

FOOTVOLLEY RESISTANCE CLUB — FTVR

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Against the Israel Footvolley Association (IFVA)

Filed Under the EFVL Code of Ethics

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COVER NOTE

Dear EFVL Executive Committee,

As discussed with President Igor Alberto Oliveira in person at the League of Champions (LoC) tournament in Graz on 6 June 2026, please find enclosed our formal complaint regarding systematic threats, intimidation, incitement to violence, and institutional failure within the European footvolley community.

While the Graz tournament was organised under the League of Champions — a separate organisation from EFVL — the relevance to EFVL is direct and undeniable: the EFVL President served as referee, an EFVL Executive Committee member organised the event, and the documented aggressor is affiliated with IFVA — an EFVL member association. The individuals responsible for EFVL governance were present, participated in official roles, and witnessed the environment firsthand.

We credit President Oliveira for engaging in a mature and professional conversation despite the gravity of the subject matter. He took the time to listen, acknowledged the seriousness of the documented threats, and invited us to submit this letter. We take him at his word.

However, we must be transparent: while we give some credit to President Oliveira's willingness to engage, we have lost our respect overall for the key persons, players, and organisers in the footvolley community who have allowed this situation to persist for almost a year without a single statement of condemnation. This was communicated directly to President Oliveira in Graz, just as it was communicated to Mr. Hoffmann-Wellenhof previously in Greece.

This complaint is filed pursuant to the same EFVL Code of Ethics provisions previously cited by the Israel Footvolley Association (IFVA) in their complaint against Ioannis Tsiouris. We invoke the same rules and the same principles — applied equally.

Respectfully submitted,

Rufus Wiena — Current Swedish and Nordic Footvolley Champion, Co-founder of FTVR

Ioannis Tsiouris — One of Greece's most experienced national team representatives, Footvolley Athens

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This complaint is filed in good faith to protect athlete safety within the European footvolley community. The complainants seek a fair investigation, accountability for documented violations, and structural reforms to prevent recurrence. We are prepared to engage constructively with any EFVL-initiated process and welcome dialogue toward a resolution that upholds the values this sport was built upon.

1. COMPLAINANTS AND STANDING

Primary Complainant: Rufus Wiena — current Swedish and Nordic footvolley champion; co-founder of the Footvolley Resistance Club (FTVR); competitor at the Footvolley European Championship 2025 (Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, July 2025), representing Göteborg Footvolley (Sweden); active participant in the European footvolley community and EFVL-affiliated events. The first complainant is a **direct victim** of defamation and incitement to violence by IFVA-affiliated individuals at the Graz LoC tournament (June 2026), as documented in Section 5.

Co-Signatory: Ioannis Tsiouris — direct victim of the documented threats; one of Greece's most experienced national team representatives in footvolley; competitive athlete representing Footvolley Athens (Greece); subject of the retaliatory complaint filed by IFVA to EFVL.

Standing: Both complainants are active participants in EFVL-affiliated competitions. Rufus Wiena, the reigning Swedish and Nordic champion, competed at the 2025 European Championship representing a Swedish club within the Swedish Footvolley—EFVL structure. Ioannis Tsiouris is the direct victim of the documented threats and the subject of IFVA's retaliatory complaint. Both have direct personal standing.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This formal complaint documents a systematic pattern of threats, intimidation, economic coercion, defamation, incitement to violence, and institutional failure by members and affiliates of the Israel Footvolley Association (IFVA) against Ioannis Tsiouris and other members of the European footvolley community who have spoken out about human rights.

Rather than investigating these documented incidents — including death threats, rape threats, threats of sexual violence against family members, a threat invoking the killing of a child, Holocaust references, defamation, and incitement to violence against 25,000 followers — the European Footvolley League received a retaliatory complaint filed by IFVA against the victim. Rather than dismissing this complaint against a victim of death threats, the EFVL President subsequently raised the matter of the victim's conduct — not the threats against him.

