

Clarification of EGF Rules Concerning Suspended Members

Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in 2022, the EGF members took the decision, during a special general meeting (2022), to suspend Russia and Belarus. The rules applied to the suspended members were updated later in 2022 to match the reality of the situation.

The following clarifications specify the practical application of the existing rules, to be applied to all the countries that are considered suspended for reasons other than not paying the membership fee.

1. Scope of EGF Events

EGF events include:

- EGF Championships (all official European Championships)
- The European Go Congress (EGC)
- The EGF Grand Prix circuit (bonus tournaments)
- All tournaments organised or co-organised by the EGF
- All tournaments sponsored by the EGF
- All events officially designated as EGF events

Citizens of suspended member-countries are not allowed to participate as players or helpers in these events.

2. EGF Commissions and Officials

The restriction applies equally to:

- Members of EGF commissions
- Organisers working on behalf of the EGF
- Referees and tournament officials at EGF events
- Any person offering services to the EGF

Citizens of suspended members may not serve in these capacities.

3. Non-EGF Tournaments

For tournaments not organised or sponsored by the EGF:

- Local organisers are requested to follow the policy of their respective National Go Organisation.
- National organisations are strongly encouraged to align with the EGF policy.
- The EGF does not impose direct control over independent non-EGF events.

4. Definition of Nationality

For the purpose of applying the suspension:

A player is considered a citizen of a suspended member country if they hold a document confirming the citizenship in that country, including but not limited to internal ID card, passport, certificate of citizenship, etc.

This applies regardless of current place of residence.

5. Active Affiliation with Suspended Members

If a player, regardless of citizenship, is actively working or promoting a suspended member country, they shall be treated as a representative of that suspended member for the purposes of these rules.

This provision applies equally to:

- players holding dual citizenship who maintain active ties with a suspended member, and
- players without citizenship who are nevertheless actively affiliated with or promoting it.

6. European Go Database (EGD)

The following applies to EGD rating records:

- Tournaments played in suspended countries are not uploaded to the EGD.