



INTERNATIONAL J/70 CLASS ASSOCIATION

## **POLICY STATEMENT CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE 2026 Update**

MARCH 9, 2026 (Ruskin, Florida USA) — The International J/70 Class Association today announced that it has agreed to follow the World Sailing and the International Olympic Committee Neutrality Policy. This policy continues to prohibit Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials, but allows that athletes with a Russian or a Belarusian passport may compete only as Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN).

World Sailing neutrality policy and process: <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/individual-neutral-athletes/>

Accordingly, the Class will take suitable steps to implement this action at all upcoming Class-sponsored events until further notice.

Contact Christopher Howell, IJ70CA Class Executive, with questions ([howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com)).

This statement will be posted at: <https://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>

Related statements:

*World Sailing follow-up statement concerning the situation in Ukraine* (March 1, 2022): <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>

*IOC EB recommends no participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials* (February 28, 2022): <https://olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-eb-recommends-no-participation-of-russian-and-belarusian-athletes-and-officials>