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# *Editorial words*

*by Hrvoje Čustonja*  
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***Dear readers,***  
***Dear school sport friends,***

**I**n front of you is the new edition of the ISF Magazine, bigger than ever before and bringing to you interesting and positive news and information during a period that has certainly been challenging. This does not mean that during the period just past we organised more activities than before, it just means that we have changed the format of the Magazine. Even if we are impacted in our activities by the health and safety crisis, we have continued to rethink the world of school sport and therefore this is not the only format that we have changed in order to propose a new dynamic to strengthen our activities in the future.

This is the first and only ISF Magazine for 2020 that we are publishing, providing a summary of all our activities during 2020 and announces interesting programmes and projects in 2021. During 2020 we produced the ISF short term strategy with one of the most interesting parts of it being the new registration policy for all our events, which provides many more possibilities and opportunities to schools and students to take part in our events.

To read about activities in 2020 and 2021, and to not have the Covid-19 pandemic in the back of our minds is almost impossible. That is why I have to say that for ISF, even without "live" events, the year 2020 was challenging, yet successful.

You will have the opportunity to read about the innovative and new projects we have implemented during 2020. Some of them are opening new frontiers for the ISF which could lead us to interesting programmes in the near future.

Beside the overview of 2020, you will read of the many announcements for the year 2021 which will be, if sanitary circumstances allow us, the busiest and most successful year for the ISF, but most importantly, an incredibly engaging and exciting year for students from all around the world. With the two largest multi-sport events for students; 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang and ISF U15 World School Sport Games Belgrade taking place in the same year, we are immensely proud.

I am inviting all of you, students, and teachers, to come and join us on our school sport journey during 2021, which will certainly be an incredibly exciting and fun journey for youth and teachers in the world of sport.

Enjoy the reading and let us all enjoy the school sport journey during 2021, together.

Sincerely yours,

***Hrvoje Čustonja***



# INTERVIEW WITH ISF PRESIDENT

LAURENT PETRYNKA



## *School Sport: From challenges to new perspectives for the well-being of youth.*

*This year we saw a total of eight new member countries, with Bahamas, Egypt, Ethiopia, Macau-China, Moldova, Namibia, South Sudan, and Togo being welcomed into the ISF family.*

The year 2020 was challenging on a global scale due to the outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic. How does ISF cope with these challenges? In what ways did they impact the work of isf?

### **Positive and Responsible Attitude**

**L**et me begin by underlining my thanks to all ISF members, for having remained positive and dynamic whilst facing the COVID-19 pandemic this past year. When we all last gathered back in March for the **General Assembly held by the Serbian School Sport Federation in Belgrade**, the high levels of energy and enthusiasm everyone had were clear and obvious. Maintaining such positive emotions at a time such as this, is a testament to all our members.

Despite many challenges and the postponement of all "live" international school sport events, we were doing our best to continue to reach our aims and goals. The current crisis has further underlined how important school sport is, as **for many children it was and still is their only opportunity to engage in sport**. With the help of our members, the strong commitment to school sport continues to grow, whilst Olympic Values

are continuously shared through our actions. During the whole of 2020 we continued in improving the position of school sport, together with our members at both the national and international level.

The **dedicated and responsible approach of ISF members**, especially those who were ready to host ISF events in 2020, have helped to find the best possible solutions for all of our events, some of them being postponed to 2021, some to 2022, and unfortunately some of them being cancelled.

In the end I believe that together we have reached quite a good solution with the rebuilding of the ISF calendar from 2020 to 2021 and 2022 allowing us the chance to be positive for upcoming period.

To conclude, the pandemic brought about big challenges for us, but thanks to all ISF members and all school sport stakeholders we have survived and are **looking positively towards 2021**.

It was not easy to make a decision to cancel or postpone all live events. what was the reaction of ISF members and partners?

**F**irstly, I have to underline that we are all following the same goal, which is the safety of all students around the world. Besides that, all of our members and partners fully understood the difficulties we have each faced throughout the year 2020. Those two elements led us to make correct decisions at the Executive Committee meetings, where all decisions were adopted unanimously and for which I have to thank all EC members for their cooperation and commitment to the school sport movement.

I have to highlight, the very positive reactions and high level of cooperation with our external partners. Creating and developing activities with our partners remains incredibly important, now more than ever, continuing to build a strong environment for ISF and to give the best opportunities for students to grow. I would like to thank **our sponsors for maintaining and renewing their support to ISF events**, especially to VinylPlus and Ferrero – Kinder+Sport, with whom we signed new agreements during this pandemic period. I must also thank our four Chinese partners; Anta, Lilang, Panpan, and Shuhua, who are continuing to stand by us for the upcoming 2021 calendar.

Despite all the difficulties, ISF has started some new projects. Can you tell us more about them?

### Teamwork

**I**ndeed, despite the postponement of the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 and all world schools championships, **we still managed to launch some new projects during this pandemic period.**

We started in April with the ISF Stay Active campaign which has greatly benefited from support of ISF members and had a tremendous impact on social networks, making ISF a leading organisation in mobilisation. I would like to particularly thank all the organisers, participants, and ambassadors of ISF events. You have demonstrated incredible support whilst facing the rescheduling of spring and summer events, bearing in mind that the wellbeing of youth is our priority.

During August 2020, with the huge support of Mr Raj Kumar Karki, ISF Technical Coordinator for Taekwondo and Secretary General of the Nepal School Sport Federation, **we launched our first online championship**, ISF World Schools Taekwondo Poomsae, then, during October of this year we had our first ISF World Schools online Chess Championship p both encounter a large success. Now in December, we are organising for the second time the ISF World E-sport Games, in close cooperation with Ukrainian School Sport Federation led by ISF Executive Committee member, Mr Roman Greba.

What can you point out as the positive things that happened in 2020?

**I**t is my pleasure to mention, that during this pandemic period we took the time to think strategically about the international school sport movement. This led us to develop two strategic documents. Both documents received full support from the Executive Committee

members, and we are especially looking forward to further discussions regarding the potential partnership with the IOC.

We created the ISF Short term strategy 2020-2022, with 5 main pillars – EVENTS DEVELOPMENT – MARKETING & COMMUNICATION – INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – MEMBERS/ADMINISTRATION. For each pillar we set up 5 clear goals, all together 25 goals for the development of the international school sport movement, based on realistic and achievable principles.

We also defined potential common goals for partnership with the International Olympic Committee with the idea based on the ISF U15 World School Sport Games but upgraded with fully ongoing implementation of the Olympic Values in schools around the World.

What is the near future of ISF? What is the plan for the upcoming months?

**Following great cooperation and discussions with LOC's and ISF members in rescheduling 2020 events to 2021**, we were able to publish the first bulletins for upcoming events such as next year's **U15 World School Games in Belgrade, Serbia, and the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020**, with preparations for both now fully underway. I would like to thank both local organising committees, as well the Serbian School Sport Federation led by its president Mr Željko Tanasković, and the China School Sport Federation led by its president Mr Xue Yanqing, for their willingness to closely collaborate with ISF and manage a successful preparational process despite the current hardships. Looking further into the future, the preparations for Gymnasiade 2022, led by French School Sport Union (UNSS), are already underway, and we are also in regular contact with the Russian Federation regarding the Gymnasiade in 2024. I am also delighted to confirm that the second edition of the She Runs Active Girls' Lead, project we held for the first time in 2019 in Paris, is supported by the European Commission (Erasmus+ Sport programme) and will be held in the City of Brussels in 2021.

As well as those three main events in 2021, we are planning to hold 8 world schools championships during 2021 in 6 different countries (Israel, Brazil, France,

Serbia, China and Ukraine) thanks to the great spirit and cooperation of the LOC's. So we are very optimistic that 2021 will be a positive and successful year for the international school sport movement.

The ISF U15 World School Sport Games should make 2021 quite an interesting year. Can you give us a few more details?

## *New Opportunities*

**W**e are very proud to announce the first edition of the **ISF U15 World School Sport Games** (Gymnasiade U15) in Belgrade (Serbia) which will be held from 26 June to 4 July 2021.

The ISF U15 World School Sport Games will bring together school athletes aged 13 to 15 into a multisport event (14 different sports), creating a unique context for high-level sport competitions, educational programmes, and cultural exchanges.

It is crucial for ISF to address younger groups of people as we are living in a more complex and challenging environment. We believe that ISF along with our organisers and partners must **help youth student athletes instil from an early age the establishment of a healthy lifestyle, the acquisition, and development of leadership skills and their discovery of competences whilst gaining a better understanding of the world.** These are the main reasons for which we decided to launch the ISF U15 World School Sport Games.

I call on all ISF members to take full advantage of this unique opportunity and register to this event, which will gather younger groups of student athletes for an international event. Serbia is globally well known to be one of the leading organisers for international sports events. We are convinced that public authorities in Serbia and the local organising committee as well as the Serbian School Sport Federation are gathering all of their major resources and know how in order to deliver a fantastic event which will impact younger generations for years to come.

Soon after Belgrade, the school sport community will gather in the biggest ISF event, **Gymnasiade Jinjiang**. What do you expect from it?

**T**he ISF Gymnasiade is the biggest event within the ISF organisation, and by being a multisport event that includes a large educational and cultural programme it makes it a unique lifetime experience for all participants. The Organising Committee of the **18th ISF Gymnasiade (School Summer Games) - Jinjiang 2020**, the China

School Sports Federation, ISF members and experts are **fully committed to creating a safe environment** in which to deliver this edition of the Gymnasiade, which will see the largest number of sports ever gathered at an ISF event. We assure you that medical and health care standards have been adapted in accordance with the current worldwide pandemic, involving all relevant authorities in order to experience a safe and secure Gymnasiade.

The preparations for the 18th ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 are well underway. Jinjiang, China, is awaiting young students from all over the World which will gather in this magnificent Chinese city from 16 to 23 October 2021 during which we are all looking forward to being part of ISF history, holding the largest ever ISF event.

The ISF has shown great commitment to important topics such as gender equality. What steps have been taken this year?

**I**mportant steps were taken in March at the General Assembly held in Belgrade where ISF established both the **Integrity and Gender Equality Committees**, with Ms. Sophie Bordet from Peru and Ms. Valerie Lebondo from Gabon taking on the roles of officer of each of those committees, respectively. **Ensuring the safeguarding of youth athletes is a crucial matter**, and with the creation of these important committees, ISF will continuously work to reinforce and develop policy focused on the wellbeing of youth.

These steps show the important development and reinforcement of our position internationally, regarding our governance on these two key topics.

**She Runs - Active Girls' Lead** is the excellent implementation of the gender equality programme and I am happy that we managed to secure the 2nd edition of the event which will take place in the City of **Brussels (Belgium) from 27 September to 2 October 2021.**

We are very proud that the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition is happening in Brussels, and I must thank the city leaders for their excellent cooperation, especially 1st Alderman in charge of Climate and Sports, Mr Benoit Hellings. The City of Brussels is the main organisational partner of the event. The project has also been granted funding by the Erasmus+ Sport Programme which means that in the heart of Europe, together with our partners, the European Commission, the City of Brussels, and Vinyl Plus we will organise this fantastic event dedicated to empowering girls and developing their skills whilst promoting health. Our aim is to contribute to the change towards a more sustainable world in and through sport.

The calendar for next year is filled with many sports competitions. Are you confident that all events will be successful?

## Strengthening Networks

**F**irst of all, I want to say that during this period our main goal is and always will be to secure the safety and wellbeing of all our participants. I am very positive that we will reach that goal, thanks to good cooperation and coordination with all our members, partners, and LOC's.

The reality of event participation has brought about further **development of opportunities regarding our cooperation with school networks** and the integration of more youth into ISF events. For this reason, we developed **the Directly Applying Schools (DAS)** project, in order to ensure that ISF events are able to continue providing opportunities to our members as a priority but additionally when possible, allow other school networks to also join our events.

It is clear that ISF members will have full priority over directly applying schools, but on the other hand, schools will benefit from available places not taken by ISF members. So, this implemented system will give us the opportunity to provide as many students as possible the chance to take part in ISF events.

What can you point out as the positive things that happened in 2020?

**As** I already mentioned and as it is underlined in our short-term strategy, we are placing a strong emphasis on building a **new and interesting institutional partnership** which will provide better opportunities for students to be involved in school sport.

In the future we aim to further strengthen our international relations for better integrating schools within the Olympic Movement. I participated in the **Olympic Education Commission** meeting where I underlined the key role that schools can have and that ISF is willing to play a more active role in **raising awareness on IOC values and healthy lifestyle** habits amongst youth. Together with the China School Sport Federation President Mr Xue Yanqing, I participated in the EU-China High-Level People-to-People Dialogue Policy Meeting to talk about ISF and the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 taking place in 2021. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Commissioner Ms. Mariya Gabriel for having us in this important meeting which highlighted the role that major international school sport events, like the Gymnasiade, can play in contributing to the EU-China

relation strategy. Additionally, back in September, the ISF was elected as Chair of the Consultative Committee of the EPAS (Enlarged Partial Agreement for Sport) of the Council of Europe.

