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Position:	International IKA Formula Kite Class Association – Secretary General
Title of Proposal:	Policy A5 - Russian and Belarussian Sailors Neutrality Policy
Subtitle:	Extend the scope of application to events of the Olympic Classes
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Proposal:

To amend the recently approved policy for the participation of Russian and Belarussian sailors, support persons and race officials with approved Individual Neutral Athlete status so that they are able to compete in Olympic Classes championships.

Amend Policy A5 as follows:

Preamble:

Pursuant to the recommendations issued by the International Olympic Committee (the "IOC") on 28 March 2023, this is the World Sailing Policy for participation of Individual Neutral Athletes ("AIN(s)"), Support Persons and Race Officials with a Russian or Belarussian Passport (the "Neutrality Policy") in World Sailing Events **and World Sailing Olympic Classes Events**.

3.2:

Individual sailors of Russian and Belarussian sporting nationality, Support Persons, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("Support Persons"), and Race Officials of Russian and Belarussian nationality shall only participate in World Sailing Events **and World Sailing Olympic Classes Events** in a Neutral capacity, and in no case as representatives of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus, their Member National Associations ("MNA(s)") or National Olympic Committees ("NOC(s)").

6.2:

Sailors, Support Persons and Race Officials of Russian and Belarussian sporting nationality shall only be entitled to participate in World Sailing Events **and World Sailing Olympic Classes Events** once they have received confirmation of their eligibility from World Sailing.

13:

Organising Authorities of World Sailing Events **and World Sailing Olympic Classes Events** must withdraw references to Russia and Belarus in all documents and publications in both printed and electronic format, including, but not limited to, start lists, result lists, rankings, news articles, photos, social media posts, website posts and TV graphics. The acronym to be used instead shall be AIN.

Current position:

As above.

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Currently the participation of approved Individual Neutral Athletes is limited to World Sailing Events. "World Sailing Event" means any event for which World Sailing selects the venue and is therefore organised by or on behalf of World Sailing.

Reasons:

- (a) In accordance with current IOC guidance this policy permits Russian and Belarussian sailors, support persons and race officials to participate as neutrals.
- (b) Currently only permits neutral participation at World Sailing Events. "World Sailing Event" means any event for which World Sailing selects the venue and is therefore organised by or on behalf of World Sailing.
- (c) The number of World Sailing events as per definition is very limited and does not allow for proper preparation for future Olympic Games.
- (d) To give individual neutral athletes a realistic chance to prepare, qualify and compete at the Olympic Games, it is essential that they can participate in the key events required for Games preparation the same way athletes from other MNAs can.
- (e) This includes especially World and European Championships of the Olympic Classes (but also other events sailed on Olympic Classes equipment).