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## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS GOVERNANCE BRIEF

### **Public International Sports Activities, Functions, Positions, and Institutional Role of Dmitry Arkadievich Mazepin**

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#### 1. Purpose of the Brief

This International Sports Governance Brief summarizes the publicly available information concerning the sports-related institutional activity, public functions, organizational positions, and international sports engagement of Dmitry Arkadievich Mazepin.

The purpose of this brief is strictly factual. It does not assess motives, does not make allegations, does not propose institutional action, and does not request any measure from any sports body, regulator, federation, committee, or public authority.

The brief is limited to open-source information concerning offices held, sports organizations involved, public statements, international contacts, international sports functions, sports-governance activities, public appearances, and projects connected with Dmitry Mazepin's sports-related public role.

#### 2. General Sports-Governance Profile

Dmitry Arkadievich Mazepin is publicly identified in 2024–2026 sources as a Russian businessman and sports official who has become active in Russian and international sports governance, particularly in aquatic sports and Olympic-related institutional structures.

His sports-related public profile includes several distinct components: leadership of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation, participation in Russian Olympic Committee structures, public statements concerning the return of Russian athletes to international competition, engagement with international aquatics institutions, past involvement in motorsport through Uralkali, Haas F1 Team, Hitech Grand Prix, and his son Nikita Mazepin's Formula One and junior racing career.

#### 3. Russian Aquatic Sports Federation

On 31 October 2024, Dmitry Mazepin was elected President of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation.

According to public materials of the federation, the relevant electoral conference took place on 31 October 2024. Dmitry Mazepin, previously head of the Higher Supervisory Council of the All-Russian Swimming Federation, was unanimously elected president of the organization combining swimming, water polo, artistic swimming, diving, and other aquatic disciplines in Russia.

The federation's materials state that the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation was formed through the consolidation of several national aquatic sports structures, including swimming, diving, artistic swimming, and water polo. Within this framework, Mazepin's position is not limited to one discipline but extends to the umbrella body responsible for multiple aquatic sports.

His role includes institutional representation of Russian aquatic sports, coordination of the federation's strategic activity, public communication concerning athletes and international competitions, and participation in the federation's governance structure.

#### 4. Previous Role in Russian Swimming Governance

Public materials indicate that Dmitry Mazepin had been involved in Russian swimming governance before his election as president of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation.

According to the federation's public statement dated 18 April 2025, Mazepin had been a member of the Higher Supervisory Council of the All-Russian Swimming Federation from 2010. In 2024, he became head of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation after the formation of the unified aquatic sports structure.

This indicates a long-term institutional presence in Russian aquatic sports governance before his assumption of the presidency of the unified federation.

#### 5. Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee

On 13 December 2024, Dmitry Mazepin was elected Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee.

According to public reporting by the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation, the election took place following the reporting and electoral conference of the Russian Olympic Committee. Mikhail Degtyarev, Minister of Sport of the Russian Federation, was elected President of the Russian Olympic Committee at the same event.

Following his election, Mazepin publicly stated that it was an honor to become part of the Russian Olympic Committee team and that he intended to support Russian sport and Russian athletes both within the country and abroad.

This position places Mazepin within the broader Russian Olympic governance structure and connects his aquatic sports role with Olympic-level sports administration.

#### 6. Public Role Concerning the International Return of Russian Athletes

In 2025 and 2026, Dmitry Mazepin publicly commented on the participation of Russian athletes in international competitions.

Public reports describe him as one of the Russian sports officials engaged in advocating the return of Russian athletes to international competition and the removal of restrictions connected with neutral status.

Reuters reported in August 2025 that Mazepin, as head of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation and Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee, was publicly advocating for broader Olympic participation and the reinstatement of Russian national symbols by the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

In April 2026, following changes in World Aquatics policy concerning Russian and Belarusian athletes, Mazepin publicly welcomed the decision and stated that participation under a neutral status without the Russian anthem was viewed negatively from the Russian sports perspective.

These public statements indicate that Mazepin has performed a visible representative and advocacy role in relation to the international participation status of Russian athletes.

#### 7. Interaction with World Aquatics and European Aquatics Context

Public sources indicate that Mazepin's role as head of Russian aquatic sports involves interaction with international aquatics governance structures.

Russian Aquatic Sports Federation materials and international reporting refer to World Aquatics and European Aquatics decisions concerning the participation of Russian athletes in international competitions.

On 28 April 2025, the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation published a statement concerning the decision of European Aquatics to admit neutral athletes to European junior championships. Mazepin, as president of the federation, publicly welcomed the decision and described it as the result of consistent work to strengthen the position of aquatic sports on the international stage.

In 2026, international media reported World Aquatics' decision to allow Russian and Belarusian athletes to compete under national flags and anthems. Mazepin was identified in that context as head of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation and publicly welcomed the decision.

These facts indicate that his public sports-governance role includes communication concerning international federation decisions, athlete participation, and the position of Russian aquatic sports within European and global structures.

#### 8. International Events and Public Appearances in Aquatic Sports

Public materials identify several sports events and ceremonies in which Dmitry Mazepin participated in his capacity as president of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation.

On 22 November 2024, he participated in the opening ceremony of the Russian Short-Course Swimming Championship in St. Petersburg. The event was attended by representatives of the Russian Ministry of Sport, regional sports authorities, and senior officials of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation.

