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Policy A10

WORLD SAILING TEMPORARY POLICY ON THE REINTEGRATION OF RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN ATHLETES, SUPPORT PERSONS AND RACE OFFICIALS TO COMPETITION

1. REPEAL OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY

1.1. The World Sailing Policy for participation of Athletes, Support Persons and Race Officials with a Russian or Belarusian passport (Policy A5 - the "Neutrality Policy") is repealed with effect from 13 October 2026, following the IOC recommendations issued on 7 May 2026 and 7 July 2026.

1.2. This Temporary Policy on the Reintegration of Russian and Belarusian Athletes, Support Persons and Race Officials to Competition (this "Policy") replaces the Neutrality Policy in its entirety from that date.

2. DURATION AND EXPIRY

2.1. This Policy takes effect on 21 October 2026 and, unless the World Sailing Council resolves to extend it, ceases to have effect on 1 September 2028, on which date it shall lapse automatically without any further action being required.

2.2. Where the World Sailing Council resolves to extend this Policy, the extended expiry date shall be as specified in that resolution.

3. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

3.1. World Sailing may, in accordance with the World Sailing Anti-Doping Rules, stipulate any specific doping control requirements for Russian Athletes returning to international competition, noting that they may not have been participating in international sailing competitions for over three years.

3.2. In accordance with the IOC recommendation on 7 July 2026, all Russian athletes returning to international competition must meet the relevant anti-doping requirements, especially those set out in the anti-doping rules of the IOC, World Sailing and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). In particular:

(a) the athlete must be part of a national (RUSADA/ROC) anti-doping programme, including risk assessment, test distribution plan and results management, that is delegated to the International Testing Agency (ITA);

(b) the athlete must have been tested multiple times prior to their return, based on a sport-specific risk assessment;

(c) World Sailing, as the International Federation, is responsible for establishing the timeframe during which such testing must have occurred and will agree an overall testing programme with the ITA, including the number of tests required; and

(d) should RUSADA still be considered non-compliant by WADA in 2028 prior to the LA28 Olympic Games, it is expected that the IOC will instruct the ITA to ensure that all qualified Russian athletes have been subject to independent testing following the same approach.

3.3. For the avoidance of doubt, returning Belarusian Athletes, are subject only to the standard World Sailing and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) anti-doping rules applicable to all participants. The additional return-to-competition requirements set out in this clause 3 apply to Russian Athletes only, by reason of the continuing non-compliance of RUSADA with the World Anti-Doping Code.