We are also establishing closer cooperation with different international sport federations. During 2020 we signed **MOU's with World Wrestling Union, International Esports Federation, Global Esports Federation, World Chess Federation**, and we are currently finalising **MOU's with World Basketball Federation, International Handball Federation and World Dance Sport Federation**. I have to thank all of them for their understanding and joint commitment to providing the best possible opportunities, expertise, and conditions for youth to take part in at international sport competitions.

Finally, what message would you convey to everyone involved in school sports?

**F**irstly, and most importantly, I wish all the best to students from all around the world. Stay safe and healthy during these difficult times. We look forward to meeting you all again soon, on the ISF playing fields.

Secondly, once again, I want to thank the whole ISF family for your understanding and the unwavering commitment you are all demonstrating, in order to secure a better future for youth around the world.

To all kids, parents, teachers, principals, school sport stakeholders and the sport community as a whole; I wish you all the best in 2021. May you stay happy and healthy and we will **see you at ISF events in 2021**.



On behalf of the whole ISF family I would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family of our friend and colleague Roger J. Goudy, after his sudden passing. We will always remember him as the person who wanted to put USA on the ISF map in a more meaningful way. Roger will be remembered as a dynamic sport entrepreneur who had new ideas and a vision for international school sport events. Exchanging ideas with him on the different opportunities that sporting events represent for young people, was always an enjoyable as well as instructive time.

# ISF GOVERNANCE

## ISF Meetings in 2020



## New ISF Member Countries



Bahamas



Egypt



Ethiopia



Macau, China



Moldova



Namibia



South Sudan



Togo

## ISF Short-term Goals for the 2020-2022

### EVENTS

- Deliver all events according to the ISF events overview (see appendix 1)
- Develop Gymnasiade U15
- Secure ISF Gymnasiade 2022 & 2024
- Develop ISF Inclusive Games & Winter Gymnasiade
- Find host countries for events 2022-2026 (see appendix 2)

### MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

- Secure 1M euro sponsorship per year
- Develop Marketing strategy
- Build partnership with a major Broadcaster
- Improve Communication strategy and tools
- Improve all communication channels

### INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

- Build close cooperation with IOC
- Build cooperation with WADA
- Build cooperation with UN agencies (UNICEF, UNESCO)
- Develop cooperation with International Sports Federations
- Develop cooperation with European bodies (EC, COE)

### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Develop Universal Teacher Games
- Develop ISF E-Games
- Develop ISF Mass School event for all students
- Develop ISF Educational programmes
- Build ISF online events

### ADMINISTRATION

- Improve ISF documents - Handbooks, Requirements, Guidelines, Rules...
- Dynamise ISF committees and continental bodies
- Build ISF internal seminars (staff, committees, LOC...)
- Increase ISF membership
- Improve ISF Office structure

# ISF Executive Committee Composition 2020 - 2022



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## Newly Formed Committees

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Chair

Valerie  
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# ISF General Assembly

3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 - Belgrade, Serbia



# ISF Governance

## General Assembly and ISF Meetings Overview

*A year of strengthening the ISF internal structure and looking towards new areas and projects*

**T**he year 2020, will undoubtedly be remembered as an extremely challenging year, affecting in one way or another, human activities of all kind. At the ISF level, we must underline the **great solidarity and cohesion of the members of the ISF Family**. The proactivity of ISF members to create the best possible conditions for youth to practice sport during this health crisis was certainly noticed, as all political and sport leaders recognised more than ever before, the importance of school sport. At ISF leadership level, the cooperation between members ensured the proper functioning of the ISF and maintained the good governance of our organisation. The year 2020 was particularly important as it was the first year of implementing the new statutes adopted back in 2019. Three Executive Committee and two Management Committee meetings were successfully held this year in addition to the annual General Assembly. The importance of maintaining the same number of annual meetings was underlined, along with the strengthening of communication channels so as to

maximise information between all continents, being key in supporting the future of school sport and the ISF.

ISF held its annual **General Assembly on 3 March 2020, gathering a total of 73 member countries together in the city of Belgrade, Serbia**. As the largest ISF meeting of the year, the General Assembly concluded four days of discussions, where members also took part in individual committee meetings including the Management Committee, Executive Committee, Education and Legacy Committee as well as Continental meetings for Africa, America, and Europe.

### **Expansion of ISF Family**

**O**ver the course of the four days of meetings, members were involved in decisions and reports that would further develop and grow both the ISF and the school sport movement as a whole. The ever-

expanding ISF family has been fortunate enough to welcome six new members this year, with **Egypt, Ethiopia, Moldova, Namibia, South Sudan, and Togo being announced** as new incoming member countries at the General Assembly in March. The continuous increase in the number of ISF members, is yet another reminder of the strength and willingness of the school sport community, and was further demonstrated **as Bahamas and Macau, China were also approved by the Executive Committee** later in the year. With these eight new members, we now have a total of 129 members, making it increasingly important to expand the variety of representation within ISF.



In addition to highlighting the expansion of school sport internationally, Belgrade also saw new developments on the continental front. During the ISF Continental meeting for Europe, the successful founding of the European School Sport Federation (ESSF) took place with representatives from 23 European countries gathered together. From the meeting, the founding members unanimously elected Serbian School Sport Federation President, Mr Željko Tanasković as the federation's first President, Russian Federation's Alan Abaev and Croatia's Ivana Putarek as Vice-Presidents, and Greece's Stylianos Daskalakis as Secretary General. On the same continental level, we must also recognise the recent activity of the Asian School Sport Federation who held their General Assembly on December 22nd.

The resolve of school sport worldwide has certainly been tested throughout the year 2020. Whilst in Belgrade, the reality of COVID-19 was thoroughly discussed by the Executive Committee, in regard to the effects and necessary steps to be taken during the course of the year. It was during this meeting in March when the first **official ISF statement on the COVID-19 pandemic** was made, then later announced at the General Assembly. The underlining message was of the health and safety of youth and of being prepared for all eventualities, regarding the situation of ISF events in 2020.

## **Consolidating Leadership**

**A** very important matter on the agenda of the 2020 General Assembly, was that of elections. Following structural and statute changes that had been decided upon at the 2019 General Assembly in Agadir, Morocco, the ISF Executive Committee now contains three Vice-Presidents. Therefore, one of the requirements of the 2020 General Assembly in Belgrade, was to **elect a third Vice-President as well as eight individual Assessors, to the Executive Committee**. The new composition of the Executive Committee is a greatly changed one and strongly corresponds to the increasing number of overall ISF members and reflects more accurately the reality of the world in terms of youth participating in school sport. We now see elected positions currently occupied by **four representatives from Africa, four from Asia, and three from America**. Furthermore, there are first-time representatives from Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, and Senegal who have now joined the highest body within ISF, the Executive committee, in 2020.

Continuing on the important topic of representation as well as further structural change, the 2020 General Assembly also saw the creation of **two new committees: The Integrity Committee and the Gender Equality Committee**. These important decisions were subsequently followed by the **appointment of Sophie Bordet (PER) as Integrity Committee Chair and Valerie Lebondo (GAB) as Gender Equality Committee Chair**. Their implementation is yet another step towards further ensuring the smooth and safe running of ISF events, reiterating that the practice of sport in a safe environment, contributing to the development of youth through sport, is and always will be the priority for ISF.

## Innovation

The importance of development and innovation within ISF and all ISF events remains incredibly important. The General Assembly presented the opportunity to formally introduce the **new ISF U15 World School Sport Games** to ISF members. It was even more fitting that it be presented in the city of Belgrade which will host the first ever edition in 2021. The high level of preparations for this event in Serbia were firmly backed by the strong supporting words of Serbia State Secretary for Sport, Mr Predrag Perunicic and Serbian School Sport Federation (SSSF) President and ISF Executive Committee member, Mr Željko Tanasković.

After the considerable number of official ISF meetings in Belgrade, gatherings understandably transitioned to a virtual format. With global events being either postponed or cancelled, ISF moved the remaining Executive Committee and Management Committee meetings to online in order for members to continue working to the best of their ability.



## Cooperation and New Horizons

On 1 July 2020, ISF held its second annual Executive Committee meeting, online, during which members came together to discuss the immediate challenges facing school sport worldwide. With members having been notified in May 2020, the ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 was to be postponed until 2021, with all World School Championships since the General Assembly in March having followed suit.

The agenda of the meeting remained positive however, with the review of the well-received **#ISF-Stay-Active-Campaign** which had provided an opportunity for the ISF community to mobilise and maintain connections and dialogue with members and the school sport world. Its goal was to help children, students, and parents to stay active and continue with physical exercise whilst remaining at home. Furthermore, new ISF events were confirmed to take place in 2020, using virtual platforms to continue to engage with youth athletes. In July, the **ISF World Schools Championship Open Virtual Taekwondo 2020** event was to take place, working in part with the #ISF-Stay-Active-Campaign and organised by ISF member, the Nepal School Sport Federation. With October seeing the **ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020** event being held.

The third and final **Executive Committee meeting of 2020 took place on 14 November** with the emphasis firmly on future school sport events and opportunities. The confirmation of all 2020 ISF events being postponed or cancelled, further focused the discussions to 2021 and beyond, whilst continuing to closely monitor all situations. In addition to the success of the online events so far occurring in 2020, the committee members adopted a new **ISF E-Sport strategy**, further developing the ISF's venture into E-sport events, along with the second **ISF E-sport Games taking place in December 2020**. Furthermore, discussions also revolved around developing ISF events and in particular, youth participation levels. **A new registration project named Directly Applying Schools (DAS)** has been developed in order to provide additional opportunities for events to have higher levels of participation, giving the chance for schools to directly apply but whilst always giving priority to members first.

With that, the annual ISF meetings were concluded for 2020, with the new year on the horizon, when we will all meet again in **Doha, Qatar in April for the 2021 General Assembly**.

# ISF Governance

*ISF is defining its policy priorities: Ethics and Gender Equality*

**W**ith its rapid growth, ISF in 2018 decided to reshape its entire governance starting with the formation of seven new committees, then in 2019 by structuring the Secretariat through its primary action of appointing a new Secretary General in Hrvoje Čustonja, and then during the 2020 General Assembly, to complete the governance framework by selecting two transversal themes that are essential for ISF, Gender Equality and Ethics in the broader sense. That led to the appointment of two members of the ISF Family, from two different continents (America and Africa) to oversee these programmes. Sophie Bordet, Executive Committee member representing Peru, in charge of the Integrity programme and Valérie Lebondo from Gabon, in charge of Gender Equality policies.



## **Integrity: Safe School Sport**

**T**he practice of sport in a **safe environment** has always been the priority for ISF as it is the first condition for ensuring the development of youth through sport as a complete educational activity and tool. This is only possible through the relationship of trust that is created within the various entities that make up the success

and good running of our events, the ISF Family, the members, the athletes, and the organising committees. The trust being each time reinforced by the ability to put in place the most current and relevant policies and ensuring the smooth running of our events. This is particularly true in terms of the protection of young people.

The main aim of appointing Sophie Bordet as chair of the newly constituted **Integrity Commission**, is to develop tools and policies to safeguard minors in and around school sport, combating **violence and discrimination**, to reduce the occurrence of **harassment and abuse** in sport through the identification and reduction of potential risks, and ultimately to **eliminate violence, discrimination, or corruption** among other **misbehaviours and misconduct** in and around school sport.

This nomination within the new initiative was greatly welcomed by the members of the General Assembly as Ms. Bordet had already presented a full action plan for the development of the committee. The plan proposed by the Chair rests on **four main pillars**, which are, the constitution of an ISF integrity policy based on international recommendations and regulations, the writing of a competition policy, the development of various educational tools and lastly the implementation within ISF of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

The ISF approach is to prevent and raise awareness on the misbehaviours and misconduct that youth may

witness in their sport activities. ISF is dedicated to providing the largest number of opportunities to the members of its community to **strengthen citizenship behaviour and focus on the safeguarding of athletes, the protection of the integrity of sport, those acting within sport, and the promotion of the sport values.**



## **Gender Equality: Participatory School Sport**

**I**SF sport policies are based on equality principles in terms of participation rules of events dedicated to girls and boys. Knowing that during teenage years it is girls that have a drop in numbers that practice sport, ISF decided to develop a concept dedicated to the girls in 2018 called She Runs – Active Girls’ Lead, that was implemented in 2019 in Paris. The strategic direction of ISF towards helping youth continue to practice sport, and the involvement of ISF in promoting the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goal 5 entitled Gender Equality: **“achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”**, combined with the success of She Runs – Active Girls’ Lead, brought about the natural development and continuation of this approach with the appointment of an individual for this specific topic. This role will carry forward and establish programmes and activities centred on girls both within pre-existing and future innovative activities on gender equality.

Valérie Lebono, Deputy Director General of school sport in Gabon, specialist in the study of girls in sport and national representative to ISF is the appropriate person to be the first ever appointed person to lead this policy. The basic idea is **to promote gender equality in school sports worldwide**, through sensitisation awareness and training of all people involved in its management and implementation. Furthermore, there will be a focus on the formation of policies oriented to the **application of the equal opportunities principle** in competitive sport activities as well as recreational, and for health, whilst enforcing and respecting the national and international standards related to equal opportunities between women and men, within the scope of school sports.

