

Israeli Flag Removed at International Sporting Event

The **Qatari** body tasked with overseeing the **FINA Swimming World Cup** in Doha removed an Israeli flag from outside one of its venues, and state broadcasters whited out the **Israeli** flag on the swimming lanes as they were seen on TV, Doha News reports.

Aspire Zone, a sporting complex in the Qatari capital, may have been responding to pressure from local groups that expressed opposition to raising the Israeli **flag** publicly. Following a tweet that showed a photograph of the Israeli flag alongside several others, a security guard told Doha News on Monday that the flag was removed.

The FINA code of ethics states that any **tournament** shall have “no **discrimination** on the basis of gender, race, religion or political opinion.” Neither Qatari officials nor FINA have responded to inquiries over the flag’s removal.