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REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CROATIAN FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE (CFPC) - 2020 / 2021

In addition to the programme and activities of the Croatian Olympic Committee and the annual fair play in sports award which promote the fair play principles, the Croatian Olympic Committee (COC) also involves the "Croatian Fair Play Committee" which overlooks the implementation of ideas and activities of fair play in sports.

The Croatian Fair Play Committee (CFPC) comprises 11 representatives **of the Croatian Olympic Committee** (athletes, coaches, Council members and other sports officials) and 4 representatives of **the Croatian Sports Journalists Association**. It operates in accordance with the Rules of the Croatian Fair Play Committee, which have been signed by both organizations. The Croatian Sports Journalists Association takes an active part in all CFPC activities, while giving a positive example of the cooperation of sports and media in promoting the values of sport and Olympism.

The CFPC acts in cooperation with the COC, the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, the Croatian School Sport Association, the Croatian Olympic Academy, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations in Croatia.

Here is a brief report on the CFPC activities during 2020/2021 taking into account the entire epidemiological situation:

1.) After the publishing the Sports Code of Conduct for school and pre-school children and the Sports Conduct for coaches, the NOC of Croatia published **the Sports Code of Conduct for Athletes (2021)**.

As part of the project "Behavioral etiquette in sports", which is intended for all participants in sports activities, in this booklet: The Sports Code of Conduct for Athletes we present etiquette of behavior for athletes.

An athlete, in accordance with the Sports law is a person who prepares and participates in a sports competition as a member of a legal entity that performs sports activities in sports competitions, as well as a person who performs independent sports activities in sports competitions.

But an athlete is much more than that. An athlete is a person who is expected to actively promote the fundamental values of sports, including solidarity, cooperation and mutual respect, on and off the sports field. Children and young people often perceive athletes as role models according to which they shape their behavior and attitudes, so the behavior of athletes needs to be viewed in a broader social context.

Etiquette for athletes contains a set of universal sports rules which, together with the specific rules of a particular sport, form a single, indivisible whole. In order to achieve multiple positive effects of participation in sports, a fair play approach and the promotion of positive values of sports should be an integral part of every sports activity. By acting in accordance with the rules of the etiquette, athletes learn various psychosocial skills that contribute to their personal well-being, the well-being of other participants in sports activities as well as the well-being of society as a whole.

More than 1000 Sports Code of Conduct for athletes are distributed at national sports federations and sports clubs.



*Caricature from the Sports Code of Conduct for Athletes: **RESPECT YOUR COMPETITORS:** “Both, when winning or losing, show respect to the athletes you are competing against.”*

2.) The cooperation between CFPC and **the Croatian School Sport Federation (CSSF)** is regulated by the signed Memorandum of Understanding.

2.1.) The main point of this cooperation is implementation of activities with “**Fair Play Card**” in sports activities. The COC received funds for the project Fair Play Card at School's Sports Competitions in Croatia from the IOC Olympic Solidarity Continental Programme Special Activities for the NOC Benefit. The CSSF was a partner to the COC and the CFPC in this project. The project was supported by the Ministry of Science and Education, the Ministry of Tourism and Sport and the Agency for Personality and Intellectual Development. The project was aimed at marking of the **First International Fair Play Day** in Croatian schools and informing the educational institutions about **the introduction of Fair Play Card at school sports competitions** organized by the CSSF. It was carried out in two stages: Introductory stage – from March to July 2020 and Implementation stage – from 25 August to 23 November 2020.



The first stage of the pilot project **Fair Play Card** was carried out during the National championship of school basketball associations held in Zadar from 6 to 10 March 2020. Primary schools competed from 6 to 8 March 2020. Twenty-four boy teams or 288 pupils, twenty-four team leaders and twenty-four girl teams or 279 female pupils and twenty-four team leaders took



part in the primary school competitions. As regards high school competitions, there were twenty-four young men teams or 280 high school pupils and twenty-four team leaders and twenty-four young girl teams or 281 female high school pupils and twenty-four team leaders. **Ten pupils and female pupils received the Fair play card.**

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=218668412658402>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1050767281958972>

Fair play card was also supported by promotional video produced by the Sports Television.

The implementation of project activities in schools was authorized by the competent bodies for education and sport and an agreement was reached to sign a Cooperation Agreement with project partners, other fair play programmes, dual career and promotion of sport in schools.

2.2.) The **International Fair Play Day is marked first time on 7 September 2020**. In 2020, since the school year started on 7 September and taking into account the entire epidemiological situation, we invited schools to mark the International Fair Play Day during September 2020 and include this date into school calendars. The digital version of poster with announcement for International fair play day was sent out to all schools.

The schools that marked the International Fair Play Day sent a video, a digital form of pupil's drawings and a short description of the activities. All videos and documents related to the marking of the First Fair Play Day can be found on the website of the CSSF (<https://www.skolski-sport.hr/novosti>).

We started also with the same procedure with invitation for the fair play activities in relation to (2.) International Fair Play Day to schools with educational material and poster in September 2021.