To this day, no statement of condemnation has been issued by EFVL, any of its officials, or any affiliated club regarding the documented threats against either complainant.

3. LEGAL BASIS — THE MIRROR ARGUMENT

This complaint invokes the same EFVL Code of Ethics provisions cited by IFVA in their complaint against Ioannis Tsiouris:

- **Section 2.1 — Discrimination:** IFVA-affiliated individuals have engaged in discriminatory conduct including racist language, threats based on national origin, and systematic targeting of players who express support for Palestinian human rights. Palestinians are unable to compete in Israeli footvolley, constituting de facto discrimination.
- **Section 2.3 — Respect:** IFVA members directed death threats, rape threats, threats of sexual violence against family members, a threat invoking the killing of a child, economic coercion, organized boycott campaigns, defamation, incitement to violence, and Holocaust references against fellow athletes.

If these Code of Ethics provisions were sufficient basis for IFVA's complaint against an athlete who posted about humanity on social media, they are more than sufficient basis for this complaint against individuals who sent documented death threats.

4. DOCUMENTED VIOLATIONS

All evidence is preserved with original screenshots, timestamps, and Hebrew-to-English translations at www.ftvresistance.com. The complainants are prepared to provide original evidence upon request as part of any formal investigation. The following represents the documented incidents.

Category A — Direct Threats of Violence

- **Yinon Amir (@yinon.amir)** — Israeli footvolley player. Rape threats against family members and Holocaust references: "May they rape your mother", "May they give you a Holocaust"
- **Lidor Franko (@liderfranko14)** — Israeli footvolley player. Death threat: "You are f**king dead"; "go live in Gaza and Inshallah they will rape you there"
- **Shahaf Lavi (@shahaflavi512)** — Individual associated with IFVA. Death threats: "If we see you in Israel we will kill you! We will murder you like the children in Gaza"
- **Roy Levi (@roy___levi)** — A chilling threat invoking the killing of a child: "With God's help, I will light a cigarette from the memorial candle of your son" — a death wish referencing the future death of a child. Subsequently targeted the first complainant: "Send his picture, we'll take care of him" — **serial repeat offender** across two victims
- **Yuval Aharfi (@yuval_aharfi7)** — Threats and harassment
- **Shaul Inbal (@shaulinbal7)** — Direct threats and intimidation
- **David Buz (@david_bpt)** — Mossad threats: "Israeli Mossad hunts the people on the evil side, be careful"; "May all Gaza turns into hell"

Category B — Economic Coercion and Defamation

- **Ron Ben Ishai (@ronbenishai.ftv)** — Economic threat: "I will personally make sure no one from Israel will ever work with you"; called upon EFVL to "eliminate" Ioannis Tsiouris from competitions; defamed the first complainant as "pro-antisemite" to approximately 25,000 Instagram followers — a provably false characterisation; incited followers with "what would you suggest we do?"; endorsed violent responses as "very creative ideas for what to do NOT during the match"

Category C — Institutional Ratification

IFVA's response to the threats was not to condemn them but to file a retaliatory complaint against the victim. This constitutes institutional ratification:

- **Gal "Hofu" Levi** — IFVA Ambassador to EFVL and signatory of the retaliatory complaint
- **Amir Zohar (@amirzoha1)** — photographed in full IDF military uniform with an assault rifle at the Gaza border, celebrated by @israel_footvolley

Category D — Graz Tournament Incitement (June 2026)

- **@shuce_** — Violent response to Ron's incitement: "Tear his ass apart"
- **@volleylabtlv** — Violent response from an account associated with Tel Aviv volleyball
- **Roy Levi (@roy___levi)**: "■■■■ ■■■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■■ ■■■" — "Send his picture, we'll take care of him" — serial repeat offender, same individual who directed a threat invoking the killing of a future child at Tsiouris

5. GRAZ LoC TOURNAMENT — JUNE 2026 (NEW EVIDENCE)

The following events occurred at the League of Champions tournament in Graz, Austria (4—8 June 2026) — a tournament at which the EFVL President was serving as referee and an EFVL EC member was the organiser.

