

Addendum to the ICF Policy for Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN)

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Preamble

As part of the qualification pathway to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028, the International Canoe Federation (ICF) has introduced an Olympic Qualification Ranking System.

In order to ensure consistency, integrity, and uniform application of the ranking systems, the official results of approved Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) will be included in the applicable ICF World Rankings and Olympic Qualification Rankings. AIN participation in the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 will be subject to the decision of the IOC.

All eligibility, neutrality and participation requirements remain fully applicable, and AIN athletes may only participate in an individual and neutral capacity in accordance with the ICF Policy for the participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel in ICF competitions adopted on 20.06.23.

Addendum to the ICF Rules – Individual Neutral Athlete Rankings

1. Classification within Rankings

Individual Neutral Athletes approved to compete under the ICF Policy for the participation of Russian and Belarusian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel in ICF competitions will be included in the ICF World Ranking and Olympic Qualification Ranking systems.

For ranking and results purposes only, athletes shall be classified as:

- AIN (A) – Russian passport holders
- AIN (B) – Belarusian passport holders

Such classifications are administrative designations solely for ranking, results, and competition management purposes and shall not constitute recognition of any national representation.

2. Allocation of Ranking Points

Athletes competing under the AIN (A) or AIN (B) designation may earn ranking points in accordance with the applicable ICF Ranking Regulations and event qualification systems.

For the Canoe Sprint Olympic Qualification Ranking specifically, points earned by athletes competing as AIN (A) or AIN (B) will be recorded and aggregated under the corresponding designation.

Any ranking points earned under the AIN designation shall remain valid and retained within the applicable ranking systems, including in circumstances where an athlete is subsequently reinstated under the authority or representation of a National Federation.

3. Neutral Status

The inclusion of AIN (A) and AIN (B) athletes within any ICF ranking system, competition results, qualification pathway, or related publication shall not be construed as:

- a) recognition of any National Federation;
- b) recognition of any national team or national representation; or

- c) recognition, endorsement, or reinstatement of the Russian or Belarusian Canoe Federations within the ICF framework.

4. Entry into Force

This addendum enters into force immediately following the approval by the ICF Board of Directors and applies to all competitions awarding points towards the ICF World Rankings and Olympic Qualification Rankings thereafter.