

NATIONAL REPORT on the FAIR PLAY
From January 2016 to October 2017

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### What is the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles?

Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association works exclusively, for more than 13 years now, in French-speaking Belgium\* for the **promotion and the dissemination of Fair Play and the values of sports ethics** among young people and their trainers.

Its mission is recognised and supported by the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee (COIB) that has entrusted the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association to manage all issues and problems linked to point 1 of the Olympic Charter.

A continuous action marked by **enriching reflections** but mainly **concrete operations** on the spot (sport courts but also schools, civic and social areas), recognised by the highest sports authorities for their relevance and educational dimension.

Detailed information on the network, our members and our structure can be found on the site www.panathlon.be.

\*There are other Panathlon clubs in Belgium, in the Flemish Region and in the German-speaking community.

### International position and a European platform for sports ethics

At international level, Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association strengthened this year its position and increased its activities:

- PWB continues to be one of the most active entities of the **Panathlon International** movement (a movement created in Italy in the 1960s; its headquarters are in Rapallo and has today more than 300 clubs all over the world);
- PWB has also strengthened its links with most of the international and European institutions that actively advocate a more ethical sport. Today, Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles the Association is member of:
  - International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) the PWB President was elected in 2012 as member of CIFP's Council,
  - o European Fair Play Movement (EFPM),
  - o Comité International Pierre de Coubertin (CIPD),
  - o the International Sport Movies Federation (FICTS),
  - it is also supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the European Think Tank
     « Sport and citizenship »
  - and builds relations with the European Commissioner responsible for Sport Tibor Navracsics and the Sport Intergroup of the European Parliament, and in particular its Vice-President, the Belgian MP Marc Tarabella.



# THE YEAR 2016 IN NUMBERS

In summary, the year 2016 represented for Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association:

### \*A recognition of its action

- A <u>growing network</u> that increased with several new political entities that became its members, (in addition to several ongoing contacts with potential new partners) covering
  - ⇒ More than 1/5 of the territory of Wallonia-Brussels Federation
  - ⇒ More than 50% of the territory of Brussels Region
- A stronger position in the European scene
  - ⇒ At the centre of the network of all European institutions dealing with Sports-related issues
  - ⇒ As active promotor of Fair Play and ethics values.

### \*A continuous activism

- Almost 700 days (cumulated) of action
- More than 250 days (cumulated) of photo exhibitions
- More than 75h of projection of Fair Play-related pictures
- More than 5.000 persons have participated in our activities

### \*A slogan and an increasingly visible image

- More than 10 kms of banners « Le Fair Play est un Sport » (« Fair Play is a Sport ») exhibited in sports facilities, schools, as well as in municipal, provincial or public areas.





# **ACTIONS**

# An activism for Fair Play

Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association has always given itself the mission to go beyond words and to **act concretely on the spot**, through a rich programme of activities. It has a simple and clear objective: to educate on the values of sports ethics all those who are active in sport, but also those belonging to the education and citizenship worlds.

Thus, the Association offers all its tools, skills and expertise to all public actors who are interested in these issues within the Wallonia Region and the Brussels Region and wish to promote these values in an innovative way.

Therefore, the Association is today in the French-speaking scene of Belgium a real activist organisation for the Promotion of Fair Play.

## A transversal activities programme, for and by all the members

### 1. Sports Track

### a. The Fair Play Awards

The Association has always wished to highlight the praiseworthy gestures occurring in every sport, under any circumstances. This is why the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association is always present at the Sports Awards ceremonies of the municipalities that are also its members. Moreover, it attributes every year its own Fair Play Awards covering the whole Wallonia-Brussels Federation.



⇒ Cfr in annex: List of Fair Play Awards 2016 (in French).

# b. The International days of Fair Play

When, back in 2013, it launched, the very first edition of the « International days of Fair Play », Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association wanted to permanently insert in the heart of our society, deep in people's minds, all the values inherent to the notion of Fair Play, in order to prove that Fair Play is not just an abstract notion, impossible to be taught to our youth.

This wide awareness campaign focuses on all stakeholders of the French-speaking Belgian sport and aims to promote all the positive values inherent to sport and to lead everybody towards a healthy and positive practice of their respective sports disciplines.



The days of Fair Play are organised around the 7th of September every year, to coincide with the start of the school year. This is a nice opportunity to have, in the schools, an initiation to and a celebration of these values that are both sporting and civic. Because Fair Play is much more than simply respecting the rules. It is, beyond a certain behaviour, a way of thinking, encompassing the notions of respect, friendship and sports spirit. No doubt, Fair Play is a sport in itself. This is why it deserves to have these days, specifically dedicated to it!

⇒ Cfr in annex: Activity reports on the Days of Fair Play 2015 and 2016 (in French).



# 2. Educational Track

### a. The programme « Be good in Sport, eat cleverly! »

This action, destined specifically to primary schools, allows children to actively take part to 3 complementary workshops:

- One «Sports workshop» focusing on the benefits deriving from physical effort but also on sports ethics, led by the gym teacher of the school and based on the «Charter of the rights of the child in Sport», established by Panathlon International.
- One «Health-nutrition workshop», which is play-based and interactive, led by a health professional
- One Educational workshop, focusing on the Fair Play values

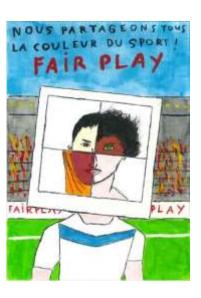




### b. The graphic arts competition «I display my Fair Play!»



Every year, this competition is proposed with the longstanding support of the National Lottery and allows pupils and students within the Wallonia-Brussels Federation to create a graphic project (drawings or computer graphics) that, combined with a slogan, highlights the values of Sport.



