

To:
Oleksandr Sukhomlyn

Aarau, March 3, 2022

Offer of support of the Swiss Gymnastics Federation for Ukrainian gymnasts

Dear Mr. President,
dear colleague,

The Swiss Gymnastics Federation is shocked by the situation in Ukraine. Politics shall not be made and carried out at the expense of sportsmen and sportswomen. In view of the aggression of the Russian government with the support of the Belarusian government towards a sovereign country and the obvious breach of international law, Swiss Sport has revised its position. With their attack, the Russian and Belarusian governments are also violating the universal Olympic values and thus the fundamental pillars of sport.

That is why we are taking action. We have done so at the level of sports policy by endorsing the recommendation of Swiss Olympic and the IOC that Russian and Belarusian athletes be banned from all international competitions. Also yesterday, in a letter to the world federation FIG and the European federation EG, we demanded that all Russian and Belarusian officials be immediately excluded from all bodies.

Having that said, we would also like to support Ukrainian gymnastics with concrete services and offer practical help for your athletes. If the Ukrainian Gymnastics Federation wishes, we can arrange accommodation, meals and training facilities in Switzerland for Ukrainian gymnasts and their support team and coaches. We will be pleased if you make use of this offer and would like to discuss the specific needs and framework conditions with us. We would do everything we can to warmly welcome your athletes to Switzerland and support them with all our strength to continue their training and their sporting careers.

We look forward to your response.
Rest assured that we stand by your side.



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