



Declaration on Sport and Human Rights

Preamble

Sport can advance the human rights of everyone. It provides an opportunity to promote a set of universal values amongst participants, fans, workers, volunteers and local communities, as well as governments, businesses, the media and governing bodies.

Sportspeople should be protected by the commitments set out in this Declaration, but they also have a responsibility to challenge abuses, and support an ethos of dignity and respect, tolerance, understanding, equality and fairness within sport.

Declaration

1. There should be equal access to sport regardless of gender, race, language, age, religious belief, political or other opinion, marital status or sexual orientation, disability, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.
2. Opportunities to develop and advance through sport should be equally available to all.
3. Individuals should be able to partake in sport freely and not be under the undue control of those in positions of influence.
4. The rules of sport should be applied equally to all without discrimination.
5. Those involved in sport should be free to respectfully express their views and opinions, provided they do not interfere with the rights of others.
6. Transparent disciplinary and appeals processes should be in place to ensure due process is evident throughout sport.
7. Sporting bodies have a duty of care to members, volunteers and staff; there must be proper safeguarding, and all should be treated with equal dignity and respect.
8. Governance and democratic processes should be in place within sport that ensure equal participation in decision making.
9. Sport, as a major consumer of goods, should support and promote fair employment and ethical trading practices.
10. Sporting events are often a catalyst for good, and organisers must therefore ensure that the rights of residents and the wider public are protected.