5.1 Ron Ben Ishai — Video Incitement (Instagram Story)

On or around 6 June 2026, Ron Ben Ishai posted a video to his approximately 25,000 Instagram followers in Hebrew. The video — saved and translated — states:

"What if I told you there is a guy here in Europe, a player who is a pro-antisemite, and his entire purpose is to make sure that we Israelis don't play in the European tournaments — because of the whole situation and the genocide and all that nonsense. He's opened a website whose sole purpose is to protest against us. He's even submitted a request to the European federation with a demand that we shouldn't participate, and that his country, Sweden, also shouldn't participate. And what if I told you that this guy — we are playing against him in our very first match? What would you suggest we do?"

Critical observations:

- Ron dismisses the documented genocide in Gaza as "nonsense"
- He identifies the first complainant by nationality (Swedish), tournament participation, and match schedule — making him identifiable to followers
- He ends with a direct solicitation: **"What would you suggest we do?"** — incitement directed at 25,000 followers
- The characterisation "pro-antisemite" is provably false — directly contradicted by the complainant's published writings and policies

The first complainant does not maintain an Instagram account and was alerted to threatening content by concerned family members who could view Ron Ben Ishai's public posts. The complainant's published article — available at ftvresistance.com — explicitly states:

"I do not only feel extreme sorrow for the Palestinian people, the Muslims and Christians suffering in the region, but also for the true Semitic Jews of the Torah, who have always supported Palestine and its people. It is very important to understand that there is an incomparable difference between the Zionists and the true Jews."

The published policy at ftvresistance.com further distinguishes between Judaism and Zionism and explicitly welcomes Israeli passport holders who have refused IDF service. These documented positions directly disprove the defamatory label of "pro-antisemite" used by Ron Ben Ishai.

5.2 Follower Responses — Violent Threats

Ron's solicitation received the following documented responses:

- @roy__levi (Roy Levi): "████ ██████████ ██████████ █████" — **"Send his picture, we'll take care of him"**
- @shuce_: "████ ███ ██████████" — **"Tear his ass apart"**
- @volleylabtlv: Partially censored violent response from an account associated with Tel Aviv volleyball

Roy Levi is the same individual who previously posted a threat invoking the killing of a child directed at the second complainant — making this his **second documented threat** against a different victim, demonstrating a pattern of serial threatening behaviour.

Ron's story subsequently showed "Comments on this story have been limited" — suggesting awareness that the responses were problematic.

5.3 Ron Ben Ishai — Endorsement of Violent Suggestions

In a follow-up video posted after the match, Ron Ben Ishai stated:

"OK so, after many very creative ideas, very very creative, that you gave me for what to do — not during the match — we just played and beat them 18-4. Moving on to the next matches."

This statement is devastating for three reasons:

- **"Very creative ideas"** — Ron praises the violent suggestions, including "send his picture, we'll take care of him"
- **"NOT during the match"** — Ron explicitly acknowledges the suggestions were about **off-court actions against the complainant**, not gameplay tactics
- **Zero condemnation** — At no point did Ron distance himself from the violent comments or ask followers to stop

This completes a three-part evidentiary chain: **(1) Incitement** → "What should we do?" → **(2) Violent responses** → "Send his picture" → **(3) Endorsement** → "Very creative ideas for what to do NOT during the match." In most European jurisdictions, this constitutes criminal incitement to violence.

5.4 Complainant Forced to Leave Tournament

Ron Ben Ishai's video was posted publicly to approximately 25,000 followers — visible to anyone, including the first complainant's family and friends, who contacted him with urgent safety concerns. The first complainant, who does not maintain an Instagram account, was alerted to the threatening content by concerned family members who could view the public posts and read the violent comments.

Given the documented history of institutional inaction — over a year of threats without a single statement of condemnation from EFVL or any official — and having the tournament organisers of LoC who had housed him in the same hotel as the documented aggressor despite prior conversations about safety concerns, the complainant had no reasonable basis to expect protective action.

