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IOC Code of Ethics

Preamble

The International Olympic Committee and each of its members and its administration, the National Olympic Committees, the International Federations, the Interested Parties to the Continuous and/or Targeted Dialogue for the election of the Future Hosts of the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games, Olympic Games participants and the Recognised Organisations (hereinafter “the Olympic parties”) restate their commitment to the Olympic Charter and in particular its Fundamental Principles, and reaffirm their loyalty to the Olympic ideal inspired by Pierre de Coubertin.

The Olympic parties undertake to disseminate the culture of ethics and integrity within their respective areas of competence and to serve as role models.



Scope of application

The Olympic parties undertake to comply and ensure compliance with the IOC Code of Ethics in the following circumstances:

- the International Olympic Committee (IOC), each of its members and its administration, and the National Olympic Committees (NOC) and their officials, at all times and in all circumstances;
- all Olympic Games participants, throughout each edition of the Olympic Games for which they are accredited;
- the International Federations (IFs) and the Recognised Organisations and their officials, in all their relations with the IOC;
- the Interested Parties to the Continuous and/or Targeted Dialogue for the election of the Future Hosts of the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, during the duration of the dialogues; and
- the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games (OCOGs) and their officials, throughout the existence of each such Committee.

The National Olympic Committees, the International Federations, the Recognised Organisations and the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games undertake to adopt, for their internal activities, a code of ethics based on the principles and rules of the IOC Code of Ethics, or in a written declaration to adopt the IOC Code of Ethics.



A Fundamental principles

Article 1

Respect for the universal fundamental ethical principles is the foundation of Olympism.

These include:

- 1.1 Respect for the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play;
- 1.2 Respect of the principle of the universality and political neutrality of the Olympic Movement;
- 1.3 Maintaining harmonious relations with state authorities, while respecting the principle of autonomy as set out in the Olympic Charter;
- 1.4 Respect for international conventions on protecting human rights insofar as they apply to the Olympic Games' activities and which ensure in particular:
 - respect for human dignity;
 - rejection of discrimination of any kind on whatever grounds, be it race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;
 - rejection of all forms of harassment and abuse, be it physical, professional or sexual, and any physical or mental injuries;
- 1.5 Ensuring the participants' conditions of safety, well-being and medical care favourable to their physical and mental equilibrium.

B Integrity of conduct

Article 2

The Olympic parties must use due care and diligence in fulfilling their mission. At all times, they must act with the highest degree of integrity, and particularly when taking decisions, they must act with impartiality, objectivity, independence and professionalism.

They must refrain from any act involving fraud or corruption. They must not act in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of the Olympic Movement.

Article 3

The Olympic parties or their representatives must not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit or service of any nature, connected with the Olympic Games.

Article 4

Only tokens of consideration or friendship of nominal value, in accordance with prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted by the Olympic or third parties. Such tokens may not lead to the impartiality and integrity of the Olympic parties being called into question.

Any other form of token, object or benefit constitutes a gift which may not be accepted, but must be passed on to the organisation of which the beneficiary is a member.

Article 5

For hospitality shown to the Olympic parties, as well as those accompanying them, a sense of measure must be respected.

Article 6

The Olympic parties must refrain from placing themselves in any conflict of interests, and must respect the Rules Concerning Conflicts of Interests Affecting the Behaviour of Olympic Parties.



D Good Governance and resources

Article 11

The Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement, in particular transparency, responsibility and accountability, must be respected by all Olympic parties.

Article 12

The Olympic resources of the Olympic parties must be used only for Olympic purposes.

Article 13

- 13.1 The income and expenditure of the Olympic parties must be recorded in their accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. An independent auditor will check these accounts.
- 13.2 In cases where the IOC gives financial support to Olympic parties:
- a the use of these Olympic resources for Olympic purposes must be clearly demonstrated in the accounts;
 - b the accounts of the Olympic parties may be subjected to auditing by an expert designated by the IOC Executive Board.