



COMMUNIQUE
For the attention of Fitasc member federations
February 22nd, 2023

**Conditions of participation of Russian shooters
in four Fitasc international competitions in 2023**

On February 28th 2022, the Russian Shooting Union (RSU), FITASC member federation, decided that its affiliated shooters won't take part in international championships from 18th March 2022.

By decision of March 8th, 2022, the FITASC Management Committee endorsed the RSU's decision to prohibit its Russian shooters, until further instructions from it, from participating in international FITASC competitions. This decision of the Management Committee has been respected for all international competitions in 2022.

On February 13th, 2023, RSU informed FITASC by official letter that it allowed its shooters to take part in the following four FITASC international championships:

- European Sporting Championship in Limassol, Cyprus, 11-14 May 2023;
- European Compak Sporting Championship in Foligno, Italy, 15-18 June 2023;
- World Sporting Championship in Gant, Hungary, 13-16 July 2023;
- World Compak Sporting Championship in Psachna, Greece, 7-10 September 2023.

It is reminded that the Fitasc by-laws prohibit to express any opinion of a political nature, apart from sports considerations and that, consequently, FITASC has neither right nor power to prohibit one of its full member federations from the participation of its shooters in FITASC championships for political reasons.

Point 6 of the preamble:

6. Fitasc is a non-political, non- profit organisation.

Article 1.1

1.1. To encourage and manage the development of shooting sports with sporting / hunting weapons and associated activities without political, social, racial or religious discrimination and to strengthen the ties of friendship between the shooting associations and federations of all nations.



Taking into account the new RSU's position, The FITASC Management Committee met on February 21st, 2023 and decided the following:

- To delegate to the federations of the organizing countries (with the agreement of their government), the decision to authorize Russian shooters to participate, in 2023, in the European and World Compak Sporting and Sporting Championships;
- That this participation to take place as an individual shooter and under a neutral banner (or FITASC flag).

Consequently, the decision of the government of the organizing federation will be applied by FITASC, whether it is a question of accepting the participation of the Russian shooters or of refusing it, on a case-by-case basis for these four championships.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean-François Palinkas', is positioned above the name of the President.

Jean-François PALINKAS
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Piero Donato', is positioned above the name of the General Secretary / Treasurer.

Piero DONATO
General Secretary / Treasurer