

To whom it may concern

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Official statement of the Swiss Chess Federation

The Board of the Swiss Chess Federation decided in its ordinary session on Saturday 5th of March about measures regarding the situation in Ukraine.

1. Swiss Chess Federation condemns the actions of the state of Russia in Ukraine sharply and expresses its deepest sympathy to the residents of Ukraine.
2. Swiss Chess Federation acknowledges and supports the decisions of the ECU Board from 4th of March (<https://www.europechess.org/ecu-suspends-the-russian-and-belarusian-chess-federations/>)
3. Swiss Chess Federation will not tolerate any and participate in any chess tournament on Russian or Belarusian terrain.
4. Russian and Belarusian national teams and clubs will be excluded from all chess events in Switzerland. This applies with immediate effect.
5. Individual players representing Russian or Belarusian federations shall be excluded from all chess competitions in Switzerland unless they change federation or by their expressed will represent the FIDE flag in rating list (official application to FIDE: federations@fide.com).
6. No trainer, arbiter or official from Russia or Belarus will be allowed to perform any duty at Swiss chess tournaments.
7. Swiss Chess League (SMM/SGM): Excluded from this rules are individual players of Russian or Belarusian nationality who have been members of a Swiss chess club beforehand and have residence in Switzerland. These people represent their chess club and not any country.
8. Chess Players who openly or through secure sources support the actions of Russia in Ukraine are not welcome in Switzerland and shall not be allowed to play any chess games in Switzerland.
9. Swiss Chess Federation decided to support any Ukrainian refugees in Switzerland (providing chess sets, free temporary membership).

Sincerely,

SWISS CHESS FEDERATION



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General Secretary