

The initiative group against the admission of Russian athletes who support the war to the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris announced the collection of signatures for a letter of appeal to the President of France Emmanuel Macron, Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo, Minister of Sports of France Amélie Oudéa-Castéra and the organizers of the 2024 Olympic Games regarding the exclusion of Russian athletes from the competition. This letter emphasizes that some "neutral" Russian athletes who have obtained Olympic licences, including Vladislav Larin, Zaurbek Sidakov and Zaur Uguev, and a number of others close to obtaining licenses, actually support the war.

This letter has already been signed by dozens of Ukrainian athletes (listed below; you can join by messaging [Tribuna.com](https://tribuna.com) or [Base of Ukrainian sports](https://baseofukrainiansports.com) Instagram or writing to [sanctions@tribuna.com](mailto:sanctions@tribuna.com)).

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**To the President of the French Republic  
Emmanuel Macron  
Minister of Sports and Olympic and  
Paralympic Games of the French  
Republic  
Amélie Oudéa-Castera  
Mayor of Paris  
Anne Hidalgo  
Chairman of the Organizing  
Committee of the Olympic and  
Paralympic Games 2024  
Tony Estanguet**

## **LETTER OF APPEAL**

Ukrainian athletes express our respect and gratitude for your unwavering stance and comprehensive support of the Ukrainian state in its fight for sovereignty and independence against the actions of a brutal aggressor.

France has become one of the most influential and renowned partner countries of Ukraine, tirelessly providing the Ukrainian people with necessary support and assistance to exercise their right to preserve Ukrainian freedom and identity.

French President Emmanuel Macron, as reported by France 5 on December 20, 2023, once again assured that the European Union's military support of Ukraine will continue, sharing France's vision: "We should continue to support Ukraine, as it allows us to live in peace."

Amélie Oudéa-Castera, French Minister of Sports, on the anniversary of the Russian invasion, met with Ukrainian athletes in French Louvain and noted that France will allocate one million euros for the preparation of Ukrainian Olympians and Paralympians for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

Madam Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, who has repeatedly visited Kyiv since the beginning of the Russian invasion, openly expresses her principled position against the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Olympics, even under a neutral flag.

In July 2024, the XXXIII Olympic Games will begin in Paris. We, Ukrainian athletes, seek your continued support in the fight to uphold Olympic principles and prevent athletes from terrorist states from participating.

No athlete from these countries has publicly spoken out against the killings, against the genocide of the Ukrainian people during the war.

Currently, 11 athletes from these countries have obtained licenses as "neutrals" to participate in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

However, allowing these athletes contradicts the fundamental recommendations of the International Olympic Committee, as the athletes admitted to the Olympics are not "neutral" but open supporters of war, as confirmed by information published on the internet.

## **1. Vladislav Larin**

Olympic taekwondo champion Larin became one of the main characters in a propaganda video – he called on Russians to support the Russian military fighting against Ukraine. He is directly involved in financing the killing of Ukrainian women, children, and elderly.

<https://youtu.be/YvtCrU0PvPo?si=N7fUPQQLPjSMMRHQ>

"Friends, let's unite and support the mobilized guys who are now defending our Homeland," Larin emphatically urged Russians.

## **2-3. Zaurbek Sidakov and Zaur Uguev**

Olympic wrestling champions Sidakov and Uguev participated in a propaganda rally supporting the war against Ukraine with dictator Vladimir Putin on March 18, 2022, under the slogan "For peace without Nazism! For Russia! For the President!".

<https://twitter.com/Ukrsportbase/status/1703760916708307255>



Sidakov also liked several posts supporting Russia's aggression against Ukraine  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON-cJW8ldD0>

Additionally, several other Russian athletes close to obtaining Olympic licenses have also openly supported the war against Ukraine. Among them are

taekwondo athletes Maxim Khramtsov, Polina Khan, Kristina Adebayo, Georgy Gurtsev, Tatiana Minina, judokas Madina Taimazova, Inal Tasoev, Arman Adamyan, and wrestler Abdulrashid Sadulaev.

Allowing athletes from aggressor countries, who openly support Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine, violates the fundamental ethical principles declared by the Olympic Charter, effective as of June 26, 2019. We believe that any format of participation of athletes from aggressor states is unacceptable. The primary goal of Olympism is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, aiming to promote a peaceful society interested in preserving human dignity.

We insist on not allowing these athletes and cancelling the licenses in these sports. An athlete who promotes war, an athlete who supports the actions of an aggressor country, should not have the right to compete for licenses at the Olympic Games.

With this letter, we appeal to you to continue your support and advocate for the prohibition of participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in competitions for licenses at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris. Such a ban can only strengthen and promote the worthy goals of peace and equality embodied by the Olympic movement and sport in general, and prevent the XXXIII Olympic Games from becoming a propaganda event of the Russian regime.