2.3.) The project “**Fair Play Week at my school**” was implemented among primary and secondary school pupils in cooperation with the CSSF, the Ministry of Science and Education, the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, the Croatian Club of Olympians and the CFPC.

The implementation of the Fair Play Week program at my school is based on a pilot project implemented in 9 schools in the Republic of Croatia 2020/2021. The main objectives of the project

are to promote fair play and tolerance among primary and secondary school pupils in the Republic of Croatia and to educate teachers for fair play activities in the project.

Secondary goals of this project are to reduce peer violence among pupils, to build a spirit of tolerance and community, to learn for respect, to organize fair play sports competitions and to comply with written and unwritten rules. The implementers of this project at each school are school teachers, primarily a physical and health education teacher. Program contents of the project were implemented in 5 school hours in one week. The CSSF, in cooperation with its partners, provided written materials, prepared activity programs and trained program implementers/teachers.



3.) In collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, the CFPC carried out a project of fair play promotion and non-violence in sport by publishing five different picture postcards with fair play messages, intended primarily for pupils who participate in sports competitions and can send them to their friends. These postcards serve as a tool for work with children through universal



sports schools and they are also an integral part of the Action plan for the realization of education measures in the fight against violence in sport, sports competitions and outside them.

4.) The COC pays special attention to fair play values during special children's programmes. Under the motto "Što se nauči u djetinjstvu nikad se ne zaboravlja" („You never forget what you learn in childhood”), since 2002 the COC has organized a national project of affirmation of Olympic values with the youngest children through the "Croatian Kindergarten Olympic Festival“. Since 2007, the festival has been taking place under the motto "I ja ću biti olimpijac" („I too will be an Olympian”), and every year it gathers more than 15,000 pre-school children, all wearing T-shirts bearing the inscription FAIR PLAY. Every child aged 5 or 6 who attends one of Croatian kindergartens has the right to participate in the Festival.

Encouraging children to take up sports and developing sport activity and culture, as well as children's creativity and self-initiative, cooperation and learning to respect the fundamental values of Olympism, such as fair play, solidarity, respect for others, team work, self-respect and rejection of violence are the main guidelines of the Festival, whose participants increase every year.

But in 2020. and 2021. these activities of promotion of fair play with children were held only inside each kindergarten taking into account the entire epidemiological situation. And the CFPC hopes to continue this project next year with participation the kindergartens together in play.

5.) Fair play activities and messages are promoted at Sports Television by fair play minute and reports about fair play activities. The cooperation with the editorial board of the “Olimp magazine” is realized in publishing fair play messages and reports.

6.) Prior to the departure to the Olympic Games in Tokyo XXXII. the CFPC organized the signing of the **Fair Play Declaration Tokyo 2020/2021**, signed by the athletes, their coaches and officials of the Croatian sports delegation, as follows:



By signing this Declaration, female and male athletes of the Croatian sports delegation express their commitment and willingness to participate and behave at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in 2021, in such a manner as to contribute to the preservation of the Olympic spirit principles and give a prominence to the values of sport to the benefit of all, in the spirit of fair play, tolerance, non-violence and respect.

In sports events as well as during their entire participation at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 Croatian female and male athletes engage themselves to:

- respect an opponent, a spectator, a referee and other participants of the Games
- respect the competition regulations, decisions and instructions of the referees.

The competitors promise they will behave in a dignified manner during the triumph and defeat alike having in mind that the greatest value of sport and Olympism lies in the friendship and mingling of female and male athletes of different race, sex, creed, nationality and political belief.

By signing this Declaration as well, the officials and leaders of the Croatian sports delegation commit themselves to encourage, by their personal example and advice, the progress of competitions in conformity with regulations and decisions of international sports authorities in the true spirit of sport, promoting fair play principles and other Olympic values.

The CFPC's plan for the next period (Sept 2021/2022) includes the expansion and development of activities designed to promote fair play, tolerance and other sports values, cooperation with other governmental and non-governmental institutions, schools, athletes, clubs, especially national sports federations on:

- Fair play promotion through different programme activities in collaboration with national sports associations



- Collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Sport and Ministry of Science and Education in further activities on the promotion of fair play, tolerance, understanding, mutual respect and similar values among children and the youth have been foreseen.
- The CFPC and CSSF will continue the programs of the “Fair play card” in 2021/2022 school year for pupils at school's sports competitions in Croatia in primary and secondary schools.
- The CSSF will continue the activities of the project “Fair play week in my school” in cooperation with the COC and CFPC
- Fair play will be promoted at Sports Television. A fair play minute, fair play contribution should be singled out.
- The cooperation with the editorial board of the “Olimp magazine” will be continued with a special fair play messages and reports.
- The creation of the contact persons network that will coordinate fair play activities in different counties in Croatia is launched and we have a plan to give support for its further development.
- We have a plan to cooperate with the Croatian Olympic Academy in the following areas: fair play inclusion in the education programme for coaches as well as in other educational programmes, elaboration of a diploma for fair play achievements of the CFPC – in cooperation with the Art Academy, invitation of tenders for students.

Croatian Fair Play Committee

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