

# Russia's Olympic Flagbearer in Sochi Banned for Life for Doping

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Alexander Zubkov (r) / Stanislav Krasilnikov / TASS

Russia's flag-bearer at the Sochi Winter Olympics has been [stripped](#) of his gold medals after a week that has seen Russia ousted from its first place in the Olympic ranking.

Alexander Zubkov, a two-time Olympic bobsleigh champion, is one of fourteen Russian medalists to have been [disqualified](#) by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) this month.

The Sochi medal table is now topped by the U.S. and Norway.

The World-Anti Doping Agency (WADA) [ruled](#) earlier this month for the third year in a row that Russia's anti-doping agency is not meeting international standards following allegations of state-sponsored doping.

The ruling precedes an IOC meeting on Dec. 5 during which it will be announced whether Russia is allowed to compete at the next Olympics in South Korea.

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