



March 22, 2022

Presidents of IOF Member Federation

Dear Presidents,
Dear Friends,

The International Orienteering Federation had a meeting with our Ukrainian member federation on Sunday March 13 to better understand the situation for the Ukrainian orienteering community and to discuss how we can support them in the best way.

The Ukrainian Orienteering Federation communicated that:

- The Ministry of Sport in Ukraine currently gives no financial support for sports because of war priorities.
- They want to participate with teams in international competitions and championships but needs financial support for this.
- Financial support from member federations and the orienteering community is currently being used to support national team members (athletes and coaches) who serves in the front lines. Some have been killed and injured, and support has been given for funerals, medical care, food etc.
- A second priority has so far been to support internal refugees within the Ukrainian orienteering community.

Based on this meeting and the recommendations from our Ukrainian member federation, IOF has decided to focus our support on:

1. Raising money to make it possible for Ukrainian athletes and coaches to participate in international competitions and trainings: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)
2. Administrative support from IOF Office related to planning and participation in international competitions and trainings. This will be done in close collaboration with the member federations.
3. Utilization of the [IOF Volunteers Platform](#) to list safe locations for refugees. IOF Global Development Commission will act as intermediary when refugees are seeking safe locations.



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I urge all IOF member federations to contribute as generously as you can in the fundraising for Team Ukraine and to spread information about this and the use of our IOF Volunteers Platform among your members.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leif Walde', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

IOF President