The first actions will be to **implement gender equality committees** or referent persons within member federations and to take stock of the situation through a questionnaire on specific policies and activities developed in this area. More broadly, the main short-term objectives are defined in the different fields of actions to be sure to have the broadest possible impact. Therefore this policy will: **identify existing successful programmes to reach gender equality; increase the number of women in leadership positions;** promote a model of physical practice of sports free of gender stereotypes; encourage the use of a non-sexist language in the communication of school sport; **increase women’s participation in physical and sports activities and competitive sports at the school level;** eliminate gender stereotypes associated with sport; encourage the practice of all types of physical activities and sports among women; encourage the media to promote the visibility of women in school sports; highlight the sporting achievements of women and convey a positive image of school sports; **include a gender perspective in seminars, conferences, courses and other educational activities** related to school sports; and encourage the design and dissemination of tools and strategies.

**This nomination is key to the objective of ISF to empower young women, helping them acquire leadership skills through sport and offer them new opportunities.**

# ISF Governance

5 Questions for Sophie Bordet and Valerie Lebondo



## 1. How did you come to school sport?

*I am a pure product of school sport from my birth country: France. I come from team sports and I had my breakthrough with Volleyball. I loved it and practised up to international during 15 years. After studying Law and Science in Politics at University, I turned to business and entrepreneurship, and graduated a Master with a mayor in sport business and sport management. After several projects and events, working with different sports, I had a lifetime opportunity to go to Peru and work on the very first participation of this country to the Winter Olympic Games that we achieved in 2010. I fell in love with this amazing country and culture. I worked to the development of several Peruvian Federation like Climbing, Snowboarding or Skating (among others). Finally, I got literally a stroke of luck and some chance meetings to get back to the basics and I became General Director of the Peruvian School Sport Organisation in 2018.*

## 2. Why do you think the issue of integrity is important in sport?

*I feel blessed that I have never experienced bad behaviour from any coaches or fellow athletes. I believe that sport is an amazing opportunity to enjoy, to reveal or to outdo oneself. There is no place for abuse, harassment or violence in sport. I believe that integrity in sport and forbidding any type of violence should be as natural as winning medals, having a good diet or fighting against doping. We have all heard of abuses in great scandals and felt shocked, but these kinds of behaviour are known and we should never accept them*

*or just feel lucky not to be involved. Keeping children safe is an absolute necessity for sport in all terms and definitions.*

## 3. What is your vision for your mission within ISF and global school sport?

*I believe that ISF is a key organisation to embrace the issue of Harassment and Abuse in sport because we deal with children, with underaged athletes. Through our events, we have the exclusive opportunity, not only to be in contact with them, but to meet their coaches and their parents. We have a unique opportunity to educate all of them during our Cultural/Educational day taking place in each of our events, in every discipline.*

*I have the chance to Chair the newly appointed ISF Integrity Commission and we aim to dedicate programs to share with kids from all over the world, their PE teachers and their parents and their coaches. They all have to understand what is acceptable and what is not and how to denounce it. I wish also to create awareness towards all those who work in sports because this issue does not strike only athletes or particular sport or particular places in the world: everyone is involved, everyone is at risk.*

## 4. Could give an example of a good practice in terms of integrity in sport?

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### 5. What are the next steps for you to fulfil your mission?

**D**espite the difficult time we are facing, I am currently preparing a report for future actions to be taken by the ISF in order to fully implement the Integrity Commission. I am working on educational material to be spread during our events and a communication campaign on the topic to officially announce that ISF will have 0 tolerance for any kind of violence. We have to be very specific and very pedagogical. We also should create bonds with the many international organisations such as United Nations, European Union, International Olympic Committee or UNESCO (to name the biggest) that work on a daily basis to eradicate Harassment and Abuse in all sectors of life.



### 1. How did you come to school sport?

**F**ollowing my BA diploma in literature, I have enrolled at a university for a degree in psychology. Meanwhile, I was selected to continue my studies at the National Institute of Youth and Sport, which I graduated with a diploma of a PE teacher. In 2017 I was appointed as a Deputy Director General responsible for the school affairs within the Ministry of Education. My involvement in school sport is a part of my responsibilities within a ministry. In fact, my department is in charge of defining school sport policies in Gabon as well as its representation internationally. Personally, I have been a basketball player and participated at school championships for many years during my youth.

### 2. Why do you think the issue of integrity is important in sport?

**S**port allows full development of a human being, regardless of their gender. Gender issue today requires a 360 degrees approach, the desired aim is to promote equality between men and women in sport participation as well as consider the existing structure of sport organisations and execute gender equality policy within the decision-makers. I hope that together with Executive Committee members we can put policies in place that will ensure equal participation in sport of men and women.

### 3. What is your vision for your mission within ISF and global school sport?

**I** feel proud to receive this mission from the President and the ISF and I can ensure that I will do my best. I invite all of ISF stakeholders to support me in this task.

It should all start with understanding the need of putting girls into the center for promotion of school sport at national and international level. Sport allows to break gender stereotypes that have been rooted within our society. We can achieve progress only when all authorities are on the same page in regards to the importance of women sport. It is also well-known that female athletes don't get as much media attention as their male counterparts.

### 4. Could give an example of a good practice in terms of integrity in sport?

**E**quality in sports starts with women taking leading position. I have been inspired by the appointment of Senegal's Fama Samba Diouf Samoura as the first female Secretary General in FIFA's history.

### 5. What are the next steps for you to fulfil your mission?

**I** am currently developing a strategy for the future work of the Committee on Gender Equality that I will chair. It should become a legal framework necessary for taking decisions to implement the vision on Gender Equality within school sport.

**Following productive meetings, the delegates returned to their countries with a promise to meet again: in 2021 in Doha, Qatar, where the next General Assembly is scheduled to take place.**



# ISF Governance

## Annual ISF Sport Technical Meeting

### *A newly composed team, united for sport excellence*

**O**n 7 and 8 February 2020, the annual sport technical meeting gathered 29 ISF Technical Commission Presidents and Technical Coordinators from each sport committee, at the ISF headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, to discuss and exchange **information about the ISF sport Policy, its development, objectives, and future agenda**. It was crucial to address the leaders of each sport in order to present them the **new operational strategy** adopted by the Executive Committee for supervising and running ISF events.

As the number of sports in the ISF calendar rapidly increased from 2018, and the decision was made to align the mandate of all sport committees with the elections of the President, a lot of new appointments were made over the year 2019. Therefore, the goal of the meeting was also to build a team spirit amongst the members who will work closely together for four years and develop their own sport within the ISF Family. The **29 ISF Technical Commission Presidents and Technical Coordinators present at the meeting, represented twenty-five different countries from four continents,**

reflecting the growth of ISF membership from 82 in 2018 to 129 member countries currently.

ISF president, Laurent Petrynka officially opened the meeting and welcomed the participants, followed by the Chair of the ISF Sport Committee, Željko Tanasković, ISF Secretary General/CEO, Hrvoje Čustonja and ISF Sports Director, Josip Kosutić.

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***"It is a privilege to have so many sport professionals and physical education experts contributing to the ISF sports programme and to the development of our vision for the school sport event formats".***

*Laurent Petrynka*

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He highlighted the importance of their role within ISF and how pleased he was that such experienced profiles have joined ISF.

The ISF Secretary General Mr Hrvoje Čustonja, presented to the attendees the ISF structure, operations, and objectives for the next three years. He emphasised the professionalism and rapid growth that ISF has

undergone over the last two years. He also stressed that **international school sport is gaining more interest from public authorities as an opportunity and a tool to empower generations of youth**, and that ISF is now better connected and recognised by the international sports federations. He also introduced the sport structure of ISF. Back in 2018, when the Sport Committee was appointed, a sport policy was adopted, defining different categories of events (Gymnasiade, World Championships, Cups, Special Projects – Inclusive Games, Cool Games...) and included the Sport coordinators next to the Sport Presidents.

The participating Technical Committee members spent the majority of the first day evaluating and discussing the current developments in preparation for the 2020 ISF events, in particular, for the upcoming ISF World Schools Championships. They covered a wide range of topics from competition formats and regulations to anti-doping and cooperation with the International Federations. ISF Sports director, Josip Kosutić, also presented the wide range of **new guidelines and specific documents** issued by the Secretariat to support the work of the local organising committees.

The second day revolved around the topic of the 18th ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020. The meeting was led by ISF Deputy Secretary General/CEO, Kole Gjelošaj and ISF Sports Director, Josip Kosutić. The meeting started with the overview of the different visits made by ISF representatives to Jinjiang for the **supervision of this 18th edition of the Gymnasiade**, that will be the largest event ever organised by the ISF. Two meetings were held in 2018 and three in 2019. Amongst them was the meeting held **from the 9 to 11 December 2019, which**



**was the largest technical meeting held by ISF with a Gymnasiade organising committee.** A total of 13 sports out of the 18 that will be included in the largest Gymnasiade ever, were reviewed during the three working days, which included visiting the venues and meetings with the School Sport Federation of China sport experts. In Brussels, the participants discussed the guidelines for registration and other administrative processes of the event and also reviewed the anti-doping policy. **Many questions were also raised on the health and safety situation in P.R. China, related to the COVID-19 situation.**

The meeting was also an opportunity for the Presidents and Coordinators to give their feedback on the visit to Jinjiang they took part in, so as to exchange and discuss with their colleagues on the subject of best practices, and finally to determine the next steps and future objectives needed to be fulfilled before the 18th ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020.



# ISF Events

## ISF Online Events in 2020

**T**he year 2020 saw the transitioning of ISF events to an online format. With the creativity and innovation of ISF members, the calendar of events was able to produce three online events in 2020, with the goal of supporting youth in staying active and healthy through practicing school sport whilst remaining at home. Within the framework of next year's 18th ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020, using the online format was a great way to maintain the energy and dynamism around both Chess and Taekwondo, with both sports being part of the 18 different sports that will make up the sport programme of the Gymnasiade next October in China.

**P**resident of the Nepal School Sport Federation and ISF TC delegate for Taekwondo was pivotal in getting the event off the ground, and **Raj Kumar Karki** had this to say: *"In a world that is constantly changing, it is to our advantage to learn how to adapt and enjoy something better. ISF World Schools Taekwondo Poomsae Virtual Championship 2020 with 484 participants from 21 countries and 4 continents, participating in 8 different categories was a great success and motivation for the young athletes to stay active and healthy while remaining at home during the pandemic situation. The championship was inaugurated by Youth & Sports Minister of Nepal Honourable Jagat Bahadur Sunar (Bishwokarma) and ISF President Mr Laurent Petrynka. We would like to thank ISF for providing us the approval and support to organise this virtual championship. Nepal School Sports Federation and Championship Organizing Committee would like to thank all participating athletes from different countries and the referees for their outstanding contribution and fair judgement."*

Developing new and innovating formats will continue to help extend our reach within the school sport community. **Providing a variety of additional opportunities to youth athletes from around the world and sharing with them, the benefits of school sport and physical activity, no matter the platform.** The second edition of ISF E-Sports Games is an example of the development taking place in regard to ISF online events, trying to engage additional audiences of youth with new and engaging formats which introduce and enhance their experience with school sport and physical activity.

ISF Executive Committee member, **Mr Roman Greba**

has had a tremendous amount of involvement in developing the ISF E-Sports Games event, with the focus always remaining on its combination with physical activity: *"ISF E-Sports Games is a unique format of E-Sports competition. It does not have any other comparable events in the world. Our goal is to combine physical activity and E-Sports. The combination of virtual games and real physical exercises is the key to a bright and healthy future of our E-Sports athletes. This is a win-win and is also a great opportunity!"*



### ISF World Schools Taekwondo Poomsae Virtual Championship

13 – 15 August 2020

- 4 Continents
- 21 Countries
- 484 Participants
- 254 Boys
- 230 Girls
- 1452 Videos Submitted



### ISF World Schools Chess Online Championship

3 – 25 October 2020

- 4 Continents
- 37 Countries
- 314 Participants
- 203 Boys
- 111 Girls



### ISF E-Sport Games

11 – 19 December 2020

- 3 Continents
- 9 Countries/Teams
- 52 Participants



# Results

ISF World Schools Taekwondo Poomsae Virtual Championship

13 – 15 August 2020

## U14 Boys Colour Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shan Hong Ji	CHN
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hao Shuang	CHN
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zaid Al Haouari	MAR
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mo Zhang Ming	CHN
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ariel Christopher Alvarez Zapata	NIC
6 <sup>th</sup>	Adnane Kaid	MAR
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jayant R. Singh	IND
8 <sup>th</sup>	Omar Rachid	MAR

## U14 Boys Black Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Soravit Kongtut	THA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Li Wenxuan	CHN
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amirhossein Esmaeli	IRI
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ng Kye Jin	MAS
5 <sup>th</sup>	Moussa Kostit	MAR
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sebastien Berdugo Mallanos	NIC
7 <sup>th</sup>	Adel Mansouri Habibadi	IRI
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jabir Jamed Dorantes	MEX

## U17 Boys Colour Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mohamed Ouafi	MAR
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abdelmajid Afrian	MAR
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mohamed Elaasri	MAR
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shivam S. Uphadhyay	IND
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lucas Andrade Barbosa	BRA
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cristian David Vanegas Chala	COL
7 <sup>th</sup>	Usman Bilal	PAK
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sujan Shrestha	NEP

