

FEDERATION COLOMBOPHILE INTERNATIONALE



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Dear Presidents and Secretaries of all FCI affiliated federations,

Following our communications of 14 May 2026 and 15 May 2026, we would like to provide additional clarification regarding the legal proceedings initiated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) against the FCI.

We are sending this explanation because it appears that some persons may still have doubts or misunderstandings concerning the outcome of this case.

First of all, we wish to clearly state that the FCI did NOT lose this legal case. On the contrary, the court confirmed that the FCI may continue using the following designations without any restriction:

- FCI Racing Pigeon Olympiad (English)
- Olympiade Colombophile FCI (French)

Therefore, the FCI has legally prevailed regarding the continued use of these names, and there is no prohibition or limitation on their use.

However, it is equally important to clarify that the Olympic rings remain protected trademarks of the IOC and may NOT be used by the FCI in any communication, publication, promotional material, or event-related documentation.

To avoid any further misunderstanding, the situation can be summarised as follows:

1. The FCI did not lose the legal proceedings initiated by the IOC.
2. The court confirmed that the FCI may continue using the names “FCI Racing Pigeon Olympiad” and “Olympiade Colombophile FCI” without restriction.
3. The Olympic rings are not permitted and must not be used in any FCI communication, publication, promotion, or event material.

We trust that this additional clarification removes any remaining uncertainty and ensures a common understanding among all affiliated federations.

Should further questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Barros MADEIRA
FCI President

