



# European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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## BLR and RUS fencing federations - Provisional re-admission

### Information Letter no. 19-2026

Dear Member Federation,

The Executive Committee held an online meeting on 24 June 2026.

During this meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed the vote taken at the Congress in Antony. Based on the opinion of the Legal Commission, the Executive Committee concluded that the initial vote on the suspension of the Belarusian and Russian federations was void, as neither federation held membership status at the time of the vote and therefore could not be considered subject to suspension or lifting suspension.

Following the Congress decision permitting athletes from Belarus and Russia to compete under AIN status, the Executive Committee adopted an additional provision to the Internal Rules to enable such participation within EFC competitions.

The Executive Committee also examined the applications submitted by the Belarusian and Russian federations for re-admission as members of the European Fencing Confederation. In accordance with Article 2.9 of the EFC Statutes and taking into account the opinion of the Legal Commission, the Executive Committee reviewed the documentation provided and confirmed that all outstanding financial obligations had been settled.

In two separate votes, the Executive Committee approved the re-admission of both federations as members of the EFC.

Their membership is granted on a provisional basis until the next Congress. They shall be granted the same rights and obligations as all other member federations, with the exception that, in accordance with the decision of the Congress, their athletes will participate in EFC competitions under AIN status.

Best regards,

Pascal Tesch  
President