## U17 Boys Black Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nuttapat Kaewkwan	THA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mohammad Amin Gomarian	IRI
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Liu Guangyu	CHN
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gao Ling Hang	CHN
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lei Jie	CHN
6 <sup>th</sup>	Liu Xin	CHN
7 <sup>th</sup>	Reza Babaiy	IRI
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mohammad Mahdi Akbari	IRI

## U14 Girls Colour Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ou Yang Yu Mo	CHN
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hu Fang Yuan	CHN
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexa Maria Lopez	NIC
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rayhan Bahaoui	MAR
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wang Jiaqi	CHN
6 <sup>th</sup>	Viktoriiia Lavreniuk	UKR
7 <sup>th</sup>	Nada Elfarhani	MAR
8 <sup>th</sup>	Zhuang Qiyu	CHN

## U14 Girls Black Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Siriyaporn Sangchuang	THA
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sanaz Taghipoor	IRI
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Narges Bolghand	IRI
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shifah Shaikh	IND
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mahsa Eisavand	IRI
6 <sup>th</sup>	Narjes Shamsi	IRI
7 <sup>th</sup>	Negin Naderi Nikkah	IRI
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wong Zin	MAS

## U17 Girls Colour Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Malak Khabali	MAR
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paula Alejandra Arrubla Barbosa	COL
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rebeca Valdez Garcia	MEX
4 <sup>th</sup>	Souhaila Al-Ehyane	MAR
5 <sup>th</sup>	Graciela Rodriguez Lavariega	MEX
6 <sup>th</sup>	Stefannia Hurtado Chaparro	COL
7 <sup>th</sup>	Alondra Cabello Cartas	MEX
8 <sup>th</sup>	Anais Sophie Montellano Hunter	MEX

## U17 Girls Black Belt

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Peng Jiaying	CHN
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zeinab Toghyani	IRI
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mahtab Taji Rostamabadi	IRI
4 <sup>th</sup>	Setayesh Goudarzi	IRI
5 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Lim Jia Chin	MAS
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tan Nina	CHN
7 <sup>th</sup>	Yegane Asadi	IRI
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kiana Nouri	IRI

# Results

ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess  
3 – 25 October 2020



## U14 Boys

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mohammad Javad Khorshidi Paji	IRI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Read Samadov	AZE
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Simon Lamaze	FRA
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mykhailo Matviienko	UKR
5 <sup>th</sup>	Timur Balmagambetov	KAZ
6 <sup>th</sup>	Artsiom Strybuk	BLR
7 <sup>th</sup>	Chuan Liu	CHN
8 <sup>th</sup>	Elia Salehipour	IRI

## U14 Girls

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sahar Masoumi Kajaz	IRI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Candela Belen Francisco Guecamburu	ARG
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Munkhzul Davaakhuu	MGL
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gulenay Aydin	TUR
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ava Yazdani Kouhi	IRI
6 <sup>th</sup>	Amina Kairbekova	KAZ
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bayasgalan Khishigbaatar	MGL
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vesna Mihelic	SLO

## U17 Boys

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Albert Gevorgyan	ARM
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isik Can	TUR
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arad Nazari Eramsadati	IRI
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kaua Marques Silva	BRA
5 <sup>th</sup>	Arash Daghli Mamaghani	IRI
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hamed Behrooz Moghaddam	IRI
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hanzhong Liu	CHN
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pouya Mohammadi	IRI

## U17 Girls

Position	Name	Country
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ekaterine Pipia	GEO
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anahita Zahedifar	IRI
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nia Donghvani	GEO
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wan Qian	CHN
5 <sup>th</sup>	Veronika Khachatryan	ARM
6 <sup>th</sup>	Xu Yuze	CHN
7 <sup>th</sup>	Motahareh Asadi Jojadeh	IRI
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parnian Ghomi	IRI

## FACEBOOK

- The posts reached **34,955** people.
- The page gained **230** new page likes.
- Almost **8000** people engaged with the posts.

## TWITTER

- The posts gained **235.000** impressions.
- 75** new followers were gained.

## INSTAGRAM

- The posts reached approximately **7000-8000** people.
- The athlete videos received **200** views on average.
- Top location (where the followers came from) were: Chile, Turkey and France
- 31%** of followers are aged **18-24** (7.3% are aged 13-17).

## LIVE STREAM

- Channels used: Facebook & YouTube
- The tournaments reached **60.437** views

# Results

11 – 19 December 2020  
ISF E-Sport Games



## Dota 2

Position	Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kazakhstan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ukraine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Russian Federation
4 <sup>th</sup>	Georgia

## Valorant

Position	Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	Russian Federation
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ukraine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kazakhstan
4 <sup>th</sup>	Libya
5 <sup>th</sup>	Germany

# ISF Events

*ISF and 1 Play Sports signed a social media broadcasting rights partnership agreement for the ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020.*



ISF allocated the social media broadcasting rights of ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020 to 1 Play Sports. The company broadcasted three rounds of competition including the finals to their website, Facebook and YouTube channel. The finals were moderated by the Soumya Swaminathan, former FIDE World Junior Girls champion and World #24 player Vidit Gujrathi (noth from India). (PICTURE ENCLOSED). The cooperation strongly contributed to intensify the promotion of this first ISF virtual chess event to different communities and youth around the world through social media.

**Mr Laurent Petrynka, ISF president:** "We were delighted to launch the first ever virtual ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020. This format allowed more young people to discover ISF events and our spirit. The partnership with 1PlaySports, as the main social media broadcaster, was a **great opportunity to reach new audiences and communities** around the world that can relate to the ISF movement. The cooperation with 1PlaySports opened a new horizon for

ISF in terms of exposure in the world of sport, especially when it comes to reaching the younger generation. We are looking forward to fostering the partnership and analysing the potential to strengthen our cooperation with 1 Play Sports in the future."

**Mr Mohit Lalvani, 1 Play Sports CEO:** «We were thrilled with this opportunity to promote and showcase up-and-coming chess players from around the world. We were delighted to partner with ISF on this global event to provide streams of this multi age group chess championship to a wider community of fans through our platform. This initiative aligns with **our mission of supporting community sports and in creating heroes and champions across a wide range of sports** from the grassroots level up», said Mohit Lalvani, CEO, 1 Play Sports.

## About 1 Play Sports

1 Play Sports Pte. Ltd. is a Singapore-based sports media narrowcasting start-up, founded in December 2018, that produces and streams community, grassroots level, school, special needs, and private events at national and international levels across its social media platforms. Since its inception, 1 Play Sports has live-streamed more than 3,000 hours of sports content such as the World Pencak Silat Championships, Netball Nation's Cup, Merlion Cup, ASEAN Schools Games, FINA Diving Grand Prix Singapore, SEA Games 2019, Kingfisher Ultra Derby 2020, U13 Intercontinental Football Cup 2020, 1 Play Pro Club Challenge, SEA Nations Cup 2020 as well as Singapore Schools, Polytechnics, and ITE Sports, along with many other National Sports Associations' competitions. 1 Play Sports has about 700K followers and operates in Singapore, the Philippines, India, and Africa with the plans of further expansion in the Asian market in 2020.



# ISF U15 World School Sport Games

*Inaugural ISF U15 Multi-Sport Event taking place in Belgrade from 26 June - 4 July 2021*



H.Čustonja, L.Petrynka, V. Udovičić Minister of Sport of Serbia, Ž. Tanasković

## *A Springboard for Addressing Younger Leaders, Acquiring Olympic Values and Healthy Lifestyle Behaviours*

**T**he city of Belgrade, Serbia will host the inaugural ISF U15 World School Sport Games taking place in 2021. Bringing together **athletes from 13 to 15 years old**, this multisport event will be a unique opportunity for youth athletes of this age category, to better understand the Olympic Values and **the true benefits of sport through educational programmes and cultural experiences**, all whilst competing in high-level sport competitions. The best student athletes of this age category from around the world will compete in both individual and team events, representing both their national school sport entity and their school.

The ISF first began developing events for the U15 format in 2019, with the successful inaugural ISF U15 WSC Volleyball event taking place in Croatia. We are always looking for new and creative ways to engage with our young audience, and to help inspire them through school sport. The important role that both

education and sport have in raising healthier and more responsible youth, provides an equally **important opportunity to develop new and exciting event formats** for them to participate in. Building upon the success of our inaugural U15 event and requests from our members, we decided to expand the format and increase the opportunities for the younger generation of youth athletes, so as to allow them to engage in high-level school sport and important educational and cultural opportunities, from an earlier age.

## ***A city of sporting experience***

With a strong sporting history, Serbia has not only competed in events at the highest level but has for a long period of time, organised events at the highest level. Back in 2009, Belgrade was host of the tremendously successful 25th Universiade, which saw over 8,000 participants compete over 12 days of competition. **As organiser, the Serbian School Sport Federation (SSSF), has gained an enormous amount of experience in organising top level school sport events**, having celebrated its 50th Anniversary earlier in 2020. Just in 2018 they hosted the ISF WSC Volleyball with 36 participating countries and ISF WSC Basketball 3x3 with 29 participating countries. The following year they then once again welcomed 27 countries to compete at ISF WSC Football, further solidifying themselves as incredibly capable and committed organisers of school sport events. It is therefore clear that Belgrade will be a fantastic host and location for the first ever ISF U15 World School Sport Games.

On March 2, 2020, ISF President Laurent Petrynka, ISF Secretary General/CEO Hrvoje Čustonja and Serbian School Sport Federation President and ISF Executive Committee Member, Mr Željko Tanasković met with **Serbia's Minister of Sport Vanja Udovičić at Serbian Ministry of Sport**. The meeting took place in the framework of ISF General Assembly, with discussions on the event preparation taking place.

This governmental support further highlights the high-level of preparations that are already **being implemented by the Serbian School Sport Federation under the leadership of their President Željko Tanasković and Secretary General Uroš Savić** who's team have continually been at the forefront of organising school sport events. Their continued dynamism and innovation regarding ISF events leaves them well positioned and ready, with Mr Tanasković having this to say: "I would like to welcome you to Serbia and its capital Belgrade, famous worldwide for sport. We are extremely honoured and happy that our country will be the first to organise the ISF U15 World School Games. **This competition will be special because finally younger students will have the opportunity to compete internationally, as well as being able to meet and socialise with their peers from around the world.** Serbian School Sports Federation has organised some of the largest ISF events, such as WSC Volleyball in 2016, WSC Basketball 3x3 in 2018 and WSC Football in 2019, so our Federation has the knowledge and experience for organising big events."



# REGISTRATION

Registration will only be possible through ERAS - the ISF online registration platform (<https://isf-eras.org/>). The registration is available for:

- **ISF members**
- **Non ISF members**
- **Directly applying schools**

Directly applying schools are schools registering for the Event without applying through a School Sport Entity that is a member of ISF. A directly applying school can either be:

- **A school not affiliated to an ISF member**
- **A school affiliated to an ISF member but not registering through this ISF member**

Registration will be firstly open to ISF members and to **non ISF members**. Registration phase 1 to ISF members and to **non ISF members** will be from **1 December 2020 to 30 April 2021 (23:59 CET)**.

After Registration phase 1 for ISF members and non ISF members, if there are available places for more individuals/ teams at the competition table (per sport), directly applying schools will be able to declare their interest in taking part in the event through ERAS from **1 May to 14 May 2021 (23:59 CET)**.

## Technical information about ISF U15 World School Sport Games

The sports programme will contain 14 different sports, which will have alongside them many cultural and educational activities and experiences, taking the participants around the city of Belgrade and fully immersing themselves in the event.

Sports <b>14</b>	Date <b>26/06 - 04/07/2021</b>
Place <b>Belgrade - Serbia</b>	Ages <b>13 - 15</b>

<b>Athletics</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Badminton</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Basketball</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006
<b>Basketball 3X3</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Chess</b> 2007 - 2006	<b>Football</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006
<b>Judo</b> 2008 - 2007	<b>Karate</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Orienteering</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006
<b>Swimming</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Table Tennis</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Taekwondo</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006
<b>Volleyball</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Wrestling</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	

## ISF U15 World School Games - Deadlines





晋江2020年世界中学生运动会  
Jinjiang Gymnasiade 2020

距开幕日 **369** 天  
Countdown **369** Days

开幕时间: 2020年10月18日  
Opening Time: Oct.18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

举办时间: 2020年10月18日  
Holding Time: Oct.18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>



# 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020

## Chinese Dimension and Know-How Taking the Gymnasiade to the Next Level

As the school sport community continues to assemble for a new year of activities and events, the preparations for the 18th ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 are well underway. **Jinjiang, awaits young student athletes from all over the world** who will gather in the Chinese city October 2021.

The strong channels of communication that have been in place since the start of preparations, have always been maintained at a high level, with continuous analysis and evaluation being conducted on all event preparations. With the arrival of September 2020, came about a more regular and viable period for increased discussions, in regard to the current global reality. From then on, **tripartite meetings between the International School Sport Federation, the China School Sports Federation (CSSF), and the 18th Gymnasiade Executive Committee**, have been held on a weekly basis in order for further review on all aspects of the event, with tremendous coordination from CSSF President and ISF Vice-President, Mr Xue Yanqing. We thank all ISF members, whose support throughout all preparations remains vital alongside the

continued backing from our local sponsors **Anta, Lilang, Panpan and Shuhua** as we continue the high-level of work being implemented in all aspects of this historic ISF event. All parties involved in making this event a reality have shown tremendous determination and enthusiasm through their continued high-quality work towards the exciting end goal that is Jinjiang 2020.