### c. The Poster circuit

This exhibition is composed by a selection (50) of works made in the framework of the graphic arts competition, designed to be easily placed in schools. Simple texts explain each subject.



# 3. Citizenship Track

### a. The photo Exhibition « the Spirit of Sport »

Since April 2010, this large exhibition illustrating the most beautiful Fair Play gestures in the history of sport (the photos are taken from the IOC archives and the Reporters agency) continues its roaming in towns and municipalities in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.



To facilitate the visit, the association proposes a visiting guide and an educational booklet.

⇒ Cfr in annex: Information detailing the photo exhibition "The Spirit of Sport" (in French)





# b. Workshops « the Spirit of Sport »



On the occasion of these exhibitions, schools are invited to come and discover these photos, during animations proposed by the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association.

# c. The locations dedicated to Fair Play

The places dedicated to Fair Play continue to multiply in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, always with this objective to inscribe this universal federating value in the heart of each city.







### d. Vigilance

Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association remains, as always, more than attentive to numerous drifts negatively impacting the image of Sport. This is why it wishes to position itself as a body of reflection and reaction proposing innovative ways to increase the place of values of sport ethics and citizenship in our society.

# 4. Highlighting some specific activities

### a. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the International Sport Film Festival



The 2nd edition of this Festival took place from 3rd to 5th October, offering 3 days of screenings, but also and above all many emotions and sports values broadcast through 21 film productions all equally good.

In addition to the award ceremony, the second edition of the International Festival of Sporting Film, has given, nomadic spirit by proposing a traveling model as three major cities welcomed the Festival during a day, they were, Brussels (Woluwe-Saint-Lambert), Charleroi and Liège and therefore the event was able to reach different audiences. The youngest ones, as the main target group, through projections accompanied by animations and exchanges during the morning and early afternoon sessions. Thus, nearly 1,000 pupils, from primary and secondary classes, who were touched by our theme, upstreamed via classroom work through our pedagogical workbook, and downstreamed in the dark rooms with the assistance of high-level athletes namely Laurence Rase, Ismaël Debjani and Florent Caelen. Sport lovers who wanted to discover the values and emotions it provides from another angle, could attend the evening sessions.

### ⇒ Cfr in annex: the report of activities of the 2016 Festival (in French)

#### b. The Conference « Sport, Spirit of Humanity »

The will of Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association is to raise awareness and educate these values, but also to reflect on topics of society.



The cycle of symposiums entitled « Sport, Spirit of Humanity », started in October 2016, was responding to the following findings: the interest of mankind for sport or/ and physical education has never been greater (whether as a practitioner, follower or supporter, we are all concerned with sport) and its benefits in terms of health or individual or collective fulfillment are regularly emphasized.

However, in an increasingly individualistic society, sports rules and philosophical and religious convictions sometimes contradict each other - current events remind us regularly and there are many examples at every level of sports. Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association thus brought together the main players in sport, the representatives of secularism and religions officially recognised in Belgium with a goal that is both simple but ambitious: propose a joint declaration setting the guidelines for a sporting practice in which sporting rules are paramount and placing sports values such as respect, friendship and fair play in the center of the game. For an historical moment and uniqueness.

Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association will bring this declaration to live, with all the actors concerned but also those who wish to join.



Une photo historique dans l'Histoire du Sport

Les cultes reconnus, le conseil de la laïcité, les mouvements sportifs des sports valides, paralympiques et special olympics réunis par le Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles posant bras dessus, bras dessous dans l'hémicycle du Parlement de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles.

⇒ Cfr in annex: the press release and the text of the Declaration (in English)

### c. The training of trainers

Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association is working to develop a reflection on the interest and the need to train the different trainers of young people, to give them the appropriate tools to best disseminate the values of sport ethics within the framework of their activities (sports, school or citizenship).

Training of trainers will be put on track in the course of 2018.



### d. The General Mobilization Pact "Zero Tolerance - Total Intolerance"

Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association took advantage of the Fair Play International Days to invite each and everyone to mobilize, to commit themselves to - denounce all the abuses messing the world of sport and to spread the beautiful gestures and behaviors of the sport planet. The period of the games of Rio 2016 had in fact their lot of scandals in ethical matters, especially in doping.

The campaign "Zero Tolerance, Total Intolerance" represents a new awareness tool for our association.





### e. <u>The creation of the Panathlon anthem « Everybody Be Fair »</u>

This year, the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles has unveiled to the general public "Everybody be Fair", its official anthem, a true musical slogan of the beautiful sport. An original composition signed by the renowned Belgian singer-songwriter Alec Mansion.

#### f. The Banners Contest

The "Banners" contest, conceived by the cartoonist Pad'R and initiated by Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles - the Association, was launched on January 29, 2016. The idea of this action, supported by the RTBF, VOO and the DH, was to encourage the fans to deploy their inventiveness to create humorous and original banners of supporters, to counter some aggressive banners seen in stadiums in recent months and encourage, instead, the spirit of Fair Play.



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