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## Statement of the WKSF Direction

### (Conflict Russia – Ukraine)

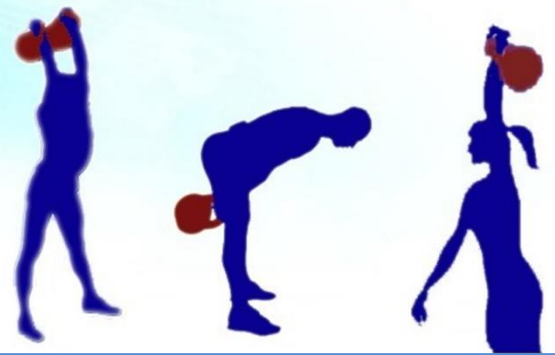
WKSF is an organization with a vision and values “From All & To All”. Since the start of the conflict in Europe with Russian invasion and Belarus consent, the WKSF was very concern about the future of the World, the last 2 years of a Global Pandemic was very tough to all and for Kettlebell community, this new conflict it’s a hard blow in the future of all athletes and specially the young athletes that are growing in our sport and need to participate in many events, create new and international friends, new athletes, compete and grow together.

On first statement of WKSF and Executive Committee it was decided to follow the **2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation of International Olympic Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> February** and accept all athletes from Russia and Belarus if compete with as Neutral Team, with a WKSF T-shirt, without any symbol of each country and without any flag and anthem of each country.

However, with last days conflict situation, the massacre of over than 400 innocent citizens in the Bucha and a potential Crime of War, the WKSF by the hands of President and Secretary General decided to bring a really hard decision, not easy to accept by our values but needed to bring some justice to all innocent citizens, the decision is to follow the **1<sup>st</sup> recommendations of the International Olympic Committee**, with application from today. It will be maintained with the possibility to release the decision at any moment.

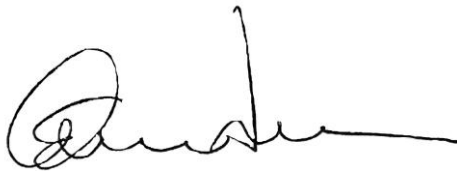
### WKSF decision following the 1<sup>st</sup> IOC Recommendation

1. Suspend the membership of Republic of Belarus of to participate on any WKSF event, as Cups, Open Cups or Championships. Also, the Belarusian Federation of Kettlebell Lifting will be unable to represent the Rep. Belarus at any WKSF General Meeting and present any request to organize any event.
2. No representative of Russia is allowed to participate at any WKSF event or present a candidature to become an official WKSF Member.
3. Any athlete of Russia and Belarus won’t be invited to participate at any WKSF event.
4. Any judge of Russia and Belarus is automatically suspended to participate at any WKSF event.
5. Any delegated of Russia and Belarus is automatically suspended of any functions inside WKSF.
6. Any Direction Board or Executive Member is automatically suspended of any function and to make any decision inside WKSF.



The WKSF hopes that this conflict can end as soon as possible. This tough and hard decision is not an individual statement against any of our Russian and Belarussian friends. The WKSF continue respecting all those that do not accept an invasion of a country and the massacre of innocent citizens.

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