Regulations for the European Fair Play Awards

The European Fair Play Awards have been established by the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) with the aim of publicising and promoting the principles of Fair Play in Europe, and are made in recognition of services rendered by recipients over an undefined period – excluding the year in which the EFPM Executive Committee makes and presents the relevant Awards.

1. European Fair Play Awards, made under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees

Eligibility

These Awards will be given annually in the following two categories:

1.1. The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma, which is to be awarded to:

- A National Fair Play Organization, or a Sports Organization at an educational institution, for the contribution this organization has made to the dissemination of the values and principles of Fair Play and tolerance, and/or the support this organization has given to appropriate initiatives for the preservation and dissemination of ethical values in sport;

- An individual, either for her/his personal contribution to, and/or services rendered to,
  - the implementation of ethical values in sport;
  - the development of a national Fair Play organisation;
  - the education of young people or athletes in the spirit of Fair Play and tolerance;
  - the study and better understanding of ethics in sport, or
  - for making an outstandingly sportsmanlike gesture or acting in an outstandingly sportsmanlike manner during a sports event.

A maximum of one European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma will be awarded in each of the two categories listed above (i.e., a maximum of one for an organization and one for an individual).
1.2. **The European Fair Play Diploma**, which is to be awarded to:

- an organization, as defined in paragraph 1.1 above, or

- an individual, in consideration of a relevant contribution made by this organisation or individual to the preservation or implementation of ethical values in sport.

The number of European Fair Play Diplomas to be awarded will be determined by the Awards Committee. A maximum of **two** will be given annually, depending on the quality of applications received.

**The Submission Process**

Applications for all the above categories of Award may be made by:

- a National Fair Play Organization;
- a European Olympic Committee; or
- a member of the EFPM Executive Committee,

and must be submitted to the EFPM Secretariat so that it reaches the Secretariat before the deadline, which is to be fixed by the EFPM Executive Committee for each year.

**The Decision-Making Process**

Decisions as to which persons, groups or institutions are to receive the above-mentioned Awards will be taken by the EFPM Awards Committee, and will be announced at the annual General Assembly of the EFPM.

The Awards will be presented by the EFPM during the annual EFP Congress, or by the organization that has submitted the relevant proposal, at its seat.

2. **The EFPM ‘Spirit of Fair Play’ Award**

**Eligibility**

The EFPM ‘Spirit of Fair Play’ Award may be given to a team, club, sports federation, public or private institution, organization or group of spectators / fans / individuals in recognition of the following:

- Projects and campaigns designed to prevent discrimination and violence of all kinds;
- Projects and campaigns which use sport as a tool for positive social change, social integration and the breaking down of barriers;
- Acts of fairness on the part of players, fans, officials, etc. towards competitors, organizations, etc., which take place during or in connection with sports competitions;
- Exemplary behavior maintained over a long period, and commitment to fairness on or outside the sports field;
- Developing and carrying out projects or campaigns which aim to encourage sportsmanship, exemplary behavior and the principles of Fair Play;
- Developing and carrying out projects or campaigns which aim to combat child labor and to protect the rights of workers producing Olympic goods and sportswear;
- Work carried out with children and young people which aims to educate them in subjects such as Fair Play, tolerance and the discouragement of discrimination, and to help them better understand these values.

The Submission Process

Proposals may be submitted by individuals, by sports federations, or by public or private institutions.

A report describing the event concerned (in the form of a written document, accompanied by photographs, videos and if necessary other relevant supporting material) confirming the realization of the project and providing reasons for the making of an Award should first be sent via e-mail to the EFPM General Secretary.

If submitted in a language other than English, the said report must include a brief English summary.

A written version of the initial report (accompanied by photographs, videos and if necessary other relevant supporting material) should then be sent by post to the EFPM General Secretary.

The deadline for submissions to reach the EFPM General Secretary is 31st March in each year.

Self-nomination is permitted.

The Decision-Making Process

Decisions as to who will receive EFPM ‘Spirit of Fair Play’ Awards will be taken by the EFPM Awards Committee, and will be announced at the annual EFPM General Assembly. The making of Awards in this category is entirely at the discretion of the EFPM. Awards will be made only if the Awards Jury receives suitable proposals on behalf of candidates who are considered by this Jury to be worthy of an Award.
3. The EFPM ‘Fair Play Flame’ Award

The target group for the EFPM ‘Fair Play Flame’ Award is young people up to the age of 18 (this figure being calculated according to the year in which the candidate turns 18).

Eligibility

The EFPM ‘Fair Play Flame’ Award may be given to a team, class or individual for any of the below-listed or similar accomplishments, all of which are designed to have a positive influence on society or on the environment:

- Exemplary behaviour or acts of Fair Play during sports competitions;
- Helping friends or schoolmates who are in trouble, either at school or elsewhere;
- Helping to organize cultural or sports events, or events designed to assist orphanages, homes for the handicapped or homes for socially-deprived children;
- Helping elderly people who are in need of support;
- Actions taken at public events, or the organizing of public events, which are designed to preserve or enhance the environment.