As the largest event within the ISF calendar, the 18th Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 will welcome participants from ISF member countries around the world, **to compete in 18 sports**, and will mark the largest ISF Gymnasiade ever organised in the history of the event. For the first time in the Gymnasiade, Jinjiang 2020 will see the **inclusion of team sports, with basketball and football** being newly added to the sport programme.





Additionally, this will also be the first time the ISF has seen Jump Rope and Wushu on its sport calendar, bringing with them new sporting audiences and a strong representation of the different formats of school sport. The sizeable growth of the ISF Gymnasiade has played a considerable part in expanding the ISF family, with the addition of new Technical Committees and Chairs for each of the new sports. Throughout the event, **schools will firmly take centre stage, with school and university campuses from the local area playing host to a vast number of the newly built event and training venues**, namely Fujian University, Jinjiang N°1 Middle School, Jinjiang Vocational School, Jiyan Middle School, National Middle School, Qiaonan Campus, Quanzhou College of Technology, Quanzhou Institute of Technology, Yang Zheng Middle School, Yuying Middle School, and Zihua Middle School. Further down the road, these state-of-the-art venues will carry with them the legacy of Jinjiang 2020 through their continued use for school sport and physical activity.

Based on exchanges from the meetings held between the Local Organising Committee, the CSSF, Management Committee members, Secretariat members and Technical Chairs, the Organising Committee decided to further strengthen existing procedures, with one initiative being the **'Hello! Gymnasiade' thematic**

**learning exchange sessions.** This concept focuses on standards of practice, and analysing difficult key areas of work, whilst putting forward ideas and strategies to overcome them. These exchanges promote interaction between staff members as well as departments, and further assists inter-departmental cooperation as well as coordination of work in different functional areas. As an example of a key functional area, its development and interaction, we have seen focused work on transportation preparations, and the coordination and delivery of transport services throughout the event. Individual meetings and progress reports on the current work in progress continue to advance important topics such as transportation, with thoughtful planning and continuous discussion.

The sports programme will contain 18 different sports, which will have alongside them many cultural and educational activities and experiences, taking the participants around the city of Jinjiang and fully immersing themselves in the event. Areas around Jinjiang such as Caishi Ancestral Temple, the Wudianshi traditional block, Xintang Street and Zhuangshi Ancestral Temple, will provide a host of cultural and historical landmarks for the young participants of the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 to experience throughout their visit to Jinjiang October 2021.

# REGISTRATION

Registration will only be possible through ERAS - the ISF online registration platform (<https://isf-eras.org/>).

## *Technical information about the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade - Jinjiang 2020*

Sports <b>18</b>	Date <b>16/10 - 23/10/2021</b>
Place <b>Jinjiang - P.R China</b>	Ages <b>13 - 18</b>

<b>Aerobic Gymnastics</b> 2004 - 2005 - 2006	<b>Archery</b> 2008 - 2007 - 2006	<b>Artistic Gymnastics</b> Boys: 2004 - 2005 - 2006 Girls: 2006 - 2007 - 2008	<b>Athletics</b> 2004 - 2005 - 2006
<b>Badminton</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005	<b>Basketball</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005	<b>Chess</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005	<b>Diving</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005
<b>Fencing</b> 2004 - 2005 - 2006	<b>Football</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005	<b>Judo</b> 2004 - 2005 - 2006	<b>Jump Rope</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005 - 2006
<b>Rhythmic Gymnastics</b> 2006 - 2007 - 2008	<b>Swimming</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005	<b>Table Tennis</b> 2003 - 2004 - 2005	<b>Taekwondo</b> 2004 - 2005 - 2006
<b>Wrestling</b> 2004 - 2005	<b>Wushu</b> 2004 - 2005 - 2006		

## *ISF 18<sup>th</sup> Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 - Deadlines*





# ISF Championships in 2021

**T**he upcoming 2021 ISF Event Calendar brings with it a very busy list of ISF events taking place all around the world. Thanks to the dedication and hard work from Local Organising Committees from all ISF members, many events that were originally scheduled to take place in 2020, will now be available in 2021. School Sport entities of ISF members from all over the world have come together to compile a complete and more consistent calendar for the upcoming ISF event season.

**W**e are pleased to present to you five World Schools Championships, one International School Cup, two major multisport events in the U15 World School Sport Games and the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020, along with the second editions of the innovative projects, She Runs Active Girls' Lead, ISF Online Chess and Cool Games, as well as the third edition of the ISF E-Sport Games concluding the ISF 2021 Event Calendar.

During this period, we believe it is more important than ever to continue providing a means of accessing school sport and physical activity for youth around the world. Whilst we look to compile as complete and exciting a calendar as possible, our main goal will always be of the health and safety of all those participating at ISF events. The global situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic is continually being monitored on a weekly basis in order to keep providing accurate and essential information. ISF and all our members are doing everything possible so as to ensure that all measures are being taken when preparing the safety and security at all our events. We remain focused on implementing a consistent and exciting calendar, whilst remaining vigilant of the realities we are currently facing.

This coming year will be an incredibly special one for ISF. We will see first time events taking place, in the U15 World School Sport Games on 26 June in Belgrade, Serbia, and the International Schools Championships

in Dance on 17 November in Kunming, China. Not only will this mark the first ever major ISF multisport event for the U15 category, but it will also signal the first of two major multisport events in the ISF calendar, with the eagerly anticipated 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 taking place on 16 October. The prospect of two events of such magnitude taking place in the same year is incredibly exciting for ISF and we believe will be the leading contributors to what we all hope will be an incredibly successful year for school sport around the world.

## Events in 2021

WSC Beach Volleyball

WSC Volleyball

WSC Futsal

ISF World School Games U15

WSC Orienteering

ISF She Runs Active Lead

ISF Gymnasiade

WSC Dance

WSC Handball

E-sport Games

Cool Games

Universal Teacher Games



# Gender Equality

ISF Active Girls' Lead – She Runs 2021, Brussels

ISF Active Girls' Lead - She Runs is an international event for young women aged between 12-18 years old which aims to promote girl's well-being and empowerment through sport and school. The event will gather 2500 girls coming from more than 35 countries of the ISF network who will participate in **sport, education, cultural, entrepreneurship and institutional activities contributing to their skills and leadership development.** Through this event the participants will engage in physical activity, will acquire knowledge and new skills, voice their experience, and act in their local communities. Additionally, they will strengthen their involvement with their national school sport organisation.

After the first edition in 2019 in Paris, France, the upcoming second edition will be organised by the **ISF in Brussels from the 27 September to 2 October 2021, in the context of the European Week of Sport** led by the European Commission.

For the 2021 edition, the ISF can count on a strong partnership with the City of Brussels who will support the operational implementation of the event. **Through this event, the City of Brussels aims to highlight the importance of promoting sport and educational opportunities for young people, particularly amongst girls within Brussels.** Our partnership will also



contribute by involving local schools and associated networks from the city and region of Brussels.

*"When it was suggested to us, it seemed natural to me that Brussels, an international city, would host the second edition of 'She Runs – Active Girls'Lead.' **Women's sport is part of our DNA. In Brussels, we are committed to ensuring that sporting activity is accessible to all Brussels residents and especially to all Brussels women.** So, we had to do everything we could to put together this week specially dedicated to young women, our students, and our schoolgirls. We are incredibly proud to have made this event possible in Brussels."* said **Mr Benoit Hellings, First Alderman of the City of Brussels in charge of Climate and Sports.**

## Empowering girl students to become community leaders through sport and Entrepreneurial Master Classes

The event is also supported by the **Erasmus plus Sport programme of the European Commission** which will strongly contribute to the promotion of European values regarding the empowerment and rights of girls and women. Our collaboration with the European Commission will contribute directly to giving the opportunity to many young women to participate in this event and to gain a fantastic social, cultural, educational and sport experience with their peers and



*Benoit Hellings, First Alderman of the City of Brussels in charge of Climate and Sports*

will have a long-term impact on their lives.

In 2019, the **ISF and the company VinylPlus started their collaboration** to promote and educate young people and especially girls on global issues such as **sustainable development and the importance to have a circular economy**. Therefore, ISF and VinylPlus developed an Environmental Action through the ISF She Runs – Active Girls’ Lead events, to promote the importance of sustainable sporting events. Through this cooperation we highlighted six commitments from sourcing PVC in line with the VinylPlus sustainability

programme to ensure the re-use and recycling of PVC products after the event. **Sustainability and gender equality lie at the heart of ISF and VinylPlus**, shown by these efforts to empower girls in and through sport.

The topics of health, empowerment and leadership have always had a global level of importance throughout the world, particularly regarding sport and gender equality. The investment in areas such as these has become increasingly widespread with strategies for improvement and growth being put into place. Blueprints such as the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** which was adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, have brought further recognition to the global challenges such as the **SDG 5 of gender equality**, faced by all countries. This recognition is also mirrored by **the IOC’s Olympic Agenda 2020** which has brought with it a new dynamic vision to sport in society; placing further emphasis on growing sport and its ability to aid in the development of society.

Therefore, in its position as an international organisation at the crossroads between sport and education, ISF took on the opportunity to increase its own responsibility and to further contribute to implementing gender

## **The event programme:**

### ✓ THE CULTURAL SCAVENGER HUNT

**500 participants discover Brussels through a scavenger hunt combining elements and perspectives from the history of the city, of sport, and of symbolic women.**

### ✓ THE RACE & VILLAGE

**2000 local girl students and 500 international participants from all over the world will run together to celebrate intercultural friendship and the benefits of sport for health.**

### ✓ THE TALK

**Sportswomen and sport leaders will share their stories with the 500 international participants and provide them with tools that enable them to make a difference in and through sport.**

### ✓ THE DESIGN SPRINT

**60 participants design and shape projects to promote girls’ leadership and physical activities in their local community.**

### ✓ THE CONFERENCE

**The 60 participants of the design sprint activity will represent the voice of all those from the She Runs Active Girls’ Lead 2021 edition and present their ideas and projects developed during the event, to international school sport leaders, sport and Olympic movement leaders, European institutions, and political leaders as well as companies and partners of the project.**

equality. Not only continuing to work on the education of youth through sport and exercise, but **to further drive the promotion of equal opportunities for girls to participate and benefit in sport and physical activity.**

In a time when sport movements are increasing their efforts towards improving the recognition of women athletes, 'She Runs' was founded by the ISF as an innovative initiative to tackle the global issue of women's inclusion in sport and the equality of chances between genders. By focusing on high school girls, 'She Runs' aims to empower and support them in the challenges

By focusing on grassroots sports instead of high-level competition, school sport can reach out to both the target (young women) and the other stakeholders (federations, associations, brands, sponsors, and local authorities). The ISF created the 'She Runs – Active Girls' Lead' project to **encourage the participation of young women in physical activity, outside of the competitive framework lowering barriers for girls to allow them the opportunity to embrace the fun, festive, positive and educational aspects of sport.** It is vital to lay the groundwork for equality as early as possible, using the safe environment of

## ***The event Mission and Vision***

- **Promote the participation of young women in sport by encouraging them to engage in physical activity together with their peers.**
- **Support the development of young women's skills in leadership and management in sport, recognising competences that can be reinvested in all other aspects of life: academic; professional or personal.**
- **Promote the use of school sport, through active participation and voluntary activities, as a tool for gender equality.**
- **Create and develop a solid network of young women leaders in school sport, able to raise awareness amongst their peers on the importance of physical activity and of sport as a tool for empowerment.**
- **Build a legacy for youth, in particular girls.**
- **Inspire city decision makers to further develop local opportunities for women and sport.**

they face in current and future societies, towards real equality.

Within the EU the number of men who exercise, play sport, or engage in some form of physical activity is noticeably higher in comparison to women: "44% of men do so with at least some regularity, compared with 36% of women; conversely, 40% of men never exercise or play sport, compared with 52% of women." This disparity is particularly clear in the 15-24 age group, with considerably more young men tending to exercise or play sport on a regular basis than young women: **"just 15% of men aged 15-24 never exercise or play sport, compared with 33% of women in the same age group."**

school, to facilitate the equal development of youth. Since **"80% of school students engage in physical activity only at school"**, school sport offers the best opportunity to launch innovative initiatives promoting equal participation in sport between women and men. It is during these school years when development is at its most impactful regarding their character and their understanding of other individuals in the context of society. It is for these reasons that the ISF is determined to continue the development of the 'She Runs- Active Girls' Lead' project alongside its partners. To take the project further whilst expanding and improving it for the future is the goal for the ISF.

## SHE RUNS - ACTIVE GIRLS' LEAD



# ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

**S**he Runs - Active Girls' Lead is the flagship #GenderEquality event of the International School Sport Federation (ISF), granted by the Erasmus+ Sport program of the European Union. Within the school sport environment, She Runs aims to promote health, empowerment and leadership among young women aged between 15-18, through sporting, educational, cultural and entrepreneurial activities.



VinylPlus® is the Voluntary Commitment to sustainable development of the European PVC industry. The programme endeavours to apply internationally recognised sustainability principles together with high standards of the Circular Economy Action Plan of the European Commission. It is also registered as a SMART partnership on the United Nations Partnerships for Sustainable Development Goals Platform.

