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**The Polish Olympic Committee Fair Play Club has a long tradition of promoting values in sports and the value of Fair Play, always being the top priority.**

Chair of the Polish Olympic Committee Fair Play Club - Hanna Wawrowska

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Our major achievements in 2019 were:

## **POLISH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE FAIR PLAY AWARDS**

**K2 winter expedition team with Fair Play Trophy 2018( article Krzysztof Rawa)**

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Winners of the PKOl Fair Play Award for 2018 with the Fair Play Club Members



The Fair Play Awards have been given for the 52nd time at the headquarters of the Polish Olympic Committee. There are still many reasons for awarding these important trophies to sports people in Poland.

Winners awarded for exceptional activity, life achievements or noble deeds in 2018 included, among others, climbers saving the lives of friends in the Himalayas, sailor Marcin Kamiński hurrying to help his rival in serious trouble, footballer of the Polish national team Jakub Błaszczykowski for active promotion of fair play and, honourably, excellent television journalist Włodzimierz Szaranowicz.

The idea of these awards is still valid, maybe they are even more necessary than ever before. Initiated in 1963 by Tadeusz Olszański (then the head of the sports department in "Sztandar Młodych", Tadeusz Konwicki, Jan Strzelecki and Andrzej Ziemilski), the first plebiscite for "Sports Gentleman" has matured and transformed into a significant event organized for years by the Polish Olympic Committee and the PKOI Fair Play Club.

The award names changed from time to time, but their content remained unchanged: it's about the comprehensive promotion of the idea of fair play. The host of the ceremony, Andrzej Kraśnicki, President of the Polish Olympic Committee, stressed this fact and was supported by Hanna Wawrowska, Chair of the PKOI Fair Play Club.

"I am convinced that we should direct our message primarily to young people. To do this, however, we need the experience and charisma of outstanding athletes and coaches. We should involve sports associations and organisations, academic circles, people of culture, parents and the media. This year's great winners are the people who show that we can achieve a lot by acting in accordance with values, spirit and principles of fair play," said Hanna Wawrowska Chair of the PKOI Fair Play Club.

The most important award - the Fair Play Trophy 2018 was given to the whole team of the national winter expedition to K2. The achievement worthy of this award was the action of saving the lives of Elizabeth Revol and Tomasz Mackiewicz on Nanga Parbat.



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Winners of The Fair Play Trophy 2018 for "the act of fair play": **K2 national winter expedition team**

Four of them were directly involved in the action: Adam Bielecki, Denis Urubko, Jarosław Botor and Piotr Tomala. They were transported by helicopters to 4950 m above the sea level below the summit where they were looking for the missing couple and managed to save the life of a French Himalayan mountaineer.

The Poles have already received the David A. Sowles Award from the American Mountaineering Club for disinterestedness, dedication to their own ambitions and extreme risk-taking in order to help others. On Friday at PKOl, in addition to the main trophy, climbers also received a new award: the Fair Play Distinction of Sports Journalists.

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The jury consisting of journalists decided that the feat of the four climbers: Bielecki, Urubko, Botor and Tomala goes far beyond the ordinary understanding of fair play and requires additional emphasis.

“When the news came to the base that things looked ugly on Nanga Parbat, everyone wanted to go there. I was proud of them. Everybody forgot about K2 at that moment, there was only one thing that mattered: to reach my friends as soon as possible. In our sport there is nothing unusual about helping. We are connected by ropes, passions, dreams, writing history, but in the first place there is always the man. We were only partly successful, we saved Elizabeth, but that's what mountains are like,” said the director of the Polish expedition to K2 Krzysztof Wielicki.

“When we thank you for the distinction, we remember that the action could not have taken place without a large group of people, some of whom we do not know by name. Thanks should also be extended to pilots, doctors, meteorologists, people tracking missing persons. We do not feel like heroes, helping people in the mountains, also every day, is a normal thing,” added Piotr Tomala.

Marcin Kamiński, a sailor who noticed a fast drifting Dutch rival's catamaran during the European Championship of Class A catamarans in Warnemünde, received a commemorative diploma for his "act of fair play". The Dutch sailor was already 100 m behind his vessel. The Pole immediately resigned from fighting for a better place, fished out his friend from the Netherlands, together with him put his catamaran on the water again and sailed to the finish line.

The attitude of the sailor from the UKS Navigo Sopot club was appreciated by the regatta committee, his rival, and members of the club. “By submitting my candidacy they made me a nice surprise. What I did was natural for me,” said the athlete.

Fair Play awards for "Lifetime sports achievements and a decent life after the end of sports career" were given to one of the best goalkeepers in the chronicles of Polish handball, who took part in the Olympic Games three times - Henryk Rozmiarek ; great hockey player Andrzej Zabawa, who also had competed three times at the Olympics and is the top scorer of the Polish national team (99 goals) and an outstanding swordsman (3 Olympic medals, 9 World Championships medals) Wojciech Zablocki, who has had a successful career as an architect after he finished fencing.

Professor Zablocki finished his brief justification of the benefits of the application of the principles of fair play with a rhymed conclusion, which could be freely turned into the motto of the ceremony: „*Fair play stosujesz – dalekoładujesz!*” (“*Fair play will get you far*”)





Fot. Leszek Fidusiewicz

Winners Fair Play Distinctions for "lifetime sports achievements and a decent life after the end of sports career": **Henryk Rozmiarek, Andrzej Zabawa, Wojciech Zablocki** with the President of the Polish Olympic Committee Andrzej Krasnicki and Hanna Wawrowska Chair of the PKOl Fair Play Club

Zofia Żukowska's Fair Play Distinctions for "promoting the value of Fair Play" for Jarosław Andziak, a former excellent canoeist and then youth educator, Witold Bańka, until quite recently athlete (life record 46.11 - 400 m), since 2015 the Minister of Sport and since May 14th the president of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and Jakub Błaszczykowski, a multiple representative of Poland in football (he played over 100 games in the team), a model of sporting behaviour on and off the pitch.

"While thanking for the award I thought I had to thank my grandmother because she taught me the right values. Yes, I feel that fair play is becoming an exception, we have to think about which direction the sport is heading and what the courage shown by the winners means in this context," said the famous footballer.



Fot. Sz.Sikora

Zofia Żukowska's Fair Play distinction for "promotion of Fair Play values": **Jarosław Andziak, Witold Bańka and Jakub Błaszczykowski**

Tomasz Gollob, world champion in speedway sport, was awarded a special distinction of the Polish Olympic Committee. He is now struggling to recover from a serious accident.

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Special emotions accompanied the awarding of the Honorary Statuette Fair Play to Włodzimierz Szaranowicz - a legend of radio and television journalism who is finishing his career.

His words served as an apt summary of the sense of awarding fair play prizes. "I feel very moved, there is something about this award that has accompanied me throughout my entire life. The world also considered the principle of fair play to be the guiding principle, but now the word "fake" has appeared, seemingly similar, but it is as different from fair as the Colosseum from Olympia. The principle of fair play must be preserved as a supreme good. Let us defend it like our own children," said the winner and received a big applause.



Fot. L. Fidusiewicz

Children's choir operating at the Grand Theater- National Opera



## Winners of the PKOl Fair Play Award for 2018

The Fair Play Trophy 2018 for "the act of fair play": **K2 national winter expedition team**

Occasional diploma for "the act of fair play": **Marcin Kamiński**

Fair Play Distinctions for "lifetime sports achievements and a decent life after the end of sports career": **Henryk Rozmiarek, Andrzej Zabawa and Wojciech Zablocki**

Zofia Żukowska's Fair Play distinction for "promotion of Fair Play values": **Jarosław Andziak, Witold Bańka and Jakub Błaszczkowski**

Fair Play Distinction of Sports Journalists: **Adam Bielecki, Denis Urubko, Jarosław Botor and Piotr Tomala**

Honorary Fair Play Statuette: **Włodzimierz Szaranowicz**

Special PKOl distinction: **Tomasz Gollob**

## Sports for All Festival - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The Polish Olympic Committee has been organizing its Sports for All Festival for 21 years. It is a family event for about 30 thousand participants – both young and old. The Fair Play Club members have always actively participated in the event since 2011. In this distinct event the Polish Fair Play Club is supported by the staff of the Lodz University Faculty of Physical Education Sciences and by the staff and students of the Physical Education and Sport Faculty of the Physical Education Academy in Biała Podlaska. They had prepared and realized a special program promoting the values of sport, true Olympism and fair play among the participants of the Festival.





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Participants of the Olympic Picnic