A local human rights organisation in Graz (@listegaza_graz) independently assessed Ron Ben Ishai's video content and comments, advising the complainant's partner to involve the police, stating the content "appears not entirely harmless" and the comments are concerning.

The first complainant left the tournament after his last game on Saturday — despite having paid for hotel accommodation until Monday and holding a Monday return flight — requesting a fellow player to escort him to the hotel as a security measure, then taking an emergency bus to Vienna to fly home early. This resulted in direct financial loss and the inability to attend the remaining tournament days.

6. THE MIRROR — IFVA'S OWN COMPLAINT AS PRECEDENT

IFVA's complaint against Ioannis Tsiouris was signed by Gal "Hofu" Levi (Ambassador of IFVA to EFVL), Raphael Ankona (Board Member), and Jonathan Menashe (Board Member). They cited EFVL Code of Ethics Sections 2.1 and 2.3 against an athlete who posted about humanity.

We now cite the same provisions against an association whose members sent documented death threats, rape threats, defamation, incitement to violence, and organized campaigns — and whose Ambassador signed the complaint to silence the victim.

EFVL received IFVA's retaliatory complaint. Rather than dismissing a complaint filed against a man who had received death threats, the EFVL President subsequently raised the matter of the victim's conduct —

not the threats against him. This institutional response rewarded the aggressors and punished the victim.

7. EFVL INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE — BOARD MEMBERS INFORMED

At least three EFVL Executive Committee members had direct personal knowledge of the documented threats. The complainants are aware that additional board members may also have had knowledge of these incidents.

7.1 Igor Alberto Oliveira — EFVL President

In a conversation at the Graz LoC tournament on 6 June 2026 — conducted in the VIP area adjacent to the commentary table, in view of other tournament officials and participants — President Oliveira:

- Acknowledged the existence and seriousness of the documented threats
- Acknowledged that players in the FTV community have accepted money from Israel
- Indicated that the matter had been discussed with the Executive Committee, but that no member wished to address it
- Confirmed ongoing communication with Ioannis Tsiouris regarding the situation
- Invited the first complainant to submit a formal letter, providing his personal email address

We credit President Oliveira for the maturity and professionalism of this conversation. However, acknowledgment without action is insufficient. The EFVL President has had documented knowledge of these threats for almost a year, yet no protective measures, investigation, or statement of condemnation has followed.

7.2 Benedikt Hoffmann-Wellenhof — EC Member

EFVL EC member Benedikt Hoffmann-Wellenhof was informed of the documented threats and the complainant's concerns about competing alongside players connected to hostile conduct during a conversation in Greece. Subsequently, Mr. Hoffmann-Wellenhof and the first complainant exchanged multiple pre-tournament communications regarding practical arrangements — including playing partners, hotel accommodation, and costs. Despite this ongoing contact, and despite knowledge that Ron Ben Ishai had previously called upon EFVL to "eliminate" Ioannis Tsiouris from competitions, Mr. Hoffmann-Wellenhof did not at any point inform the complainant that the documented aggressor would be present at the tournament, nor that he would be housed in the same hotel. At no point was the complainant informed of the situation. This represents a failure of basic duty of care by a tournament organiser who had full knowledge of the documented threats and multiple opportunities to communicate this critical information.

7.3 Elin Astrid Gustafsson — EC Member

EC member Elin Astrid Gustafsson raised the matter at an EFVL meeting, indicating awareness at the board level. Despite this, no formal investigation or protective measures followed.

7.4 Collective Failure

Three members of the EFVL Executive Committee had documented knowledge of systematic threats against European footvolley players. Over a period exceeding one year, no investigation was initiated, no protective measures were implemented, no statement of condemnation was issued, and no action was taken to address the safety of the targeted athletes. The silence of EFVL — from its President to its Executive Committee to its member associations — constitutes institutional endorsement of the aggressors' conduct.

