

The topics to be voted on to define the position of the WFCC regarding the participation of nationals from Russia/Belarus (RUS/BLR) in their capacity as directors, judges, composers, solvers were as follows:

1. Magazines and other outlets
2. FIDE Album
3. World Championship in Composing for Individuals (WCCI)
4. World Chess Composition Tournament (WCCT)
5. FIDE World Cup in Composing
6. World Solving Cup (WSC) and other rated tournaments
7. European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC)
8. World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC)

For each topic an option needed to receive more than 50% of the votes to be adopted as the position of the WFCC on that topic.

If no one statement for a topic received the required majority, then a second round of voting would be conducted, with the alternatives being the two statements which received the highest number of votes in the first round. This was only necessary for the item #4 WCCT.

Thirty countries participated in the voting, the results of which were as follows:

1. Magazines and other outlets

Acknowledging that publishers and editors are independent of the WFCC:

[6] The WFCC should make a statement advising magazines and other outlets that they should refuse to accept original contributions by authors from Russia/Belarus until further notice.

[5] The WFCC should make a statement advising magazines and other outlets that any originals published by authors from Russia/Belarus should only appear without country designations.

[18] The WFCC should not make any statement regarding the publication of originals in independent outlets.

[1] Abstain

2. FIDE Album 2019-21

[23] Russia/Belarus nationals are allowed to participate in the 2019-21 FIDE Album as composers, directors, or judges.

[4] Russia/Belarus nationals are not allowed to participate in the 2019-21 FIDE Album as composers, directors, or judges.

[3] Abstain

3. World Championship in Composing for Individuals (WCCI) 2019-21

[14] Russia/Belarus nationals are allowed to participate in the 2019-21 WCCI as judges or composers provided no signs of flags or country designations are shown for them in the results.

[7] Russia/Belarus nationals are allowed to participate in the 2019-21 WCCI as judges or composers under the flags of their national chess federations (or FIDE).

[6] Russia/Belarus nationals are not allowed to participate in the 2019-21 WCCI as judges or composers.

[3] Abstain

4. 11th World Chess Composition Tournament (WCCT-11)

[7] Russia/Belarus nationals and teams are allowed to participate in the 11th WCCT as judges or composers provided they use the logo/designation of their national chess federations (or FIDE).

[6] Compositions of Russia/Belarus nationals are listed in the results booklet with composers' names without using any signs of flags or country designations. For these compositions, no score and place are shown. Of course, no RUS/BLR team result is applicable.

[5] Compositions of Russia/Belarus nationals are listed in the results booklet with composers' names without using any signs of flags or country designations. For these compositions, a score and place are shown, but the scores do not count for the RUS/BLR team result (not applicable).

[12] Russia/Belarus nationals are not allowed at all to participate in the 11th WCCT. Compositions of RUS/BLR nationals are not listed in the results booklet at all and no team result is applicable.

[] Abstain

With no option gaining the required 50+% there was a second round of voting with the alternatives reduced to the two that had received the most votes above.

With 28 countries responding, the result was:

[8] Russia/Belarus nationals and teams are allowed to participate in the 11th WCCT as judges or composers provided they use the logo/designation of their national chess federations (or FIDE).

[16] Russia/Belarus nationals are not allowed at all to participate in the 11th WCCT. Compositions of RUS/BLR nationals are not listed in the results booklet at all and no team result is applicable.

[4] Abstain

5. 10th FIDE World Cup in Composing 2022

This is a tournament for individuals organised by FIDE with the participation of the WFCC.

From the regulations (https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/composing/fidewcc_2022/) the extent of this participation comes down to:

- showing the announcement on the web site.
- showing the (anonymous) preliminary results on the web site so that claims can be made.
- presenting the prizes and certificates at the Congress.

All other aspects of the competition are handled by the organisers representing FIDE. FIDE have confirmed that Russia/Belarus nationals are allowed to participate provided they use the logo/designation of their national chess federations (or FIDE).

[17] The WFCC will continue its association with the 10thFIDE World Cup in Composing 2022.

[8] The WFCC will not continue its association with the 10th FIDE World Cup in Composing 2022.

[5] Abstain

6. World Solving Cup (WSC) 2021-22 and other rated tournaments

1. Should solving tournaments organised in Russia and Belarus be excluded from the schedule of WSC tournaments?

[25] Yes

[2] No

[3] Abstain

2. Would Russian/Belarus solvers participating in a tournament outside RUS/BLR without a country designation (or under the FIDE flag) be eligible for WSC points?

[18] Yes

[9] No

[3] Abstain

3. Should results of new solving tournaments organised in Russia/Belarus be included in the calculation of solvers' ratings?

[8] Yes

[18] No

[4] Abstain

7. European Solving Championship (ECSC) 2022

[16] Individual solvers from Russia/Belarus are allowed to participate in ECSC 2022 if they appear without country designations (or under the FIDE flag). No RUS/BLR team result is applicable.

[12] Russia/Belarus nationals are not allowed at all to participate in ECSC 2022.

[2] Abstain

8. World Solving Championship (WCSC) 2022

[17] Individual solvers from Russia/Belarus are allowed to participate in WCSC 2022 if they appear without country designations (or under the FIDE flag). No RUS/BLR team result is applicable.

[11] Russia/Belarus nationals are not allowed at all to participate in WCSC 2022.

[2] Abstain

The participating countries/delegates (or deputies) were:

Argentina	Roberto Osorio
Austria	Klaus Wenda
Azerbaijan	Ilham Aliev
Belgium	Luc Palmans
Czech Republic	Pavel Kameník
Denmark	Bjørn Enemark
Estonia	Indrek Aunver
Finland	Hannu Harkola
France	Axel Gilbert
Georgia	David Gurgenidze
Germany	bernd ellinghoven
Great Britain	Michael Lipton
Greece	Harry Fougiaxis
Hungary	Zoltán Laborczi
Israel	Yochanan Afek
Japan	Tadashi Wakashima
Latvia	Julia Vysotska
Lithuania	Vidmantas Satkus
Netherlands	Johan de Boer
Poland	Piotr Górski
Romania	Dinu-Ioan Nicula
Russia	Andrey Selivanov
Serbia	Marjan Kovačević
Slovakia	Peter Gvozdják
Slovenia	Marko Klasinc
Spain	Joaquim Crusats
Sweden	Kjell Widlert
Switzerland	Thomas Maeder
Ukraine	Valery Kopyl
United States	Mike Prcic

Neal Turner, Secretary WFCC 30.3.2022