

# Policy for exception requests on Eligibility for Russian/Belarussian Citizens - Update 2024

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Dear EUF Members,

The EUF would like to inform you about the policy on how to apply for exceptions to the eligibility rules for the participation of Russian and Belarus citizens in EUF sanctioned events in 2024.

The ban issued against Russian and Belarussian teams and citizens issued conjunctively by EUF and EFDF on March 2nd 2022 is still in place.

According to this Russian and Belarussian clubs, national teams and citizens are still generally **NOT** allowed to participate in EUF/EFDF sanctioned events.

Exceptions can be made for **well integrated** players that can be allowed to participate under a **neutral flag**. No exceptions are possible for Russian/Belarussian Clubs or National Teams.

Exceptions can only be submitted by the national federation member of EUF, by sending an endorsement letter for the player in question to [office@ultimatefederation.eu](mailto:office@ultimatefederation.eu).

The EUF Board will take a decision whether to grant the exception on a case by case basis.

A Russian/Belarussian citizen can be defined as “well integrated” and “Neutral Player” and so be allowed to be placed on the roster of a club or national team participating in a EUF sanctioned event under the following conditions:

- The player owns a legal certificate of permanent residency issued by the country's government of the new federation; or the player has moved to the country at least twelve (12) months prior to January 1st of the year of the event and spent more than 75% of those twelve (12) months in the country. For all the events in 2024 the date is 1st January 2023. The national federation must certify in the endorsement letter the year when the player has moved to their country.
- the national federation certifies in the endorsement letter that the player is allowed to play in their national championship
- The player gives a declaration of honour to the national federation, that they did not since the beginning of the war and will not express pro-russian, pro-belarussian or pro-war propaganda opinions, signals, demonstration or similar in our sport and on any social media (this includes also wearing the russian national jersey during warmup). The national federation certifies in the endorsement letter that they have received the declaration of honour.

Failing to comply with the declaration of honour results in immediate disqualification of the player.