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In order to ensure a more efficient operation and a wider range of activities, the Club Fair Play of the Slovak Olympic Committee (KFP SOV) has reorganized its leadership in the new Olympic Cycle 2016-2020. For the first time in the history of KFP SOV, representatives of the Slovak Paralympic Committee and the Special Olympics Slovakia became members of the Executive Board.

We realize that the best way of education is the presentation of sport patterns, so our members take part in discussions with pupils and students on various topics, such as: the importance of sport in the development of personality, current issues in sport (doping, violence in sports fields, exaggerated commercialization). Further, in cooperation with sports organizations and associations, we organize fair play competitions at major youth sports events in the Slovak Republic.

On 13-23 April 2017, the U18 World Ice Hockey Championships took place in Slovakia.

Based on a KFP SOV initiative, a Fair Play Award was announced at the World Ice Hockey Championships for the first time. During the final ceremony of the Championships, Martin Fehérváry, the captain of the Slovak national team, received the award from Katarína Ráczová, the Chairwoman of the KFP SOV, followed by huge ovations of the Poprad audience.

"Having conceded only a few penalties in the game was one of our goals, the coach stressed this before every game and we were also careful to avoid being excluded. I am glad we did well and we are really happy about this award," the captain of the Slovak team said.



On 17-20 May 2017, the World Championship in table tennis of physically disadvantaged athletes was held in Bratislava. At the event, which was attended by 116 teams from around the world, the KFP SOV, in cooperation with the Slovak Paralympic Committee, announced the Fair Play Awards for the first time. The award was won by Koyo Iwabuchi from Japan, for correcting the referee's decision to his disadvantage in an important medal placement match. The award was handed over by Katarína Ráczová.

The international soccer tournament Slovakia Cup, consisting of eight national teams of athletes up to 18 years, took place on 24-28 April 2017. Group A consisted of Russia, the Czech Republic, Ireland and Turkey, while Group B consisted of Slovakia, the USA, Hungary and Belarus.

The KFP SOV Fair Play Award was received by the Czech team for exemplary behavior on and off the field. The award was handed over at the closing ceremony of the tournament by Anton Urban, former captain of the silver medal winning Czechoslovak football team at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.





On 22-23 June 2017, the X. National Games of Special Olympics Slovakia took place, involving more than 170 mentally disadvantaged athletes not only from Slovakia, but also from Hungary and the Czech Republic. The organizer of the event was Special Olympics Slovakia (SHŠO), established in 1990 and part of the worldwide Special Olympics Program. The movement helps people with mental disabilities through sport and contributes to breaking down barriers and changes perceptions. At the same time, it promotes humanity and social empathy. That is why KFP SOV decided to award a plaque of Fair Play to the Special Olympics Slovakia team for the special and dedicated work. The prize at the X. National Games of Special Olympics Slovakia was handed over to the SHŠO Chairwoman Eva Lysičanová by Katarina Raczova.



For the 23rd time, the international tournament in Beach Handball in Presov (SVK), was organized, for the 4th as the Vincent Lafko tournament, dedicated to the late Vincent Lafko, one of Slovakia's most prominent personalities in handball ever. At this event, Milan Folta, a former Slovak handball player, was awarded with the Fair Play Award for his life-long exemplary behavior. Most notably, he competed in the 1988 and 1992 Summer Olympic Games.

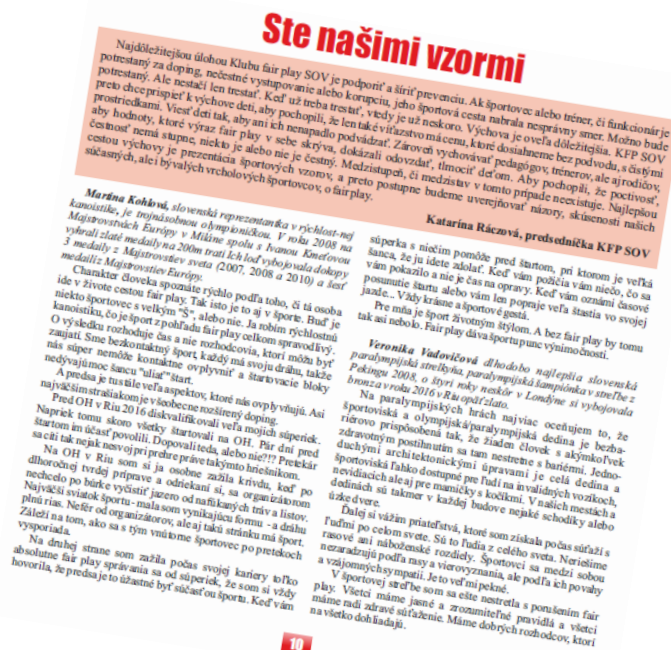
After successes at various domestic and international events, the "Fair Play Card" project implemented for exemplary behavior was gradually introduced and, to highlight its importance, also promoted at youth and school sports events. Referees can physically show such cards to athletes, spectators, coaches worthy of any outstanding positive act. For example, the Fair Play Card was used at the Slovak national fencing championships.

Finally, we continue to proactively promote fair play in diverse media, herebelow just two examples:

On the Facebook page of the Slovak Sport High School in Košice, we started a discussion on *"What does fair play mean? Is it a way of thinking or just a way of behaving? Is it a certain life philosophy that can be learned?"* Pupils are able to share and discuss their views on this important topic by making use of today's most famous social network.



In the School sport Magazine-Tokyo 2020, published by the Slovak School Sport Association and Kalokagatia in Slovakia, not only information on Fair Play but also on various Olympians, Paralympians, athletes of the Slovak Special Olympics etc can be found under the header "You are our fair play role-models".



The Slovak Olympic Committee in cooperation with the KFP SOV has initiated and announced an international photo competition titled **We are one team**. More than 70 photographs got into the online competition. The three best participants of the national round were awarded and became part of the Olympic Day in Banská Bystrica, the European City of Sports of 2017. The top ten photographs (together with photos from other participating countries Hungary and Austria) were published from 01 June on a common Facebook page, where visitors could "like" to vote for their favorites. The photographs were subsequently exhibited in Győr, Hungary, during the summer European Youth Olympic Festival.



P. Lechman: Joy of a goal (1. Place - national round of the international photo competition **We are one team**)



One of the most significant KFP SOV events is the traditional annual ceremonial handing over of Fair Play Awards to those having contributed the most to the promotion of ethical sporting values in Slovakia. The highest award of the SOV in the area of Fair Play, the Ján Popluhar Trophy, was received for his lifetime activity in accordance with the principles of humanism by Peter Mráz, one of the most prominent figures in the history of Slovak water slalom, a field in which he has been working as a professional coach for 35 years.

KFP SOV did not miss the traditional, already 7th edition of the International Olympic Youth Camp (MOTM). 42 children aged 12-14 from five countries participated, namely from the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Ukraine and Slovakia. The camp program was rich not only on sports activities but also on Olympic education, with the organizers wanting to help young camp participants learn to overcome obstacles while also building new friendships and understanding the culture and mentality of young people from other countries.

