

Who Are the Russian Athletes Competing in the Paris Olympics?

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Russian tennis player Daniil Medvedev of Team Neutral Athletes in action during a training session at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in Roland-Garros, France. **Mickael Chavet / ZUMA Press Wire / TASS**

Only 15 Russian athletes will take part in the Paris Olympics after the International Olympic Committee banned athletes from Russia and Belarus from competing under their own flag. These athletes will be allowed to compete as “individual neutral athletes.”

The IOC says there are strict conditions for Russian or Belarusian athletes to be eligible to compete. Athletes will be barred if they are found to support the invasion of Ukraine, or to have been contracted to their country’s military or national security agencies.

The IOC also created a [panel](#) to assess prospective athletes’ social media posts.

However, a report from the Netherlands-based Global Rights Compliance (GRC) watchdog accused all but five of the Russian athletes of violating the conditions that would have allowed them to compete.

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