

## ATHLETE NEUTRALITY DECLARATION

The international governing bodies of tennis agreed on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 that players from Russia and Belarus will continue to be allowed to compete in international tennis events on the Tours and at the Grand Slams; however, they will not compete under the name or flag of Russia or Belarus until further notice. Further to this, in order for the LTA to comply with UK government guidance, any individuals whose nationality on the Tours is Russian or Belarusian (notwithstanding their current neutral status) and who wish to participate in any international tennis events on the Tours during 2026 need to complete and sign the Declaration below. The purpose of the Declaration is not to seek a statement that is critical of the Russian and/or Belarusian regimes, but to establish that the relevant individual will not use their participation in sporting events to support or promote those regimes.

I, *[insert full name]*, a citizen of *[insert nation]* confirm, as a condition of my participation in any LTA, ITF or Tennis Europe events in Great Britain ("Covered Events") the statements set out below. For the avoidance of doubt, I understand that my participation in a Covered Event shall commence from the first time that I arrive at the site at which the Covered Event is taking place and shall finish when I leave such site for the final time.

1. I agree that I will not participate in Covered Events as a representative of the Russian and/or Belarusian states. I understand that this includes not being contracted to, or having any affiliation with, the Russian and/or Belarusian military or national security agencies including military affiliated sports clubs (for example membership of CSKA).
2. From the date that entries close for a Covered Event in which I enter and while I am participating in such Covered Event, I will not be in receipt of funding from the Russian and/or Belarusian states, including sponsorship (under a contractual agreement or otherwise) from (a) companies operated or controlled by the Russian and/or Belarusian states, and/or (b) Russian or Belarusian companies that are sanctioned by the government of the United Kingdom (which includes not wearing or otherwise displaying the logos of such companies). I confirm that any such funding and/or sponsorship arrangement I have in place will be terminated (i) with effect from (or prior to) the date that entries close for a Covered Event in which I enter and (ii) for the duration of my participation in such Covered Event.
3. From the date that entries close for a Covered Event in which I enter and while I am participating in such Covered Event, I will not express support for the invasion of Ukraine, or the Russian and/or Belarusian regimes and/or their respective leaderships. I understand that this means (among other things) that I may not make any gestures or statements (verbal or written) that could reasonably be interpreted as supportive of the invasion of Ukraine, or the Russian and/or Belarusian regimes and/or their respective leaderships. In addition, while I am participating in such Covered Event, I will not wear or be seen with any item containing an image, symbol, flag, insignia or emblem that is recognised as supporting or indicates support for the invasion of Ukraine, or the Russian and/or Belarusian regimes and/or their respective leaderships.
4. I confirm that I shall, prior to commencement of my participation in a Covered Event, notify the LTA of the name and contact details of any Related Person (which shall have the meaning set out in the Code of Conduct that applies to the Covered Event(s) in which I participate) who has Russian or Belarusian nationality and intends to attend the relevant Covered Event.
5. I acknowledge that, if I fail or refuse to comply with this Declaration and/or if the ATP, WTA, ITF, Tennis Europe and/or The All England Lawn Tennis Club (Championships) Limited (the "International Governing Bodies") and/or LTA becomes aware of information that reasonably demonstrates that I have failed or refused to comply, I may no longer be able to participate in Covered Events. I understand that certain conduct of this type may be determined by the International Governing Bodies to be in violation of their respective Rules, Codes of Conduct and/or tournament terms and conditions. Nothing in this Declaration limits the right of the International Governing Bodies to review and penalize such conduct in their sole discretion and under their Rules.

6. I acknowledge that this Declaration shall apply to all Covered Events in which I participate during 2026 whilst UK government guidance in respect of the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in a neutral capacity is in place or until I revoke this Declaration, which I may do at any time by providing notice to the LTA by emailing a statement to the LTA at [declarations@lta.org.uk](mailto:declarations@lta.org.uk) stating "I revoke my Neutrality Declaration as of this date." I understand that if I revoke this Declaration, I cannot participate in Covered Events in Great Britain for the remainder of 2026 unless I provide a new declaration. For the avoidance of doubt, this Declaration shall be of no force or effect if I do not participate in a Covered Event in 2026 regardless of whether revoked.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IPIN number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent or legal guardian required where an individual is aged under 18:**

**I agree that, where player is aged under 18, I sign this declaration for and on behalf of such player and, in addition, if I attend a Covered Event with such player and have Russian or Belarusian nationality, I agree that all provisions of the Declaration above apply to me directly.**

Name of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Related Persons (Coach, coach, physio, support team member or family member) intending to attend a Covered Event in the UK**

Name and role	Email address and phone number	Nationality