We once again express our gratitude for your support, steadfast stance, and hope for your determination in resolving the issue of revoking licenses for athletes from aggressor countries in the 2024 Olympic Games. As long as Russian forces bombard Ukraine, targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure, and as long as Russian soldiers remain on Ukrainian soil, Russian and Belarusian athletes should not participate in sporting competitions.

With respect,

1. Anastasiia KOZHENKOVA, Olympic champion
2. Heorhii ZANTARAIA, world champion, head of Athletes' Commission of NOC of Ukraine
3. Ihor RADIVILOV, Olympic medallist
4. Oleksandr ABRAMENKO, Olympic champion
5. Marta FIEDINA, Olympic medallist
6. Yurii CHEBAN, Olympic champion
7. Oleh VERNIAIEV, Olympic champion
8. Pavlo ALTUKHOV, European championship medallist
9. Andrii HOVOROV, world champion
10. Oleh HANDEI, Olympics participant
11. Alina SHUKH, world champion in juniors



12. Yaroslava MAHUCHIKH, Olympic medallist
13. Veronika HRYSHKO, Olympic medallist
14. Anna RYZHYKOVA, Olympic medallist
15. Olena BILOSIUK, Olympic champion
16. Daryna ZEVINA, world champion
17. Kateryna REZNIK, Olympic medallist
18. Nina LEMESH, world championship medallist
19. Dmytro MYTSAK, Olympics participant
20. Viktoriia KOVAL, world championship medallist
21. Ivan SEMYKIN, world champion
22. Ivan SHMURATKO, Olympics participant
23. Nataliia DOBRYNSKA, Olympic champion
24. Olha SALADUKHA, Olympic medallist
25. Anna SOROKINA, Olympic medallist
26. Alina SHYNKARENKO, Olympic medallist
27. Oksana LIVACH, world championship medallist
28. Stanislav HORUNA, Olympic medallist
29. Ihor TRUNOV, world champion
30. Yana SHEMIAKINA, Olympic champion
31. Iryna LISHCHYNSKA, Olympic medallist
32. Olha POLIUK, Olympics participant
33. Yuliia TKACH, world champion
34. Serhii STAKHOVSKYI, winner of 4 ATP singles tournaments
35. Vira PEREDERII, Olympics participant
36. Olena TSYHYTSIA, Olympic medallist
37. Olena YATSENKO, Olympic medallist
38. Anton DUKACH, Olympics participant
39. Vladyslav HERASKEVYCH, Olympics participant
40. Anna RIZATDINOVA, Olympic medallist
41. Illia KOVTUN, world championship medallist
42. Radomyr STELMAKH, European champion in juniors
43. Danylo BOLSHOI, member of the junior Ukrainian biathlon team
44. Lesia TSURENKO, winner of 4 WTA singles tournaments
45. Oleksandr DOLHOPOLOV, winner of 3 ATP singles tournaments
46. Olha SAVCHUK, winner of 3 WTA doubles tournaments
47. Liudmyla KICHENOK, winner of 8 WTA doubles tournaments
48. Nadiia KICHENOK, winner of 9 WTA doubles tournaments
49. Katarina ZAVATSKA, player of Ukrainian women national tennis team
50. Yurii ZHOVTKO, European championship medallist in juniors
51. Anton DENYSENKO, medalist of the European Youth Olympic Festival
52. Maksym TKACHUK, European championship medallist in juniors
53. Arsenii KOVALOV, European championship medallist in juniors
54. Artur POLITAIEV, world and European U23 championship medallist
55. Yevhenii SAVETA, world military championship medallist
56. Andrii ORIN, player of Ukrainian national rugby-7 team
57. Maksym OVCHINNIKOV, European U23 championship medallist
58. Yana HLADIICHUK, Olympics participant
59. Ihor HOI, winner of the Cup of Nations stage

