

To FISU – International University Sports Federation

To Fellow University Sports Associations

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Statement: Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials cannot return to international competitions

The Finnish Student Sports Federation (OLL) as a member of FISU, together with the Finnish Olympic Committee, who operationally works with the Universiade teams, fully support [the Nordic Statement](#) from the Nordic Olympic Committees, Paralympic Committees, and Sports Confederations on the Russian aggression in Ukraine. Our view is also in line with [the statement from the 35 ministers](#). This joint statement comments on International Olympic Committee's recommendations published on March 28, 2023.

The position of the Finnish Student Sports Federation (OLL) and the Finnish Olympic Committee is as stated at the Nordic Statement:

1. The situation with the war in Ukraine has not changed.
2. Therefore, we stand firm in our position, not to open for Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in the international sports participation.
3. Now is not the right time to consider their return; that is our position.
4. The Nordic Olympic and Paralympic Committees and Confederations of sports take this opportunity to reaffirm our steadfast support once again with the Ukrainian



people and the demand for peace.

5. The Nordic Olympic and Paralympic Committees and Confederations of sports will work together and in close dialogue with relevant stakeholders to evaluate and monitor the situation closely.

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