



Flag Banning at the Australian Open



Exercise 1

Vocabulary

medical

NOUN

relating to the science of medicine

My friend suggested that I undergo a **medical** examination.

infection

ADJECTIVE

the invasion and growth of germs in the body

My

aspirin

NOUN

a drug used to reduce pain, high temperature and inflammation

My doctor recommended me to drink **aspirin** to reduce pain.

endorphin

NOUN

a chemical substance produced in the brain that reduces the feeling of pain

Our body naturally produces **endorphins**.



Exercise 2

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Tennis Australia announced on Tuesday that fans will no longer be allowed to bring the Russian or the Belarusian flag to the site of the Australian Open.

The decision comes after Ukraine's ambassador to Australia "strongly condemn[ed]" the Russian flag being displayed in the stands at the grand slam.

Tennis Australia wrote in its statement: "Flags from Russia and Belarus are banned onsite at the Australian Open.

"Our initial policy was that fans could bring them in but could not use them to cause disruption. Yesterday we had an incident where a flag was placed courtside.

"The ban is effective immediately. We will continue to work with the players and our fans to ensure the best possible environment to enjoy the tennis."

The flag was seen during the first-round match between Ukraine's Kateryna Baindl and Russia's Kamilla Rakhimova in Melbourne.

In light of the war in Ukraine, Russian and Belarusian tennis players have been permitted to play at the Australian Open but must do so "without flags or country recognition."

"I strongly condemn the public display of the Russian flag during the game of the Ukrainian tennis player Kateryna Baindl at the Australian Open today," Vasyl Myroshnychenko wrote on Twitter on Monday, alongside a photo showing the flag on display.

"I call on Tennis Australia to immediately enforce its 'neutral flag' policy."

It's unclear who was responsible for displaying the flag during the match.

Exercise 3

Question

1. Why is the Russian flag banned at the Australian Open?
2. Was it a good idea to ban flags at the event?
3. How does it affect the supporters and what were their responses?

Exercise 4

Discussion

1. What does raising the flag symbolize in general? How about in your own perspectives?
2. What is your country? What does its flag symbolize?
3. Should a country have its own flag? How so?



Exercise 5

Roleplay

Recall a time when you represent your flag? How was it? Give as much detail you can have.