60. Andrii KOLESNIKOV, winner of the Grand Prix stage
61. Viktoriia TSARUK, world champion
62. Olha KLUNNIKOVA, European champion U24
63. Alla HRYSHCHUK, world championship medallist
64. Vitalii VORONTSOV, world junior championship medallist
65. Maryna KYRYK, world championship medallist
66. Annamari DANCHACHUNDIAK, world championship medallist
67. Maksym NIKITIN, Olympics participant
68. Artem PRYMA, winner of the stages of the World Cup
69. Anastasiia NOVOSAD, world championship medallist
70. Andrii PROTSSENKO, world championship medallist
71. Vladyslav SHEPELIEV, medallist of the European Games
72. Kateryna KARPIUK, Olympics participant
73. Iryna KLYMETS, Olympics participant
74. Renat YAKOVENKO, European championship medallist
75. Vladyslav MYKOLAIENKO, coach of the Ukrainian youth Taekwon-Do national team
76. Violetta SIEROVA, world championship medallist
77. Yevhen MARUSIAK, Olympics participant
78. Dmytro PIDRUCHNYI, world champion
79. Vitalii KALINICHENKO, Olympics participant
80. Viktoriia TKACHUK, Olympics participant
81. Viktoriia US, medalist of the World Cup stages
82. Oleksandr ANDROSOVYCH, medalist of international dance tournaments among juniors
83. Maryna BEKH-ROMANCHUK, medalist of the world championships
84. Oleksandr AHADZHANIAN, European championship medallist
85. Artem LESIUK, Olympics participant
86. Zhan BELENIUK, Olympic champion
87. Halyna MELNYK, world championship medallist
88. Iryna KOLIADENKO, Olympic medallist
89. Oleksandr HRUSHYN, European championship medallist
90. Anton NIKULIN, head coach of the Ukrainian national karate team at Tokyo-2020
91. Andrii KOTELNYK, Olympic medallist
92. Oleksandr KHOTSIANIVSKYI, world championship medallist
93. Andrii DZHELEP, European championship medallist
94. Yaroslav FILCHAKOV, world championship medallist
95. Tetiana KIT, world championship medallist
96. Alina HRUSHYNA, European champion
97. Dmytro SOSNOVSKYI, coach of Ukrainian national boxing team
98. Dmytro DEMIANIUK, Olympics participant
99. Dmytro ZAMOTAIEV, world championship medallist
100. Oleksandr KHYZHNIAK, Olympic medallist
101. Yurii ZAKHARIEIEV, world champion
102. Vasyl MYKHAILOV, Olympics participant
103. Iryna MERLENI, Olympic champion
104. Viacheslav KRAVTSOV, captain of Ukrainian national basketball team
105. Volodymyr KONIEV, player of Ukrainian national basketball team
106. Mykhailo MUDRYK, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
107. Ruslan NESHCHERET, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics

108. Oleksandr SYROTA, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
109. Maksym TALOVIEROV, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
110. Ivan ZHELIZKO, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
111. Oleksii SYCH, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
112. Bohdan VIUNNYK, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
113. Danylo SIKAN, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
114. Vladyslav VANAT, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
115. Anatolii TRUBIN, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
116. Oleksandr NAZARENKO, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
117. Maksym BRAHARU, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
118. Volodymyr BRAZHKO, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
119. Dmytro KRYSKIV, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
120. Oleh OCHERETKO, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
121. Heorhii SUDAKOV, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
122. Kyrylo FESIUN, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
123. Kyrylo SIHEIEV, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
124. Danyil ALEFIRENKO, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
125. Mykola MYKHAILENKO, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
126. Oleksandr SHUSHURA Ukrainian U21 national team administrator qualified to the Olympics
127. Kostiantyn VIVCHARENKO, Ukrainian U21 national team player qualified to the Olympics
128. Andrii DEMCHUK, champion of the Paralympic Games
129. Andrii SRIUBKO, head coach of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
130. Mykyta POLONYTSKYI, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
131. Volodymyr VOLKOV, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
132. Serhii STETSIURA, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
133. Valentyn ALEKSIUK, ex-player of the Ukrainian national hockey team
134. Vadym SHAKHRAICHUK, Olympics participant
135. Ivan SHAMARDIN, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
136. Vasyl BOBROVNYKOV, Olympics participant
137. Vsevolod TOLSTUSHKO, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
138. Danylo SHULHA, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
139. Andrii MALYKHIN, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
140. Yaroslav PANCHENKO, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
141. Viacheslav TYMCHENKO, Olympics participant
142. Kostiantyn SIMCHUK, Olympics participant
143. Yuliia DOBROVOLSKA, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
144. Oleksandr BOBKIN, head coach of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
145. Oleksandr FEDOROV, Olympics participant
146. Illia KRYKLIA, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
147. Andrii KICHA, Vice President of the Hockey Federation of Ukraine
148. Yevhen ALIPOV, head coach of Ukrainian female national hockey team
149. Oleksii YEVTIEKHOV, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
150. Mykyta SYDORENKO, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
151. Elen ALIPOVA, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
152. Elizabet ALIPOVA, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
153. Antonina ROHANOVA, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team