### Context

Sustainability is consistently recognised as an important value in surveys of public opinion with support for action on sustainability particularly high amongst younger generations. She Runs brings together young women and provides them with a unique global platform for empowerment and well-being through sport.

Sports are becoming increasingly innovative with their sustainable solutions for materials, equipment and facilities. The She Runs-Active Girls' Lead Environmental Action highlights the intent to specify more sustainable materials. As a material, PVC has unique functional properties, which, when combined with environmental responsibility, enable architectural innovation in sports stadiums, from flooring to roofing and exterior screening.

### Commitments of She Runs - Active Girls' Lead, VinylPlus and its partners:

1. Suppliers of PVC products are able to demonstrate that they are managing the manufacture, supply and disposal of PVC products in accordance with VinylPlus' sustainability programme;
2. Preference is given to PVC products sourced from recycled PVC;
3. All PVC products will be procured on the principle of their reusability and their actual reuse will be ensured wherever this is possible;
4. Where they cannot practically be subject to reuse, PVC products used will be recycled;
5. This Environmental Action provides the framework for the communication of the sustainable use of PVC products in the run-up to, and during the event; and
6. Lessons learnt from She Runs-Active Girls' Lead 2019 will be published in a report.

Brigitte Dero  
General Manager, VinylPlus

Laurent Petrynka  
President, ISF

# ***Towards more sustainable sporting events with the help of VinylPlus<sup>®</sup>***



**F**or *She Runs – Active Girls' Lead*, ISF and VinylPlus<sup>®</sup>, the Voluntary Commitment to sustainable development of the European PVC industry, co-signed an Environmental Action.

PVC has long been used in sport due to its unique functional properties. The VinylPlus – ISF joint 'Environmental Action' has six commitments from sourcing PVC in line with the VinylPlus sustainability programme to ensuring the re-use and recycling of PVC products after the event.

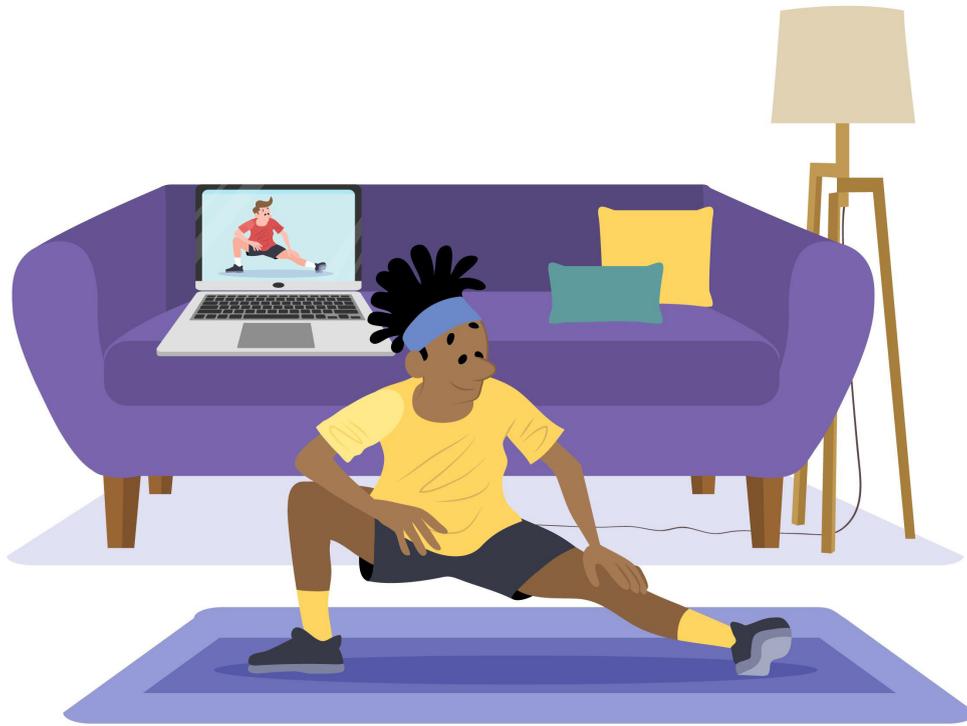
A lessons learned report 'Introducing material circularity to an international youth sports event' draws up three key recommendations for future sport events:

- ***Consider sustainability from the start and establish an environmental management role.***
- ***Prioritise the sourcing of materials.***
- ***Communicate around the sustainability performance of the event.***

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**Access the full report at [www.vinylplus.eu](http://www.vinylplus.eu)**

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# Healthy Lifestyle

*ISF Stay Active campaign helped youth to stay active during Covid-19 lockdown*

In March 2020, in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown in most of the countries in the world, the ISF President, **Mr Laurent Petrynka** urged the international school sport community to join forces to keep young people physically active as all schools and sport infrastructures closed.

Therefore, the ISF decided to contribute to this global issue by developing the "ISF Stay Active campaign", during which the whole **ISF community created online sport and physical exercises to keep children and parents engaged in a regular sport activity**, even from home. With the ISF Family, ISF Technical Commissions Sports Chairs and members, ISF members, Physical Education Teachers and School students as well as ISF Athlete Ambassadors, more than **65 participants from 28 countries over 4 continents** proposed content that was shared through the entire ISF network. After two months, the campaign gathered **over 100.000 viewers on social media**.

In April, UNESCO estimated that globally more than 70% of students were out of school due to Covid-19. Despite the closure of schools and sport facilities, it was crucial for youth to stay active, as sport greatly contributes to the physical, social, and intellectual development of youngsters.

Among the ISF community, many ISF members produced their own content such as the School Sport Federation of Portugal who produced a short video with their athletics coach Rui Norte, demonstrating five exercises which can be done with no equipment. Bangladesh School Sport Association provided their voice in the "ISF Stay Active Campaign", sharing their video of tennis practice for young athletes. A creative video came from Argentina, whose students showed how basketball and hockey players can keep up with skills practice whilst at home. The virtual relay was taken up by the member federation of India -SGFI, who filmed their tips on training swimmers. In total, **28 ISF members participated in the campaign**, namely: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, P.R. China, Croatia, England, France, Georgia, India, Iran, Italy, Ivory Coast, Libya, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine, USA.

**#ISFStayActiveCampaign**

The campaign counted also on the content shared by ISF Technical Committees, representing the sports which will be represented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Gymnasiade, Jinjiang 2020. USA's Monica Marie Foster, ISF TC coordinator jump rope showed an easy jump rope work out for kids. Fencers received advice on how to



keep their arms strong from TC Coordinator for fencing Maria-Leonor Estampador as a part of the campaign. Spain's Merche Cadens invited all the gymnasts to join her in a combination of flexibility and strength workouts with a ball. Iran's Habibollah Akhlaghi, ISF TC coordinator wrestling, produced a video with his sons on home training specifically for the sport of wrestling. He was followed by Peru's Sophie Bordet, ISF TC Coordinator Climbing, who showed a training for strengthening muscles specifically for climbers. Handball fans enjoyed a workout video by Romania's Caliman Constantin, ISF TC Coordinator for handball. ISF TC Coordinator Dance encouraged everyone to exercise and have fun through dancing, as she recorded a video in her dance studio.

It was important for the ISF to also **engage in the campaign, Physical Education teachers from all over the world** who also faced a situation where they no longer could teach in a classroom, using technology and social media for distance learning. An example of that is video from North Macedonia by a PE teacher Nikola Boglev who demonstrated a workout with his daughter. Another PE schoolteacher video came from

Nepal, as Puspa Bista challenged others to join him in his workout with football skills and exercises.

We must emphasise that the reach and sharing of this campaign has been reinforced by the participation of prominent Olympic athletes and champions who are ISF Ambassadors. **Italian Olympic Figure Skater and She Runs ambassador Valentina Marchei** shared a challenge for everyone to follow: "Standing up without your hands using only your balance and muscles". She was joined by **Beijing 2008 Olympic Bronze medallist, Chika Chukwumerije** who motivated the youth to stay active while staying at home. **ISF Ambassador Brazil's legendary volleyball player Giba, 2004 Olympic Champion**, recorded a message for the youth, calling them to stay active at home during these difficult times with the pandemic. Lastly, **Rio 2016 Olympic bronze medallist in gymnastics, Italian Marta Pagnini** shared her daily workout with ISF with a goal of supporting youth while staying at home.

**As the main target group of ISF for this campaign, we can say that the school student community have greatly benefitted from the content created by the ISF community** for them, but that they also greatly contributed in producing their own videos. For example, Ms Yasmine Bellal from Algeria, ISF Gymnasiade Morocco 2018 participants shared her work out in archery. She was joined by Slovakia's Barbara Tomanova, a student swimmer, who demonstrated an exercise "superman". The next video came from Argentina, as a school athlete Augustina shared her daily work out for agility, conditioning and throwing skills. Ukrainian athlete Oksana Bezeiluk, ISF WSC Combat Games medalist in karate, walked the audience through the steps of her daily workout, as she prepares for postponed competitions at home. She was also joined by young gymnast Toqa Omar from Libya who showed her push up and jumps training.

## ***ISF Stay Active Numbers:***

- **65 Participants**
- **28 Countries**
- **4 Continents**
- **Over 100.000 view on Social Media**

# Olympic Values

FAIR PLAY: World Fair Play Day Signatory : September 7<sup>th</sup>



The International Fair Play Committee, the European Fair Play Movement and the Panathlon International united by Fair Play at the Initiative of Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles

ISF is strongly engaged with Fair-Play, for in each of its events a Fair-Play award is attributed to a team. This ISF commitment underwent several developments in recent years, contributing to strengthening and promoting the programme, as **ISF believes that "Fair-Play" is an essential and core value of sport to be instilled in all youth.** To raise awareness about

Fair Play and to demonstrate to youth that this value is fully integrated in ISF DNA, ISF partnered with a number of organisations that valued the actions and approach implemented by ISF throughout the years.

This solid engagement found another dimension when the brand **"Kinder" part of Ferrero Group, decided to support this policy through the programme "Kinder+Sport" with the moto "Joy of moving", from 2014.** The partnership is the result of a common mission to promote a healthy lifestyle for youth and share values of sport as a platform for learning and promoting friendship, fair play, family, and fun. Therefore the **"Kinder+Sport - Joy of moving Award" is given to a team at each ISF competition.**

In 2018, a memorandum of understanding was signed with **the International Fair Play Committee (IFPC), recognised organisation of the IOC, to commonly develop actions at ISF events,** based on the experienced of the IFPC at the Youth Olympic Games. The ISF Fair-Play medals have integrated the IFPC logo since 2019. This year another step was taken **as ISF signed the Manifesto of the newly set up World Fair-Play Day to be celebrated every 7 September.** This



initiative launched in Brussels this year is coordinated by the main organisations dealing with Fair Play at the international level. The International Fair Play Committee, Panathlon International, the European Fair-Play Movement and the Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles.

ISF is fully in line with the aims of this WFPD as it is indicated to include all stakeholders "all athletes, practitioners, leaders, coaches, trainers, referees, parents, supporters and those around them, to join the campaign and take concrete action on the ground and demonstrate exemplary behaviour in all circumstances". **ISF is encouraging all its members to join the movement and celebrate this Day and to continue developing initiatives for all school sport competitions all year long.** To know more about this initiative and to join it, a website was created.

<https://worldfairplayday.org/>

# World of School Sport

## Voice of Youth

To celebrate International Women's Day March, 8, the ISF launched an international campaign ISFGirlPower across all its digital channels focusing on young women empowerment through sport.

## ISFGirlpower Campaign

Each week, we published series of stories about girls from different corners of the world. They might speak different languages, come from different backgrounds or practice different sports, but all these stories have something in common: they are about empowering young girls through sport, about following their dreams, not giving up and persisting to chase their dreams. They unveil their experience at ISF events and their path from practicing school at sport to opening a bigger chapter for sport in their life as they become adults.



### Anna Maria

 Iceland

*strong athletes from all over the World, really inspired me to work hard and reminded me, with their happiness and energy, what the true meaning of sport is.*

18-year-old Anna Maria is a football player for team Stjarnan and one of the 2500 young women who on March 13, 2019, took over the streets of Paris to spread the message on the importance of gender equality, girls' health and female leadership.

She believes gender equality is very important, *I want to improve my generation and the upcoming generations' future. There is no place for discrimination and inequality in the world.*

Her three older siblings were also her role models. They all played sports and she wanted to follow their path so her mom first took her to gymnastics when she was five, but she later switched to football and never looked back. Today her sport CV includes titles such as captain of the national U17 team and best player of the year in her club.

*Athletes that I admire are the footballers, Sam Kerr and Shanice van de Sanden. In my opinion they both play and see the game differently than other players and I connect with that.*

## I feel happy, powerful and free when I play

*At the time of the She Runs Active Girls Lead event, I had been injured for almost a year and some days were extremely hard. The participants,*

*Another person she finds inspiring is the singer and songwriter Billie Eilish. Beside the love for her music, Anna Maria likes how she motivates her to be herself - unapologetically. Her dream? Travelling the world and enjoy playing the beautiful game - football: My biggest sport goal in life is to be a key player in the Icelandic national team. Playing for my country has always been a dream of mine. Another goal of mine is to play professionally for a big club.*

Cultural exchange and new global friendships made through the She Runs Scavenger Hunt is her most unforgettable ISF experience.

