

# A Short History of Soviet and Russian Olympic Fashion

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Russia isn't competing in the 2020 Olympic Games — at least formally, that is. Due to doping violations the team is competing as the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC). Athletes compete under a neutral flag and the phrase “neutral athlete” must be on their uniforms. They are forbidden from including national symbols, including the national emblem, in their uniform designs, but they are allowed to wear the colors of their national flag and indicate the name of their country. Despite all this, the ROC team is one of the most visible teams at the games, mostly for their strong performances but also because of their bright and eye-catching uniforms.



Athletes of ROC (Russia) during the Opening Ceremony of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games **Jon Olav Nesvold / Zuma / TASS**

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