Public reports also identify Mazepin in connection with international and cross-border aquatic sports activities, including events involving Russian athletes and discussions concerning their return to international competition.

In November 2025, public reporting indicated that Mazepin travelled to Minsk in his capacity as head of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation and Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee in connection with the "Cup of the Strongest" swimming event.

#### 9. Federation Committees and International Representation

In September 2025, the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation reported that Russian representatives had been included in technical committees for the 2025–2029 period.

The federation's public materials identify Russian athletes and officials joining committees connected with artistic swimming, high diving, diving, and swimming.

Mazepin, as president of the federation, publicly commented on this development. The inclusion of Russian representatives in international or technical committee structures was presented by the federation as an element of international sports representation.

This indicates that, under Mazepin's presidency, the federation publicly tracked and communicated the participation of Russian representatives in international aquatic sports committee structures.

#### 10. Public Statements Concerning the International Olympic Movement

Dmitry Mazepin has publicly commented on developments within the International Olympic Committee.

On 20 March 2025, the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation published a statement concerning the election of Kirsty Coventry as President of the International Olympic Committee. Mazepin commented in his capacity as President of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation.

His comments related to the Olympic movement and the international governance of sport. This forms part of his broader public profile as a Russian sports official speaking on Olympic-level developments.

#### 11. Motorsport Background and Formula One-Related Public Context

Dmitry Mazepin's international sports profile also includes a significant motorsport component, primarily connected with Uralkali, Haas F1 Team, Hitech Grand Prix, and the racing career of his son Nikita Mazepin.

In 2021, Uralkali became title sponsor of the Haas Formula One Team, and Nikita Mazepin competed for Haas in the 2021 Formula One season. Public motorsport reporting identified Uralkali as connected with Dmitry Mazepin.

On 5 March 2022, Haas terminated both the title sponsorship agreement with Uralkali and the contract of Nikita Mazepin.

Dmitry Mazepin's name also appears in connection with Hitech Grand Prix. Hitech's own public materials state that Hitech began its journey at the end of 2015 as a joint venture between Oliver Oakes and Dmitry Mazepin. The team entered competition in 2016 in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship.

In February 2025, Dmitry Mazepin appeared in the Formula One paddock during pre-season testing in Bahrain. Reuters reported that the appearance attracted attention because he remained on the EU sanctions list, while the sanctions did not apply in Bahrain. A representative stated that Mazepin was on a personal visit and had remained in contact with people in the Formula One community.

This motorsport background forms a distinct component of his international sports profile, separate from his later formal role in Russian aquatic sports governance.

#### 12. Public Statements Relating to Formula One and Motorsport Return

Public reporting indicates that Dmitry Mazepin has continued to refer to Formula One and motorsport in the context of Russian participation in international sport.

Reuters reported in August 2025 that Mazepin expressed interest in Russia's return to Formula One while also acknowledging political obstacles to such return.

This statement connects his current sports-governance profile with his earlier involvement in Formula One and international motorsport.

### 13. BRICS and International Sports Context

Public materials concerning Russian and BRICS sports activities indicate a broader context in which Russian sports officials have emphasized international sports platforms outside traditional Western-led structures.

The 2024 BRICS Games were publicly described as involving participants from 97 countries and forming part of Russia's BRICS chairmanship plan. Although the available materials reviewed for this brief do not establish a specific formal office held by Mazepin within BRICS sports institutions, his role as President of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation and Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee places him within the Russian sports-governance environment that publicly engages with alternative and multilateral sports platforms.

No unsupported conclusion is drawn concerning his personal role in BRICS sports structures unless separately confirmed by additional documents.

### 14. Summary of Confirmed Positions and Functions

Based on open-source materials reviewed for this brief, Dmitry Mazepin's confirmed sports-related positions and functions include:

President of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation, elected on 31 October 2024.

Former head of the Higher Supervisory Council of the All-Russian Swimming Federation.

Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee, elected following the ROC reporting and electoral conference held on 13 December 2024.

Public representative of Russian aquatic sports in statements concerning World Aquatics, European Aquatics, athlete participation, neutral status, national symbols, and international competition access.

Former motorsport-related stakeholder through Uralkali sponsorship of Haas F1 Team, Hitech Grand Prix involvement, and public association with Nikita Mazepin's Formula One and junior racing career.

Public participant in sports events and ceremonies, including Russian aquatic sports events and international sports-related meetings.

### 15. Limitations

This brief is based on open-source information available at the time of preparation. It does not include confidential materials, private correspondence, or non-public institutional records.

The brief does not assess motive, influence, legal responsibility, political affiliation, or the appropriateness of any institutional decision.

Where information is not confirmed by open sources, it is not presented as fact.

## 16. Conclusion

Dmitry Arkadievich Mazepin has developed a visible public role in sports governance, particularly after his election as President of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation on 31 October 2024 and Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee in December 2024.

His public sports activity includes institutional representation of Russian aquatic sports, statements concerning the international participation of Russian athletes, commentary on World Aquatics and European Aquatics decisions, participation in Russian aquatic sports events, and public engagement with issues relating to Olympic and international competition access.

His broader international sports profile also includes earlier involvement in motorsport through Uralkali, Haas F1 Team, Hitech Grand Prix, and the Formula One career of Nikita Mazepin.

This brief records those facts as matters of public sports-governance relevance and does not draw conclusions beyond the documented public record.