*We were divided into groups with girls from different parts of the world, and we walked around Paris and were solving the hunt's tasks together. That day, me and my group became really good friends and we are still in touch till this day.*

Talking about the girls from all across the globe, Anna Maria wants to encourage them to make sport or any kind of physical activity a steady part of their lives. She believes sport not only benefits the physical but also mental health, and helps to develop a young person's social life. Plus, sport is the best tool to make unforgettable memories and build friendships that last a lifetime.

*I do sports because I feel happy, powerful and free when I play. I enjoy training everyday with my team. In my opinion there is no better feeling than when yours and your teammates' hard work pays off (on the field).*



## “Duda” Dos Santos Lisboa

 Brazil

expanding her success at ISF events first to winning gold medal in Nanjing Youth Olympic Games in 2014. She recently has fulfilled her dream of a lifetime and qualified for Tokyo2020. It is her mother who is her greatest inspiration in life who encouraged her to take up volleyball when Duda was little,

*I started in the sport because of my mother who is a former athlete and stopped at the age of 40 and who always took me to watch her games since I was young. At the age of 9, I started playing volleyball at her school and never stopped. had a great influence from my mother, my family always encouraged me. I admire my mother very much, she was always a warrior. She is a person who has fought hard to achieve her goals. My mom inspires me every day. She will always be my inspiration.*

However, success did not happen that easy, and big sacrifices were made in order to achieve her goal of becoming a professional athlete,

*The challenge of being a beach volleyball athlete made me have to put my «youth» aside. I had to reconcile study with training, the school also supported me and made it possible for me to take the tests. At the age of eighteen I came to Rio de Janeiro and had a big change leaving my mother who was my coach to come to a process of playing in the Olympic Games. This change was difficult, but I conquered and realized the dream of participating in the Olympic Games.*

## From School Sport to Olympic Dream

ISFGirlPower campaign travels to Brazil today, where we meet an Olympian, a beach volleyball star and a former ISF athlete Brazil's Eduarda dos Santos Lisboa, known in volleyball as Duda.

She has had a long road since ISF School World Championships,

She speaks of her ISF World School Championships experience with nostalgia,

*I participated in the first school world championship in 2013 in Manfredonia, Italy. It was an incredible experience. In 2015, I played at the world championship in Aracaju, I had a lot of fun because I was in my city and my friends were present. It is amazing to have contact with the culture of other countries.*

*A very cool memory was that in addition to the tournament itself, the opening ceremony with flags, the humns of various countries, typical foods and dances were very interesting.*

Just like for any professional athlete, her biggest dream and goal has always been the Olympics,

*My dream has always been to reach the Olympics. My dream is to be an Olympic champion. There are several obstacles on the way but I know that by fighting I can have this chance!*

She emphasized the importance of giving equal opportunities for women in sport,

*I think women are fighting for a very equal world today, without inequality. In sports, we are fighting for our dreams, we are not giving up, this is very important. Women are going with all their power, doing their best. That's what matters!*

Duda thinks that her ISF experience was important for reaching her Olympic dreams,

*My partner Agata and I qualified for Tokyo 2020 and we were very happy because we have been in this partnership for four years and it has always been the focus of Tokyo 2020. The school world champions have always contributed to this new Tokyo 2020 experience.*



## Hanna

Poland

sports, tried athletics and quickly found herself on podiums winning medals,

*Today I am a member of athletics national team and I regularly take part in various international cups. I practice running, race and Nordic walking.*

Last year she represented Poland in the She Runs Active Girls Lead event. Sightseeing Paris, meeting new friends and listening to the stories of inspirational female athletes were her favourite memories.

*I had a chance to hear amazing women who told us not to give up.*

Her answer on, which of the four sportswomen was her favourite, is:

*Paula Radcliffe. It's simple. She is a runner like me.*

Hanna was also one of the 40 girls who had a chance to participate in the She Runs educational activities - the Design Sprint. Her team designed a project - a basketball competition, which she later implemented in her school.

*I built friendships with girls from different countries, and now I can confirm that this event changed my life. Thank you ISF.*

At the time of the event she was attending a boarding school but missed her home and wished to go back and study in her hometown.

*She Runs helped me to become a brave person. I told my parents and moved back to my hometown but I still practise the three sports. And there's more, I am not afraid to speak English anymore.*

## Want to go back to paris 2024 as an olympian!

She believes girls should be strong and powerful. But first, they need to accept themselves,

*Our dreams can come true but first we have to believe in ourselves. This is the most important thing. We are unstoppable.*

Her message to the young women across the World would be to never give and stay strong. Hanna's strengthening herself with a help of sport.

Because of the Covid19 outbreak, she is currently training at home with her mom. Her mood after the workout depends on how challenging the practice was,

*But usually, when I finish my workout I feel pure happiness, because I did everything what I love.*

Just like many youngsters, she is motivated by famous idols. She finds the fastest swimmer in the World Michael Phelps and the surfer Bethany Hamilton extremely motivational. Hanna's inspired with Bethany's resilience;

*It's amazing that she competes with other girls on the same level, even though she only has one arm. She's a perfect example to always believe in yourself.*

She dreams big. After running in Paris in 2019 at the She Runs event, she wants to make a return in 2024;

*My biggest dream is to compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris in the 20k race walking event.*

In the future, she also wants to develop her leadership skills and organise events like She Runs:

*I want to create and organise events for youngsters, especially for girls, and help children who were hurt. And I also want to be a track and field coach, or maybe a flight attendant.*



## Lin Guo

 P.R. China

We will take you to Guangzhou, China, where 20-year-old Lin Guo is training as a professional swimmer and attending university. She is an experienced athlete, having participated in two ISF events: ISF World School Championships in Budapest in 2017 and the following year at ISF Gymnasiade in Marrakesh, Morocco. Just like the rest of the world, Lin Guo's home city was affected by Coronavirus. She and her family had to go into home quarantine, and all swimming pools across the country were shut down. She admits it was very hard to stay at home, it was the very first time in her life with such a long break from practice.

*For me, it was very hard to stay at home for so long. I still found a way to practice in my home: I ran on a treadmill, did core exercises and body jumps. I missed my teammates, but I used video chats to stay in touch with them.*

She smiles, when she talks about her first practice after quarantine,

*Returning to practice after sixty days of quarantine felt like life started again. I almost forgot the feeling of swimming in the water during the last two months. My coach had to adjust the training system for us because of this big break. It was nice to see all my teammates and coach again.*

Remembering feeling of the water made Lin think of her first swimming lesson in childhood,

*When I was little, I was constantly sick, always going to hospital and taking medicine. My mother thought that I could try sports to empower my immune system. She was right: just after a week of practice, at the of five I learned a perfect breaststroke. My coach saw talent in me right away.*

She admits that the best thing about doing sports is travelling and meeting friends from all over the world,

*With the opportunities to go abroad and participating at ISF events, I get to learn more about the culture of*

## Back to practice after 60 days of quarantine felt like life started again

*other countries, exploring how they do their training and improve my own performance by this. My favorite ISF memory was three years ago at the closing ceremony at WSC Swimming in Budapest. Everyone was so relaxed after competition, and just danced together.*

The highlight of her athletic career, however, was Gymnasiade in Morocco in 2018.

*Swimming competitions were not directly in the city of Marrakesh, they took place in breath-taking Casablanca. Being the captain of the team, I was very nervous to represent China at this big event, and was proud to have made it to the finals. After competitions, we went to the market and bought authentic wooden jewelry boxes. I also made friends from Brazil and Hong Kong, even after two years I am in touch with them on social media.*

Lin Guo addressed all athletes in the world, especially in the countries where the virus just started spreading and they will be no possibility to attend regular practices due to ongoing quarantine,

*All the countries today are connected and we have to act together if we tackle this challenge. After Chinese population listened to our government's instructions and stayed at home, things are coming back to normal again. It is important to find creative ways to exercise at home. We should never give up.*

Lin Guo also talked about her idol: Hungary's three-time Olympic Champion Katinka Hosszu.

*I admire her, because she is so fast! In every event. I met her in a pool in Guangzhou once, she gave me her autograph and we took a picture together.*

The young swimmer admits she feels proud about ISF Gymnasiade taking place in her home country,

*Some students from my former school will participate in Jinjiang. I wish them good luck!*



## Nemata

 Burkina Faso

Born and raised in Burkina Faso's capital Ouagadougou, Nemata Nikiema was just 15 years old when she boarded a plane for the first time in her life. On a flight to Morocco taking her and other kids of her age to ISF Gymnasiade, the biggest competition for school children in the world. Little did she know that when she boarded that plane, her life would never be the same. But her story starts years earlier, when her PE teacher at her school noticed her talent,

*My dad is a taxi driver in Ouagadougou, and my mom works for a lottery. Once my physical education teacher saw me run, my speed impressed him, and he asked me why I didn't try to start training in athletics. In the beginning, my dad was against me doing sports, he thought it wasn't good for me, not sure why, maybe he was scared I could get hurt? But it was my mom who had my back. She is always with me and supports all the decisions I take.*

As we interview through the phone, she has hard time describing her feelings of her experience at Gymnasiade 2018 in Marrakech, Morocco,

*Before the competition I was nervous to the extent I thought I wouldn't be able to participate. But as soon as I arrived, the moment I walked on to the stadium, I gave all that I had. I participated in triple jump and 100 meters. This is how trainer Fernando noticed me.*

Brazilia's Lavras University athletics coach Fernando de Oliveira saw natural talent in Nemata and scouted her at the triple jump event at ISF Gymnasiade, eventually securing a full scholarship for her to study and train at Cinira Carvalho school in a city of Mina Gerais.

## Sport Game a Chance to Study

Then everything happened so fast. Nemata decided to give it a chance and go study to Brazil. Alone. At 15. Not speaking a word of Portuguese.

When she got back from Morocco, she got to meet Pr Stanislas Ouaro, Minister of Education and Literacy, who congratulated her with the scholarship. In the article about her in a local newspaper, she says,

*I promise I will bring back home many medals.*

But her move to Brazil did not come easy.

*It was difficult for me in the beginning without my family around and not speaking the language... Everything was different: the food, clothes, houses... So many people. But as soon as I learned a bit of Portuguese, I adapted fast. Sport helped me to integrate. Now I have many friends, they all are Brazilian athletes I met through training here.*

Nemata is busy studying and has a very busy schedule, training each day from Monday till Saturday. She encouraged others to follow their dreams and discover themselves through sport,

*I believe that sport can help many young girls reveal their unknown talents, and it helps them to dare and discover themselves, just like it happened to me.*

Nemata is ambitious for the future. She cherishes two dreams and is thinking about pursuing both.

*I always wanted to become a famous athlete one day and compete at Olympic Games. Or to become a lawyer. There is an athlete I really admire, Fabrice Zango.. Just like me, he is from Burkina Faso. He has World Championships medals and is training now in France. He motivates me to continue training hard.*



## Oksana Bazeiluk

 Ukraine

Ukraine's 18-year-old Oksana Bazeiluk started her athletic career twelve years ago. Since then, she has been constantly practicing karate. Her parents were surprised about her choice of hobby, but in vain did they try

to distract Oksana with such alternatives as drawing, dancing, swimming. At the end of the day only karate gave her full freedom and satisfaction after training.

She says that karate gave her a way to release a lot of energy,

*I was a very active in my childhood. Sometimes my parents did not know what to do with this energy. I tried to dance, to draw and so on... but it wasn't mine. Also my mom wanted me to become a swimmer, I felt that it was not mine. My parents also supported me because they wanted (and still want) me to do what I want to do.*

Choosing a career of an athlete for Oksana did not come as an easy decision, and her key to success lies in mental strength,

**Sometimes** *I started to feel that I couldn't anymore. I felt like nobody believed in me. I wanted to live normal life. To have parties, to spend a lot of time with my friends and family, or to be at home. But something did not stop me and does not stop until now. But the most difficult challenge in my life is to overcome myself and my thoughts.*

She believes that in sport struggle paves the way for a long-awaited success,

**Unfortunately,** *not all workouts go well. Sometimes it depends on your mood. If the tasks are interesting, then I am ready to continue to train. But there are days when you are completely tired, and train with all your strength, after this kind of training you want to take a shower and sleep sweetly. In sports there are only two ways. Either you are lazy but dream a lot, or you work and win. I belong to the second type of people. To work hard for my dream. Why is nothing stopping me? Because I like the feeling when you are standing on a pedestal, and your team proudly applauds .. You feel this happiness and pleasure. You do not feel that you are tired or you do not have enough power for this. Because you did it. At that moment you understand that you want to feel it every time, therefore you continue to work even harder.*

## I feel alive when I do karate

For her sport and life are the two things that naturally come together,

*I think when you are doing sports you feel alive. You realize that you can do something that others can't. It is a good chance for challenge yourself. Sport it is not only about exercising and challenges. It is also about friends. About how you spend your free time. How you live your life.*

Two successful Ukrainian athletes in karate have had an impact on Oksana's way as an athlete.

