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WinSport statement on Russian invasion of Ukraine

CALGARY, Alta. – WinSport stands aligned with the global sport community in condemning Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

Many sport organizations hold international competitions at WinSport facilities. We support their efforts to block Russian and Belarusian teams from all international competition. As well, WinSport will not permit any Russian or Belarusian athletes to train at WinSport facilities.

As WinSport wishes our Canadian para athletes well on the eve of the 2022 Beijing Paralympic Games, we also support the decision of the International Paralympic Committee to ban Russian and Belarusian Paralympic athletes from the Games.

Sport is normally a unifying force in society. Sadly, individual athletes must pay the price for their government’s actions. In the case of a brutal and illegal invasion, however, there can be no exceptions to a global response that cuts the invader out of the international community.

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About WinSport

WinSport inspires human potential through the spirit of sport. The Calgary Olympic Development Association, operating as WinSport, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that owns and operates Canada Olympic Park and the Bill Warren Training Centre in Canmore. WinSport also administers legacy funds that support the Olympic Oval. WinSport’s mission has three pillars: to help people discover the joy and health benefits of sport; to encourage talented athletes to develop their skills; and to enable Canada’s high-performance athletes to excel on the world stage. Financial commitments from Canadian governments and business have allowed WinSport to expand its sport and community offering over time; significant investment will be required in the coming years to renew the legacy facilities that have welcomed the world to the Calgary region for more than a generation.

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