



WORLD MASTERS ATHLETICS

IN COOPERATION WITH THE IAAF

November 18, 2015

TO ALL WMA AFFILIATE MEMBERS

PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION OF THE ALL-RUSSIA ATHLETIC FEDERATION (ARAF) AS AN IAAF MEMBER BY THE IAAF.

All Affiliates would be aware of the above matter and it is important that you are aware of the implications of this provisional suspension as it impacts upon Masters Athletics and Masters Athletes.

Attached is a letter from Cesar Moreno Bravo, Chairman of the IAAF Masters Commission and the IAAF appointed representative to the WMA Council. This letter clearly details the IAAF Rules governing the actions taken by the IAAF and the manner in which that decision impacts upon Masters athletes' registered/ affiliated with the ARAF.

No Masters athlete who is affiliated with the ARAF is permitted to participate in any athletics competition outside of Russia. This includes all competitions, and applies equally to teams as well as individuals.

In addition any Masters athlete, or intending Masters athlete, who is affiliated with the ARAF is excluded from consideration of transfer to another affiliate regardless of the circumstances, whilst this provisional suspension, or any addition suspension that may be applied, is in place.

This decision will remain in force and be applied until such time as the IAAF determines a change in status of the ARAF that permits a resumption of athletic competition activities of ARAF affiliated Masters athletes.

You are requested to strictly apply this decision whilst our sport continues its efforts to correct the difficult situation that led to this decision by the IAAF.

Stanley Perkins

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WMA PRESIDENT

International Association of Athletics Federations

CESAR MORENO BRAVO
Honorary Life Personal Member
Masters Commission Chairman



November 15th, 2015

Dear Stan,

As you probably know, at the recent emergency the Council of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) has provisionally suspended the All-Russia Athletic Federation (ARAF) as an IAAF member with immediate effect.

Under IAAF Constitution Article 6.11(b) and Article 14.7, that the ban on participation of Russian athletes would apply to any Russian athlete who is affiliated to ARAF (or who is affiliated to a club or region that is affiliated to ARAF). This includes any athlete whose participation has been negotiated by the organisers but also any athlete with an affiliation to ARAF. This suspension also includes Masters athletes and Masters competitions.

Dear Stan, I will very much appreciate you inform of the above to all the Masters Athletes affiliated to WMA.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cesar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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