8. PALESTINIAN EXCLUSION AND MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

Palestinians are unable to compete in Israeli footvolley — a direct violation of Section 2.1. IFVA representatives engaged with the then-EFVL presidency on participation conditions when IFVA joined in 2018.

We formally request EFVL investigate: whether conditions were attached to IFVA's 2018 admission; whether those conditions have been met; and whether IFVA can demonstrate athletes of all nationalities can freely participate in their domestic competitions.

9. CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION: PATTERN OF POLITICAL INSTRUMENTALISATION

Provided as context for CC'd oversight bodies.

- Amir Zohar celebrated in IDF uniform at Gaza border by @israel_footvolley
- Video posted by @nadav__navon of players inside a raided Palestinian home during IDF service
- Team Aguia Footvolley Cup (TAFC) organised tournaments in Eilat while the ICJ ruled the occupation illegal
- A bomb casing inscribed "Footvolley" tagged with Israeli FTV accounts including @footvolleytlv
- COMBATEX — official supplier of IDF Special Forces combat uniforms — whose principal Ron Samuel has allegedly offered significant financial investment in European footvolley tournaments
- IDF "Heroes Tournament" (■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■) — approximately 15 IDF soldiers in uniform posing for a TAFC Israel promotional poster. Location: Frishman Beach, Tel Aviv. Date: 03/10/25. Hebrew caption: "On 03.10.25 we all meet at Frishman Beach in Tel Aviv, for a special tournament dedicated to our true heroes." Posted by @tafc_israel and @stormo_official.

10. STATEMENT OF CO-SIGNATORY — IOANNIS TSIOURIS

I, Ioannis Tsiouris, co-sign this complaint. I confirm:

- I received documented threats from IFVA-affiliated players including death threats, rape threats against my family, a threat invoking the killing of a child, and Holocaust references — all preserved at www.ftvresistance.com
- EFVL received a retaliatory complaint filed by IFVA against me for posting about humanity on social media
- As soon as Igor Alberto Oliveira was elected the new EFVL President, he raised the matter of my social media post with me in person at a tournament. Igor's initial reaction to the matter during the conversation was focused on my conduct — not the threats against me
- Despite my reports, no investigation was initiated, no protective measures were taken, and no statement of condemnation was issued
- A threat invoking the killing of a child was directed at me by @roy__levi — the same individual who has now also targeted the first complainant with a solicitation of violence, demonstrating a pattern of serial threatening behaviour
- I co-sign this complaint and support all demands made herein

11. DEMANDS

Within **10 calendar days** of receipt of this complaint, EFVL shall:

- **1.** Initiate a formal investigation into the documented threats, intimidation, defamation, and incitement to violence by IFVA-affiliated individuals
- **2.** Withdraw and formally repudiate the retaliatory complaint filed by IFVA against Ioannis Tsiouris
- **3.** Immediately suspend IFVA's membership in EFVL pending the outcome of the investigation
- **4.** Publish EFVL's full statutes, rules of procedure, and Code of Ethics for transparency
- **5.** Establish formal athlete safety and anti-harassment protocols
- **6.** Issue a public statement condemning the documented threats against European footvolley players

12. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

If EFVL fails to acknowledge and initiate within 10 days, the complainants reserve the right to:

- Escalate to the **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**, Lausanne, Switzerland
- File criminal complaints under the **Budapest Convention on Cybercrime** (ratified by 75+ countries including Austria, Greece, and Switzerland)
- File criminal complaints in **Austrian jurisdiction** (Graz tournament), **Greek jurisdiction** (victim's residence), and **Swiss jurisdiction** (EFVL registered office)
- Submit communications to the **International Criminal Court** under Article 15
- Engage European Commission Sport Unit, Council of Europe EPAS, and international media
- Publish this complaint in full on www.ftvresistance.com

This complaint constitutes formal notice. The evidence is preserved, timestamped, and publicly accessible.

13. DISTRIBUTION

To:

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