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IOF Member Federations

Dear Members,  
Dear all who have supported Ukrainian orienteering,

On behalf of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), I would like to thank our members, as well as event organizers, orienteering clubs and individuals for their support to the Ukrainian Orienteering Federation and all Ukrainian orienteers.

The IOF launched in 2022 a donation site in support of Ukraine within weeks after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine. The donations helped the Ukrainian orienteering team to participate in all international championships and World Cup competitions, despite the ongoing war in the country.

The vitality and resilience of Ukrainian orienteers is demonstrated by the fact that the Ukrainian Orienteering Federation organizes competitions, including national championships and IOF World Orienteering Day events.

Despite uncertainty in the financial situation for many member federations, many have given Ukraine a lot of help and support. I will not point out any specifically, but the significant financial support from some of our smaller and medium sized members compared to the size of their resources has really impressed me.

Very important help has come from the support of our competition organizers, who have made it possible to participate for the Ukrainian team on discounted terms or free of charge. Many top Ukrainian athletes have found refuge or even a new home abroad. Thank you to the support of our clubs and individuals, many of Ukraine's best athletes can train and compete in high-quality conditions.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who has supported our Ukrainian friends in such a difficult time for them.

At the same time, we must not forget that the war is not over and our help is still needed. And we must be ready to support as long as our help is needed.

Our orienteering community has shown unity and condemned this war, and I firmly believe that we will support Ukrainian orienteers and their activities as long as necessary.

Glory to Ukraine – Slava Ukraini!

Yours sincerely,

Leho Haldna  
IOF President