



President,
Member Associations
By e-mail

Lausanne, 5 March 2024

Dear President,

You might have received an invitation from an organization called International Friendship Association inviting you for the Friendship Games 17 -22 September in Moscow.

We remind all Member Associations of the decision of the IOC and the sanctions against the Russian and Belarusian governments must remain in place .

In particular, the IOC has recommended that:

- i. **no international sports events be organised in Russia and Belarus;**
- ii. **no flag, anthems or other national symbols whatsoever should be displayed at any international sports events;** and
- iii. no government or state officials should be accredited for or invited to any international sports events.

These sanctions were put in place in February 2022 and were then reinforced and confirmed by the Olympic Summit on 9 December 2022. The IOC EB today underlines that they remain firmly in place.

World Archery has endorsed these sanctions on the 24th February 2022.

Following receipt of a copy of the invitation package that clearly shows that this is a clear attempt to circumvent the implementation of the above sanctions, the World Archery Executive Committee unanimously decides to implement Article 2.1.4 of it's rules and **prohibits the participation of any Member Association or any of its members in these Games.**



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The International Judge Committee has also been informed that the participation of any international judge in such Games will lead to a removal of their accreditation. Such Games would not in anyway lead to results that would be recognised for world records, world ranking or performance awards.

We remain at your disposal, should you need any further information.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Dielen".

Tom Dielen
Secretary General

CC: World Archery Executive Board; Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director; James Carr, ASOIF Deputy Director