154. Daryna TSYMERENKO, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
155. Daryna ROZHOK, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
156. Sofiia HUTOR, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
157. Yuliana VILHAN, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
158. Viktoriia TSENOVA, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
159. Hanna LES, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
160. Radmila VEDMEDENKO, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
161. Volodymyr ALEKSIUK, ex-player of Ukrainian national hockey team
162. Artem BONDARIEV, ex-player of Ukrainian national hockey team
163. Dominika LOPATINA, player of Ukrainian female national hockey team
164. Serhii BABYNETS, the best scorer in the history of Ukrainian hockey championships
165. Oleksandr NIKULICHEV, coach of Ukrainian female national hockey team
166. Oleh ZADOIENKO, coach of Ukrainian national hockey team
167. Bohdan PANASENKO, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
168. Kostiantyn RIABUKHA, coach of Ukrainian national youth volleyball team
169. Anastasiia KOTLIARENKO, coach of Ukrainian female national youth volleyball team
170. Serhii BUDZA, Olympics participant
171. Dmytro KOBLYNYK, former player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
172. Klymentii LYSAK, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
173. Dmytro NIMENKO, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
174. Volodymyr MATVIICHUK, Olympics participant
175. Mykhailo KOVALCHUK, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
176. Andrii LEVCHENKO, coach of Ukrainian national volleyball team
177. Artem HREBENYK, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
178. Dmytro ZABIRCHENKO, former player of Ukrainian national basketball team
179. Oleh SHAFARENKO, coach of Ukrainian national hockey team
180. Oleksandr MATVIICHUK, Olympics participant
181. Danylo PYVOVARENKO, player of Ukrainian national youth volleyball team
182. Ihor SLIUSAR, ex-player of Ukrainian national hockey team
183. Yevhen SELEZNOV, former player of Ukrainian national football team
184. Volodymyr TROSHKIN, champion of the Youth Olympic Games
185. Mykyta IVASHCHENKO, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
186. Viktor ZAKHAROV, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
187. Oleksii DAKHNOVSKYI, captain of Ukrainian national hockey team
188. Dmytro KHRYSTYCH, participant of the NHL All-Star Game
189. Mykyta BONDAR, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
190. Viacheslav TYRTYSHNYK, coach of Ukrainian national track and field athletics team
191. Anton YATSYSHYN, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
192. Hlib ARTSATBANOV, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
193. Roman BATIH, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
194. Dmytro KUBRYTSKYI, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
195. Ruslan BORYSENKO, coach of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
196. Mykyta BONDARIEV, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
197. Serhii SYDORCHUK, player of Ukrainian national football team
198. Yaroslav LAVRENIUK, world U20 championship medallist
199. Vladyslav KLYMENKO, medallist of the championship of Ukraine
200. Nazar CHEPURNYI, world championship medallist
201. Marta KOSTIUK, winner of the WTA tournament



202. Andrii YARMOLENKO, player of Ukrainian national football team
203. Olha KROTOVA, world champion
204. Oleksandr DIADIURA, captain of the Ukrainian national water polo team
205. Chinhiz AHADZHANOV, player of the Ukrainian national water polo team
206. Oleksandr SKARLAT, the winner of the World Cup stages
207. Artur ARTAMONOV, world championship medallist
208. Olha KHARLAN, Olympic champion
209. Ihor REIZLIN, Olympic medallist
210. Alina KOMASHCHUK, Olympic medallist
211. Iryna SHERSTIUK, medalist of international ranking cycling tournaments
212. Dmytro SHAKUN, Chaika football club player
213. Valeriia ZAKHAREVYCH, medalist of the European Cup
214. Stela ZAKHAROVA, Olympic champion
215. Elina SVITOLINA, Olympic medallist
216. Oleksandra OLIINYKOVA, winner of 6 ITF tournaments
217. Havryil SIMCHUK, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
218. Ihnat PAZII, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
219. Oleksandr KARAVAIEV, player of Ukrainian national football team
220. Eduard ZAKHARCHENKO, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
221. Yevhen RATUSHNYI, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
222. Hlib VARAVA, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
223. Vadym MAZUR, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
224. Oleksii YANISHEVSKYI, player of Ukrainian national hockey team
225. Illia SHCHERBAK, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
226. Bohdan PLATONOV, European championship medallist
227. Daria BILODID, Olympic medallist
228. Yelyzaveta LYTVYNENKO, world championship medallist
229. Bohdan YADOV, European champion
230. Oleksii ZHYTNYK, Olympic champion
231. Oleksandr LEVSHYN, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team
232. Oleksandr PROKHOROV, master of sports of Ukraine in chess
233. Yakiv KHAMMO, world championship medallist, Olympics participant
234. Dmytro YANCHUK, Olympic medallist
235. Vasyl HUMEN, European championship medallist
236. Kateryna YEHORCHENKO, head coach of the Ukrainian national beach tennis team
237. Sofiia VYSHNIAK, Ukrainian alpine skier
238. Mariia RUDENKO, candidate for master of sports in basketball
239. Serhii DVORNIN, master of sports in boxing
240. Daryna ZABOLOTNA, member of Ukrainian national fencing team
241. Oleksandr SHAPOVALOV, player of Ukrainian national youth hockey team