



OLYMPIC ATHLETE FROM RUSSIA CONDUCT GUIDELINES

In accordance with the IOC Executive Board's decision of [5 December 2017](#), the following conduct guidelines have been established by the International Olympic Committee for the "Olympic Athlete from Russia" (OAR) delegation participating at the XXIII Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 (PyeongChang 2018).

These guidelines aim to clarify existing IOC and POCOG rules and policies that apply to all participants of PyeongChang 2018, but also highlight specific elements that relate to the consequences of the IOC Executive Board's decision to suspend the Russia Olympic Committee. Any additional guidelines for the OAR delegation will be established as needed by the International Olympic Committee.

The Russian Olympic Committee (suspended) is responsible for communicating and ensuring that these guidelines are followed by all accredited members of the OAR delegation and any associated stakeholders with a presence in PyeongChang during the period of the Games as defined by the opening and closing of the Olympic Village (**26 January – 28 February 2018**). Respecting the rules means, in particular, not taking part in any initiatives that can be perceived as circumventing the spirit of the EB decision.

The IOC will monitor the application of these guidelines prior to and during the PyeongChang 2018, and will provide a complete report to the IOC Executive Board. Adherence to all existing IOC and POCOG rules and policies and these guidelines will be evaluated and considered when the IOC Executive Board takes the decision to partially or fully lift the suspension of the Russian Olympic Committee. Failure of a member of the OAR delegation to comply with existing rules or these guidelines may lead to an OAR invitation being revoked and/or the withdrawal of accreditation.

GENERAL CONDUCT

All members of the OAR delegation (athletes, team officials, Chefs de Missions, P accredited (athletes and officials), NOC Transferable Guests) shall:

1. Respect the IOC Executive Board's decision and spirit.
2. Only refer to the delegation as "OAR", "Olympic Athlete from Russia" or "OCP" (in Cyrillic) publicly and via social media.
3. Understand that OAR will compete under the Olympic Flag and that the Olympic anthem will be played at all ceremonies.

All accredited members are reminded that they have agreed, as a condition of their participation in the PyeongChang 2018, to abide by the:

- **Olympic Charter** and in particular Rule 40 ([Rule 40 guidelines for PyeongChang 2018](#)), 50 ([Rule 50 FAQ](#)) and 58; relevant excerpts of which are set out below and available on the IOC [website](#):
 - **Rule 50: 1.** *Except as may be authorized by the IOC Executive Board on an exceptional basis, no form of advertising or other publicity shall be allowed in and above the stadia, venues and other competition areas which are considered as part of the Olympic sites. Commercial installations and advertising signs shall not be allowed in the stadia, venues or other sports grounds.*
 - **Bye-Law to Rule 50: 1.** *No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except for the identification – as defined in paragraph 8 below – of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.*
 - **Bye-Law to Rule 50: 2.** *No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas.*
 - **Bye-Law to Rule 50: 9.** *The OCOG, all competitors, team officials, other team personnel and all other participants in the Olympic Games shall comply with the relevant manuals, guides, regulations or guidelines, and all other instructions of the IOC Executive Board, in respect of all matters subject to Rule 50 and this Bye-law.*
 - **Rule 58:** *The authority of last resort on any question concerning the Olympic Games rests with the IOC.*
- [PyeongChang 2018 Conditions of Participation](#)
- [IOC Code of Ethics](#)
- [IOC Social and Digital Media Guidelines for persons accredited](#)
 - **Per section 1. b): Respect of laws and Olympic values,** *postings made by, or on behalf of, accredited persons must comply with these Guidelines and conform to applicable laws and the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship. Postings must not be made for the purposes of demonstration or any form of political, religious or racial propaganda.*

ATHLETES & TEAM OFFICIALS (Ac, Ao and P)

Further, each accredited OAR athlete and team official, shall:

4. Only wear and/or use uniforms (ceremonies, competition, training and casual), accessories (including pins) and equipment that comply with the

IOC's OAR uniform and logo guidelines. Details of these guidelines are available [here](#).

5. Refrain from any public form of publicity, activity and communication associated with the national flag, anthem, emblem and symbols and NOC emblem at any Olympic site or via media (including social media - retweets, reposting, etc.).
 - Exception: Display of the national flag within the bedrooms (no public visibility) of the OAR allotted spaces at the Olympic Villages is permitted.
6. Not solicit or accept the national flag, anthem, emblem and symbols at any Olympic site (e.g. accepting the national flag from the public, singing the national anthem inside an Olympic venue, etc.).
7. Refrain from participating in "alternate" victory ceremonies organised by the ROC or any third party for OAR athletes and/or team officials at any site.

Refer to the "Need to Know" and "Resources" sections on the [Olympic Athletes Hub Get Ready for PyeongChang](#)

OAR athletes and officials must comply and fully understand the:

- [IOC Anti-Doping Rules](#)
- [Whereabouts](#)
- [Therapeutic Use Exemptions \(TUE\)](#)
- [WADA Prohibited List](#)
- [Athlete Guide to the Code](#)
- [World Anti-Doping Code](#)
- [2018 OG Rules Manipulation](#)

NON-OFFICIAL OLYMPIC VENUES (e.g. Hospitality House, etc.)

The ROC (suspended) understands that the following conditions apply to any venue or event being organised by the ROC and/or their stakeholders:

8. The NOC emblem cannot be displayed at any venue both inside and outside.
9. The display of national elements (such as flags, emblems and symbols) inside non-official Olympic venues must have prior approval from the IOC.
10. Any "alternate" victory ceremonies organised for OAR athletes and/or team officials are not permitted.
11. There will be no sale of replica Russian team wear relating to PyeongChang 2018 or other clothing using the NOC Olympic emblem at non POCOG venues as there is no Russian Olympic team. Like other NOCs, Zasport cannot sell any items using a reference to PyeongChang 2018 (this also applies to sales online or in Russia).

As with all Hospitality Houses, IOC staff members (or representatives) shall be permitted to access the venues in which an NOC House is located to inspect the

premises and relevant activities being carried out and ensure that these guidelines have been followed.

POCOG's Hospitality House guidelines are available [here](#).

MEDIA

The ROC (suspended) is responsible for servicing and monitoring the accredited media on site at the Olympic Games to ensure they are aware and respect all IOC guidelines and the conduct guidelines set for the OAR delegation.

The NOC emblem cannot be displayed in media areas at the MPC, IBC and in Olympic venues.

Expected to be familiar and comply with:

- Press Attaché Handbook for PyeongChang 2018
- [Photographers Undertaking](#)
- [IOC Social and Digital Media Guidelines for persons accredited](#)
- [News Access Rules applicable to the XXIII Olympic Winter Games](#)
- [IOC Guidelines for Editorial use of the Olympic Properties By Media Organisations](#)

SPECTATORS

As with all NOCs, by agreeing to the Ticket Sales Agreement (TSA) the ROC (suspended) agrees to accept all responsibility for the actions of their appointed Authorised Ticket Reseller (ATR). Additionally, the ROC (suspended) and their ATR accept all responsibility for the actions of their approved sub-distributors.

The ROC (suspended) is responsible to ensure that all tickets assigned to their territory are properly managed and used and for the behaviour of Russian fans.

The ROC (suspended) will ensure that any individual that has purchased a ticket from the ROC or their designated ATR is aware and understands the spectator policy ([PyeongChang 2018 Terms and Conditions of Ticket Purchase, Possession and Use](#)).