

RESOLUTION OF THE 2ND IFA ATHLETES FORUM

The IFA Athletes Forum meeting on 10 April 2021, at its 2nd edition,

Considering that the aim of IFA is to promote the principle of equal opportunities and gender equality on all levels and to care for the security of the athletes and the spectators,

Referring to IFA´s objective to adhere to the principles of a liberal and democratic society and to condemn every form of violence and discrimination, notably in its paragraph 5 of the IFA Statutes,

Aware of the IFA Safe Sport Policy safeguarding athletes and participants from discrimination, harassment and abuse adopted by the IFA Board of Directors on 12 December 2020,

Conscious that sport should play an important role in the protection of health, in moral, cultural and physical education,

Noting the need to encourage and coordinate national cooperation towards the promotion, rights and welfare of women and girls,

Bearing in mind the IOC Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration developed by athletes for athletes, through a worldwide consultation process, reflecting the views of athletes adopted by the 133rd IOC Session in Buenos Aires,

Thankful of the co-operation with World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) to co-operation in several fields as Sustainability, Anti-Doping, Ethics, Good Governance and Para-Sport activities, manifested by a Memorandum of Understanding in 2017,

Mindful of the influence that elite athletes have on youth,

Adopts this Resolution on 10 of April 2021.

I. Athletes' Rights

1. Empower Athlete Participation in the IFA decision-making processes with the priority to strengthen Commission members' engagement;
2. Support Athlete Development in their sporting careers with the priority to improve IFA's information flow to athletes before, during and after IFA events by engaging directly with athletes and ensuring a regular and timely communication of information to support athlete preparation for the IFA events;
3. Promote Athlete Involvement in decision-making across the Fistball Family with the priority to advocate the benefits of athlete involvement in the decision-making and to increase the visibility of IFA Athletes' Commissions' roles and achievements by implementing a communication plan to ensure a strong media presence for Athletes' Commissions;
4. Ensure Athlete Representation in the decision-making with the priority to increase awareness of the athletes' viewpoint by conducting surveys amongst athletes;



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5. Strengthen the input of the athletes' viewpoint in IFA decisions to establish a system to capture the athletes' viewpoint accurately before input is given;

II. Women in Fistball

1. Urges the IFA President and the Presidents of the national IFA member federations to meet the goal of 20% minimum representation of women in decision-making positions/commissions etc. by 31 December 2022;
2. Requests the national IFA member federations to set their own forward targets for future representation in governing bodies through 2025;
3. Calls upon IFA to establish training courses for women leaders, athletes and coaches and other officials, provide educational resources, including training manuals on gender equity in sport and to organize information seminars;
4. Calls upon the IFA member federations to develop a strategy and educational material to support Fistball education for girls in school curricula in particular;
5. Urges IFA and the IFA member federations to implement the IFA SAFE SPORT POLICY SAFE-GUARDING ATHLETES AND PARTICIPANTS FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND ABUSE and to include this theme in all workshops and conferences organized;
6. Urges IFA and the IFA member federations to discuss to change the Rules of Fistball for women e.g. smaller fields to make Fistball more attractive to girl and women.

III. Evaluation

1. Call for an annually follow up forum;
2. Asks for a bi-annual report on equity and equality in Fistball with the following topics:
 - Safe sport facilities;
 - School and youth sport;
 - Women ´s participation;
 - Leadership and
 - Education and training.