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**FIS MEDIA INFO****FIS Statement on IOC ban of Russian National Olympic Committee**

The International Ski Federation (FIS) fully respects the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) [decision](#) to suspend the Russian Olympic Committee with immediate effect; and, to invite individual Russian athletes to the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 under specific conditions determined by a panel chaired by Valerie Fourneyron.

The Olympics is the showcase for international sports and the IOC decision sends a clear message that cheating and corruption of any kind will not be tolerated. It is a clear step in maintaining the integrity of sport and protecting the interests of clean athletes.

FIS is working together with the IOC and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that all the athletes and officials from Russia attending the Games will be a part of a new generation of ambassadors who can start to re-establish the integrity of the nation and rebuild the trust of the international sports community.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017, [FIS imposed provisional suspensions](#) with immediate effect on eight Russian cross country athletes: Alexander Legkov, Evgeniy Belov, Julia Ivanova, Evgenia Shapovalova, Alexey Petukhov, Maxim Vylegzhanin, Yulia Chekaleva and Anastasia Dotsenko.

FIS will evaluate the reports of the IOC Schmid Disciplinary Commission and WADA's Intelligence & Investigation Department relating to its findings from Moscow Laboratory's Information Management System (LIMS) database that will be provided on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thereafter further steps by the FIS Doping Panel and FIS Council with respect to the participation of Russian cross country athletes will be addressed.

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**About FIS**

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, [founded in 1924](#) during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of [Alpine Skiing](#), [Cross-Country Skiing](#), [Ski Jumping](#), [Nordic Combined](#), [Freestyle Skiing](#) and [Snowboarding](#), including setting the international competition rules. Through its 130 member nations, more than 7'000 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, [notably for the young](#). For more information, please visit [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com)