



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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INDIVIDUAL SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Information Letter no. 13-2023

Dear Member Federation,

The EFC has, today (31 May 2023), been informed by way of letter from the interim President of the FIE that the FIE COMEX has resolved to remove the status of “European Championships” from the individual fencing events at the European Games 2023 in Krakow. This is in response to the decision taken by the organisers of the European Games not to all the participate of Russian and Belorussian athletes in the multi-sport event.

The FIE has decided that:

- Only the fencing team events of the European Games 2023 will be recognised as European Fencing Championships and carry Olympic qualification points.
- The individual fencing events of the European Games 2023 **will not** be recognised as European Fencing Championships and will not carry Olympic qualification points.
- The EFC must organise a separate individual European Championship in June 2003 which will carry Olympic qualifications.
- The FIE will provide financial support for the organisation of this additional competition.

The FIE has demanded that the EFC organise the replacement individual events in Plovdiv, Bulgaria from 16 to 18 June.

The EFC acknowledges with regret the fact that the FIE has taken these decisions, only published with today's letter. The EFC balanced the legal arguments and the clear discrimination of European fencers that would come from not being able to collect points from the European championship and agreed that there was no good solution and that it should allow European fencers to gain qualification points.

Consequently, the EFC COMEX has decided to proceed with organising the replacement individual European Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria from 16 – 18 June.

The EFC's Technical Director and its Secretary General have started working on preparations for this additional event and will publish the relevant documents as soon as possible.

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Secretary General