussion.

The EFC's decisions have been made for the absolute security of all members of our community from every member federation.

Let me also inform you that we are planning an Executive Committee meeting to take place next week to decide about our further steps after receiving the latest decisions from the FIE.

Jacek Slupski
Secretary General