It is, of course, participants themselves who are to choose the exact type of activity they wish to organize – the one they feel is the most appropriate and the one most likely to light the flame of friendship, tolerance and togetherness.

The Submission Process

Proposals may be submitted by individuals, by schools, by classes, by sports federations, or by public or private institutions.

A report describing the event concerned (in the form of a written document, accompanied by photographs, videos and if necessary other relevant supporting material) confirming the realization of the project and providing reasons for the making of an Award should first be sent via e-mail to the EFPM General Secretary.

If submitted in a language other than English, the said report must include a brief English summary.

A written version of the initial report (accompanied by photographs, videos and if necessary other relevant supporting material) should then be sent by post to the EFPM General Secretary.

The deadline for submissions to reach the EFPM General Secretary is 31st March in each year.

Self-nomination is permitted.
The Decision-Making Process

Decisions as to who will receive EFPM ‘Fair Play Flame’ Awards will be taken by the EFPM Awards Committee, and will be announced at the annual EFPM General Assembly. It is recommended that two (2) ‘Fair Play Flame’ Awards should be made annually – one reflecting the public’s choice plus one decided on by the EFPM Executive Committee. The making of that Award which is to be decided on by the EFPM Executive Committee is entirely at the discretion of the EFPM. This Award will be made only if the Awards Jury receives suitable proposals on behalf of candidates who are considered by this Jury to be worthy of an Award.

Please take note of the following:
This is a great opportunity to involve the general public by allowing not only participants in the annual EFP Congresses and EFPM General Assemblies, but also visitors to these Congresses and General Assemblies, to vote for their favorite Fair Play project in the ‘Public’s Choice’ category. An exhibition presenting all the projects submitted for Awards is to be organized during each EFP Congress and EFPM General Assembly so that both participants in these events and visitors to them can vote for their favorite act of Fair Play.

However, the most important reward for those teams, classes or individuals who receive these Awards will be the gratitude of those people who have benefited from the acts of Fair Play and tolerance concerned.

4. The EFPM ‘Fair Play Vox’ Award, made under the auspices of AIPS Europe

Eligibility

The EFPM ‘Fair Play Vox’ Award is designed solely for institutions and companies involved with the printed, broadcast or electronic media, and for the people who work in them (for example, journalists and reporters working for newspapers, magazines, television channels, etc.). It is made in the knowledge that the media play a key role in encouraging society to adopt positive ethical values and in promoting general acceptance of the values of Fair Play and tolerance.

The EFPM ‘Fair Play Vox’ Award is given by the EFPM under the auspices of AIPS Europe for the following:

- long-term commitment to ethical values;
- contributing to the promotion of the principles of Fair Play and tolerance, educating one’s audience in the meaning of these subjects, and promoting intercultural understanding;
- helping to ban the use of so-called ‘war language’ and of other forms of disrespectful language in the media with regard to opponents and opposing competitors, fans, etc.;
• organizing or giving support to campaigns which aim to encourage the development of sport and of a sense of social responsibility;
• implementing or promoting anti-doping measures and educational programs designed to combat doping;
• organising or promoting projects which focus on communication for positive social change;
• organising or promoting activities designed to ensure better physical and/or emotional health for children and young people.

The Submission Process

Proposals may be submitted by individuals, by schools, by classes, by sports federations, by public or private institutions, or by mass media institutions.

A report describing the event concerned (in the form of a written document, accompanied by photographs, videos and if necessary other relevant supporting material) confirming the realization of the project and providing reasons for the making of an Award should first be sent via e-mail to the EFPM General Secretary.

If submitted in a language other than English, the said report must include a brief English summary.

A written version of the initial report (accompanied by photographs, videos and if necessary other relevant supporting material) should then be sent by post to the EFPM General Secretary.

The deadline for submissions to reach the EFPM General Secretary is 31st March in each year.

Self-nomination is permitted.

The Decision-Making Process

Decisions as to who will receive EFPM ‘Fair Play Vox’ Awards will be taken by a Jury consisting of two EFPM Executive Committee Members and one representative of AIPS Europe, and will be announced at the annual EFPM General Assembly. The Awards will be made in co-operation with AIPS Europe during the annual EFPM General Assembly, or during the AIPS Europe General Assembly, or during an event specially organized by the two aforementioned parties.

The making of Awards in this category is entirely at the discretion of the EFPM and AIPS Europe. Awards will be made only if the Awards Jury receives suitable proposals on behalf of candidates who are considered by this Jury to be worthy of an Award.