



LITHUANIAN FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN 2016 & 2017

Lithuanian Fair Play Committee during the twenty-four years of its existence consistently disseminates the Fair Play values in Lithuania. Every year various activities are being organized within different target groups: from children and youth to adults. Fair Play is being promoted during the annual events of the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania such as Olympic Day, LTeam Winter Festival, Athlete of the Year Award Ceremony and other important occasions.

National Olympic Committee in cooperation with Kazimieras secondary school in the city of Kaunas organized a contest for 12 to 13-year-old teenagers "Fair Play in Sport and Life". The aim of the contest was to ensure the harmonious development of children and youth in the spirit of Fair Play. 90 pupils attended the contest. Each school team was represented by 9 pupils, who took part in three different exercises based on physical activity, Fair Play situation analysis and knowledge of principles of Olympism and Olympic and Paralympic values. What is more, an arts workshop was carried at the end of the contest.





Furthermore, the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania established a Fair Play award as part of the Olympic Generation project annual award ceremony nominations. Schools and pre-schools in Lithuania are encouraged to nominate a pupil, a teacher, a parent or another member of their community for a selfless act, Fair Play initiatives or being a pillar and an example of their community. For the second year in a row a pupil won the Fair Play award: Rokas Kolovskis from Radviliskis Lizdeikos gymnasium. Rokas is a student athlete at his school who actively represents his school at various sport events and competitions. In 2016 Rokas participated a run "Gintarine jurmyle". Unfortunately, one of the participants who also happened to be a famous track and field coach stumbled while crossing the finish line as he was having a heart attack. Rokas was the one to give the first aid to the coach until the ambulance arrived. Rokas has become an example for his peers and all of the others who participated at the event.

Finally, in May 2017 a new Lithuanian Fair Play Committee President was appointed by the Lithuanian NOC Executive Board. Marius Paskevicius - an Olympian and 2007 Lithuanian Fair Play award winner. European Judo Championships and Judo World Cup medalist during his career has been a role model for his team mates and opponents. The

respect and love for sport, pride in representing Lithuania, strong morale and the joy that he brought to the nation with his career made Marius Paskevicius a perfect candidate to become Lithuanian Fair Play Committee President in 2017. In addition, the new members have been invited to the Committee: Olympic bronze medalist in Rio Olympic Games Donata Karaliene, President of the Lithuanian Paralympic Committee and Paralympic Champion Mindaugas Bilius, Secretary General of the Lithuanian Sport Federations' Union Agne Vanagiene, Olympian Tomas Bardauskas, Physical education teacher Filomena Beleskeviciene, Head of Lithuanian Coaches Association Zilvinas Ovsiukas, representative of the Secretariat of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO Liliana Bugailiskyte-Lideikiene and Director of Olympic Education at the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania Vita Balsyte.

During the first meeting of the newly appointed Lithuanian Fair Play Committee made the decision to choose children and youth as a target group for the activities of the Committee for the upcoming four years. Fair Play activities will be included into Lithuanian School Games and Lithuanian Children Games projects. Both of the projects are organized by the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania. The review of the National Fair Play award system is to be done by the Fair Play Committee in the near future.



Dissemination of the Fair Play values in Lithuanian society remains the top priority for Lithuanian Fair Play Committee and the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania.