Panathlon Declaration on Ethics in Youth Sport

Referring to the Convention of the United Nations on the rights of children (General Assembly, November 20, 1989) and to the resolutions of the Congress of Avignon (1995), Panathlon, assisted by an international team of experts, has written a “Panathlon Declaration on Ethics in Youth Sport”. During a consensus conference on the 24th of September 2004 in Ghent (Belgium), Panathlon has presented this declaration to the International Sports World.

These are the results until now:

**INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

Madame P. Girard–Zapelli attended the conference; during a meeting on Tuesday the 22nd of March 2005 in Lausanne, president Jacques Rogge announced that he has sent the Declaration to the Medical Committee; he considers working together with Panathlon;

**General Association for International Sports Federations**

In his letter of Mai 15th 2006, Hein Verbruggen, acting president, informed Panathlon that the GAISF Council on 3 April 2006 in Seoul has officially endorsed the Declaration; GAISF will publish the Declaration in its various publications and send it to all its member international federations;

**Unicef**

Yves Willemot of Unicef-Belgium was present at the consensus conference. Unicef in New York has accepted the Declaration;
The United Nations has expressed its appreciation for the outcome of the consensus conference. The special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace of the United Nations, Adolf Ogi, has sent the document to secretary-general Kofi Anan. Belgium and Switzerland consider presenting the Declaration to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

**Have endorsed the Declaration**

### International federations

- FIFA (International Football Federation)
- FIBA (International Basketball Federation)
- FIG (International Gymnastics Federation)
- IAAF (International Athletics Federation)
- FIE (International Fencing Federation)
- IFIUS (International Federation Interuniversity Sport)
- ISF (International School Sport Federation)
- CISM (International Council for Military Sport)
- ICG (International Children’s Games)
- IAYS (International Assembly for Youth Sport)
- IASI (International Association for Sport Information)
- FISAF (Federation of International Sports Aerobics & Fitness)

### CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS

- EUPEA (European Organisation for Physical Education)
- ENGSO (European Non-governmental Sport Organisation)
- EPC (European Paralympic Committee)

### NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

### In the world

- SESNZ (Sport and Exercise Science New Zealand)
- NAYS (National Assembly for Youth Sport, US)
- NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, UK)
- Youth Active (UK)
- **FUK (URUGUAYAN FEDERATION FOR TAEKWONDO)**
- CSI (Centro Sportivo Italiano)
- F.TB.I (Federazione Tchoukball Italia)
NISB (Institute for Sport & Movement, Holland)

In Belgium

**KBBB** (Royal Belgian Federation for Corporate Sports)
**KBLB** (Royal Belgian League for Cyclism)
**KBKB** (Royal Belgian Federation for Korfball, Flemish League)

In Flanders (state in Belgium)

**VSF** (Flemish Sports Federation)
**VTV** (Flemish Tennis Organisation)

**WBV** (Flemish Cycling Federation)
**VZF** (Flemish Swimming Federation)
**VBL (FLEMISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE)**
**VRB** (Flemish Roller-skating Federation)
**Gymfed** (Gymnastics Federation Flanders)
**BVLO** (League for Physical Education)

**BAC** (Belgian Alpine Club, Dutch speaking league)
**NATUURVRIENDENSPORTFEDERATIE (FRIENDS OF NATURE)**

Sportcrea

**VKF** (Flemish federation for Karate)

Turnsport Vlaanderen (**Gymnastics Flanders**)
**VKBMO** (Flemish organisation for Kickboxing Muaythai & Mixfight)
**VLP** (Flemish League for Hippic Sport)

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

**BOIC** (Belgian Olympic Committee)

Civil authorities

National

The **Flemish minister for Sports** was represented at the conference. He backs the Declaration explicitly. He will present the document to his French-speaking and
German-speaking colleagues in Belgium and to the ministers of sport of the European Council.

The **Australian Sports Commission** (ASC) backs the Declaration.

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**Cities and communities**

- **Kitchener** (Canada)
- **Evergem** (Belgium)
- The Sports Council of **Sint-Laureins** (Belgium)
- **Colle di Val d’Elsa** (Italy)
- **Rapallo** (Italy)

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**Universities**

*in the world*

- **Brunel University** (London, UK)
- **University of Western Cape** (Cape Town, South-Africa)

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**Consider endorsing**

**International federations**
UCI (International cycling Union)
ITF (International Tennis Federation)
FITA (International Archery Federation)
FIVB (International Volleyball Federation)
FINA (International Swimming Federation)
ISAF (International Sailing Federation)
FISA (International Rowing Federation)
FIEP (International Federation for Physical Education)
FISAC (International Federation for Rope Skipping)
WSI (WomenSport International)
CP-ISRA (disabled)
**Special Olympics** (disabled)
ICSSPE (International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education)

### CONTINENTAL FEDERATIONS

EASM (European Organisation for Sport Management)
FEPSAC (European Federation for Sports Psychologists)
EFCS (European Federation for Corporate Sports)
ERSO (European Rope Skipping Organisation)

### NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

ASPS (Swiss Association for Sports Psychologists)
PBATS (Professional baseball trainers, US)

### Cities

Ghent (Belgium)
Rome (Italy)
Moscow (Russia)
Penza (Russia)
Pavia (Italy)

National Olympic Committees

**NSF-NOC** (Olympic Committee of Holland)

**Scientific Publications**
Prizes

The Prize Janusz Korczak 2005
The Prize of Sports Merits 2005 of the Flemish community of Belgium

Actions

By decision of the Presidential Committee, Panathlon International has installed a group of international experts to promote and implement the Declaration. (Louvain (Belgium);

With the help of the National Lottery, the Belgian Panathlon Clubs organise in 2006 a Panathlon Stipend for the first four years of the middle schools; the mission will be in connection with the Declaration;

Promoting and implementing the Declaration in Flanders: the Flemish minister for Sport started a project called «Sport to youngsters measure». With Panathlon and the VSF (Flemish Sports Federation) he organises on the 7th of June 2006 a symposium in Brussels with delegates from the civil authorities, the sports federations, the schools, the media and the sponsors;

In cooperation with IOC and Agfis, Panathlon International is setting up a program to promote the Declaration; it plans two seminars for studying the implementation of the Declaration by international federations and governments

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