



International School Sport Federation
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PRESS RELEASE

Dear ISF Members,

Dear ISF Stakeholders

Dear International Education and Sport communities,

We would like to hereby inform you that, after serving 10 years in office, Mr. Laurent Petrynka has decided to step down from the ISF presidency on 18th October 2024.

Therefore, ISF Executive Committee held on 21st October 2024 in Manama, Bahrain officially acknowledged and confirmed the resignation of Mr. Petrynka.

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of Mr. Petrynka in raising the international profile of school sport and in developing the ISF since 2014.

In accordance with the ISF statutes, it has been confirmed with immediate effect that the ISF 1st Vice President – Mr. Youssef Belqasmi will serve as acting President in the interim until the organisation of the next election in April 2025.

Collegially, as ISF Executive Committee members, we would like to reaffirm that our primary focus towards the values of good governance, ethics and democracy remain unchanged. We are driven by the mandate to ensure full transparency and sustainability in our administrative and financial operations. We have also established a support committee, chaired by Mr. Zeljko Tanaskovic, to provide support and ensure the continued success of ISF moving forward.

All the decisions taken today will allow us to ensure the stability of our organisation during this transition period while also adopting a forward-looking approach for the development of our federation until the next election.

On the 23rd October 2024, we will be looking forward to welcome our members for the ISF General Assembly 2024 and to celebrate the 20th ISF Gymnasiade with our 5400 participants in Manama, Bahrain.

Finally, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Kingdom of Bahrain for the organisation of the largest ISF event of our history.

Executive Committee

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