

Russian Football Union Creates New Role to Fight Racism

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A fan of Russia waves their national flag during their Euro 2016 Group G qualifying soccer match against Montenegro in Podgorica.

The Russian Football Union (RFS) has created a new position of anti-racism inspector, the organization's president Nikolai Tolstykh said Monday.

"In accordance with a decision with FIFA, the RFS will introduce the position of an anti-racism inspector," Tolstykh told reporters.

"Alexei Tolkachev, the head of the RFS department for safety work with supporters, will take up this new position."

Russia is hosting the 2018 World Cup and the RFS has punished several clubs this season following racist behavior by their fans.

The last incident occurred on March 15 when Torpedo Moscow fans racially abused Zenit St Petersburg's Brazilian forward Hulk during a match.

Torpedo were ordered to play two home matches behind closed doors.

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