Anita Seregina won her first medal on European Championships when I was 13. From that time I wanted to be at least a member of national team. She gave me this energy. When I was losing, I remembered all her interviews in which she told about her life. I am happy that I had a chance to have a lot of sparring sessions with Anita.

Also, Olga Kharlan. She is a fencer. She is an Olympic Champion. I have not met her in real life, but her interviews and her lifestyle are amazing. She has a lot of energy, always in a good mood. She is real fighter. She doesn't fight just with her hands. She fights with her heart and mind.

Oksana talked about her ISF experience as she won Silver at ISF Combat Games in Budapest last year,

*It was a very cool experience for me, because the atmosphere and competition were on the top level. I met a lot of new friends from different countries and spent a lot of time with my teammates and coaches. Also I won 2nd place (female 16-17 -59kg) and fought with girls from the USA, China, Brazil, and Hungry. My best memory from ISF is when we had a closing ceremony, and we could see all countries, their representatives, traditions, food and so on. I met a lot of good people there and now we continue to communicate.*

When addressing other young women like herself, she encourages them to set the goals and go for them,

*If a person wholeheartedly strives for a goal, he will surely achieve it, even if at first glance it seems impossible, and others do not believe in his success.» Her motto is, «If there was no tomorrow, how hard would you play today?*

And yes, Oksana herself dreams big and sets big goals.

*I want my country and my parents to be proud of me. I want to represent my country at the World and European Championships.*



## ISF Gymnasiade 2018 turned a new page in my life

### Yasmine Bellal

 Algeria

school sport career a step further,

**As** every professional athlete, getting an Olympic medal and honouring my country is my biggest dream.

At Gymnasiade in Morocco 16-year-old Yasmine represented Algeria in archery. She placed 17th in cadet women category and finished 6th in team rankings.

She is also proud to be a member of the Algerian National Team and a national record holder.

It's not common to find a girl who does sport in Algeria:

**People** here do not always approve of girls doing sport, in addition there are not enough sport equipment, supplies and sport centres. So this is why it's very hard to start a sport career, especially for a girl.

Nevertheless, her beliefs stay solid:

**Every** girl in the world should practice sport because it gives a lot of opportunities; it benefits health and helps girls to meet new friends and see new countries.

Archery improves her mood, and makes her feel powerful, healthy and happy. Competitions might make her feel a bit nervous, but once she gets into the mode she feels confident and enthusiastic.

ISF Gymnasiade 2018 was Yasmine's first ever international competition, and it sparked a special interest in taking her

**When** I hold my bow and before I shoot the arrow, I put myself in a bubble, so I can focus. And I start remembering all I have sacrificed just to be at this level.

Yasmine's daily routine starts early in the morning. Right after school she goes to the shooting centre where she practices archery for three hours. Her bow is also her strength,

**I** have owned my bow for 5 years. I feel like it is a part of my body. The bow is very personal because there's a difference between bows, in length and strength.

Her father is a physical education teacher, and he is also the person who at the age of three introduced Yasmine to sport. First by practising swimming and aikido, and later transitioning to archery.

**He** stands behind me and gives me advices; he is just like my coach. He gave me everything I wanted and I am trying to make him proud.

Besides admiring professional archers, Worlds and Olympic medallists Brady Ellison, Mike Schloesser, Yasemin Ecem Anagoz, Oh Jin Hyek, she has another powerful role model:

**My** mother inspires me. I see her as the strongest woman in the world. When I start to give up, she comes to give me power.

Just like many other athletes, she is currently training at home and practicing shooting from small distance because of the Covid19 pandemic. Her next biggest goal: ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 in China, where she hopes to beat her own result in Morocco.



# Member Highlight

*Serbia celebrates 50 year anniversary*



It was 50 years ago, in 1970 when Serbian School Sport Federation (SSSF) was founded with the aim of promoting sport for youth in the country. Since then, the organization has come a long way undergoing changes and development.

The idea to establish a system of school competitions came to life back in Yugoslavia times, in 1970. In the first, pilot year, the Federation of Physical Culture Educator Associations and the Republic Education Community established sports competitions for elementary and high school students called Sports Games of School Youth of Serbia. From the very start of organizing these competitions at all levels, basic Olympic principles were taken into account: it is not winning but the taking part that counts, fair play, mutual respect and friendship. There was a clear intention to create conditions that would give young people opportunities to develop their creative potential in sports. The Serbian School Sport Federation has changed its name, grown and developed over the



years, but one thing has remained unchanging: it has always been led by the people full of enthusiasm and commitment.

A new era for Serbian School Sport Federation began with the National Development Strategy 2008-2012 as the Federation started its active work from a new office in the Palace of Serbia in New Belgrade. Since Serbian School Federation joined ISF family, it has become a regular competition host on ISF events calendar. In 2018, Belgrade successfully hosted a third



## Interview with SSSF President Željko Tanasković

What was it like for you to host ISF General Assembly in your home country, Belgrade last month?

**H**aving GA in Serbia was very important for us, it was my pleasure to host many guests from all the corners of the world coming to this event. Serbian people are famous for being open-hearted and welcoming hosts. I hope that all members took back home nice memories from Belgrade.

Back in December during Executive Committee meeting in Zagreb Serbian School Sport Federation presented a new format World School Games, summer edition, which are to take place in Serbia next year. What was SSSF vision of the new format?

**W**e saw that most ISF events focused on older school children, and we sensed there was a need to reach even younger kids and developed an idea to host the event for youth under 15 years old. Hosting World School Games event in 2021 is important for us. Serbia is the country of sport with strong sport history and tradition. Having 3000 children from all over the world is a good opportunity for School Sport Federation to develop even further. We are now preparing and working to find an answer to accommodation challenge.

You've been a part of ISF for a long time. What's your intake on its development?

**I**t is a milestone year for us. We were excited to host Gala Dinner and have members of ISF family, including coordinators attend this event. It's a great opportunity for them to get to know each other and exchange expertise. 50-year anniversary is symbolic to our organization, we greatly appreciate the support of our Ministry of Sport and our government.

edition of ISF WSC Basketball 3X3 with students from 29 countries.

As SSSF hosted an annual ISF General Assembly in Serbia's capital of Belgrade last month, **ISF Family came together to congratulate** Serbian counterparts with a special birthday. Delegates enjoyed Serbian hospitality at the Gala Dinner organized by SSSF. They were also presented with a concept of the upcoming ISF World School Games U15 scheduled to take place in Belgrade in next year.

President Laurent Petrynka congratulated SSSF,

*"I'd like to say happy birthday to SSSF. 50 years old is a great age, age of maturity but also an age where you can advance. It means they are developing nationally and internationally. Having hosted events like handball with more than 1000 athletes, shows how profoundly SSSF has developed over these years. ISF will continue working together to grow school sport in Serbia and all over the world."*

The federation celebrated its birthday with a special present: a colorful edition of a book 50 years of Serbian School Sport. During the General Assembly last month ISF President Laurent Petrynka, Secretary General/CEO Hrvoje Čustonja and SSSF President met with Serbia's Minister of Sport Vanja Udovičić to discuss strategic approach of developing school sport in Serbia and preparations for World School Games scheduled to take place in Belgrade in 2021. **In addition, Serbia's honorable guests have attended ISF General Assembly: the President of the Olympic Committee of Serbia Bozidar Maljkovic and Vice-President Žarko Zečević.**

The ISF Family congratulates the SSSF with great achievements over the last 50 year and wishes the best to its dedicated team!

Indeed, you can be proud of your traditions, as you celebrate 50 year anniversary this year.

**I** have been a volleyball player all my life. It is a team sport. What I saw in ISF is that ISF members are very professional, everybody knows a lot about their field, and we are working towards one goal as a team.

# Organised School Sport Around the World



## Burkina Faso Organised Futsal tournament

**S**chool Sport Federation of Burkina Faso organised a futsal tournament, on **29 January 2020, at the High School Aboubacar Sangoule Lamizana in Ouagadougou**. The students had a chance to showcase their skills and engage in “education through sport” activities. Because of the strategyw ISF is taking towards the continental bodies, the African School Sport Federation development plan for School sport is improving rapidly.



## Chinese Taipei Held the School Volleyball & Futsal Simulative Matches

**D**ongshan Senior High School and Feng Yuan Commercial High School were selected to represent Chinese Taipei in the ISF WSC Volleyball and Futsal in 2020. Due to the postponement of those events, Chinese Taipei School Sport Federation held two events for these sports. The School Volleyball Simulative Match from **27 to 29 October** with Dongshan Senior High School and Feng Yuan Commercial High School, being invited alongside ten other outstanding school teams. The School Futsal Simulative Match took place from **31 October to 4 November**. Beimen Senior High School and Hsing Wu High School both joined the event. Although the selected teams lost such a big chance to meet other elite players around the world, they still had a great experience testing their skills during these simulative matches.



## ***Niger School Sport Federation organises ISF Gymnasiade qualification tournaments***

**S**chool Sport Federation of Niger (FENISSCO), under the leadership of Mr Aboubacar Moussa, President of FENISSCO, the organisation of the ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 qualification events. The first event was the qualification tournament in badminton. Students from across the country participated in the championship and fought for the top qualifying spots which lead to Jinjiang. Other national events, which will serve as qualifications for the ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020, took place in athletics, taekwondo and freestyle wrestling.



## ***Tunisia held North African cross-country school championship***

**N**orth African cross country school championship was held in Tunisia, on 1-2 February 2020. The countries participating were Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia, with ISF represented by Algerian School Sport Federation President, Mr Izem Abdelhafid. African School Sport has shown great progress in strengthening education through sport.



## ***Croatian primary school wins best in Europe award for physical education project***

**P**etar Preradović Primary School in Zagreb, Croatia has won an award for the best European sports education project, with their Walk Around the Country project, designed by Professor Juraj Horžić, winning first prize in the Education category at the European Commission's 2020 #BeActive Awards. The European Commission #BeActive Awards supports projects and individuals dedicated to the promotion of sport and physical activity across Europe.

Aware of the fact that children are less and less mobile, spending a lot of time on mobile phones, laptops and tablets, and especially in the current pandemic situation, the staff of Petar Preradovic Primary School in Zagreb decided to start and encourage physical activity with the Walking Around the Country project. The project was implemented through a series of challenges in which students from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade of primary school and high school students mastered the given route with some physical activity like walking, running, rollerblading and cycling. The first challenge was launched in mid-April 2020 when students, parents and school staff embarked on a virtual adventure of walking around the Earth. The task was to walk or run a little more than 28,000 km together (along the west-east line from Zagreb to Zagreb in the shortest possible time. The challenge was achieved in just 12 days, with a total of 555 actively involved participants (the school has 383 students).

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# International Sport Federations



## United World Wrestling (UWW)

ISF President Laurent Petrynka met with United World Wrestling (UWW) President Nenad Lalović at UWW Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland on 9 March. Following the meeting, the two officials signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** for the future cooperation between the two organisations. ISF President Laurent Petrynka said, "Partnership between ISF and UWW is very important. First of all, the sport of wrestling is already very present in Physical Education programmes and school sport. We will continue to develop wrestling in our events. Secondly, our cooperation with UWW is strengthening our effort to connect the Olympic movement to schools."



## International Basketball Federation (FIBA)



On 11 March 2020, ISF President Laurent Petrynka and Secretary General/CEO Hrvoje Čustonja met FIBA President Hamane Niang in Lausanne, Switzerland. FIBA was also represented by Secretary General Andreas Zagklis and Sport Director Zoran Radović. The leaders of the **two federations discussed the development of basketball 3X3 in the ISF programme**, promoting the event at schools internationally. They also agreed to cooperate on gender equality topics. In addition, technical support and sharing FIBA's expertise for ISF events were discussed. ISF President Laurent Petrynka commented, "Basketball has always been one of key sports in ISF programmes, especially as an attractive format of 3X3. We appreciate support of FIBA's expertise that is invaluable for developing basketball both at ISF events and at schools all over the world. ISF and FIBA have a common vision of basketball as a tool to promote inclusivity and empower youth."



## International Chess Federation (FIDE)

**W**ithin the framework of the ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020 that took place on 7 October 2020, ISF president **Mr Laurent Petrynka** participated in a virtual meeting with **FIDE president Mr Arkady Dvorkovich** to discuss the cooperation during the event. ISF and FIDE are aware of the continuous growing need for international cooperation in this regard and recognise that they both adhere to Olympic values and spirit. **ISF is looking**

**forward to strengthening the cooperation with FIDE in the future in order to promote chess among global school networks.** ISF president Mr Laurent Petrynka said: "We are honoured to sign a partnership and work with FIDE on ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020. Chess is included in schools all over the World and presents an important part of school sport. We will continue to develop ISF chess events, as well as our ISF Summer Gymnasiade. **We are delighted to have FIDE supporting the ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020.** This cooperation will also strengthen our efforts to bring and connect the Olympic movement to schools across the globe."



## International Esports Federation (IESF)

**ISF** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding with the International Esports Federation (IESF)** with an aim of promoting physical activity and health among Esports youth and balancing gaming with exercise and school sport. The Memorandum of Understanding supports the idea of **promoting physical activity and health among pupils devoted to gaming**, and including exercise, running and fun activities into Esports competitions and events. Example of the latter were the ISF Esports Games 2019, organised by Ukrainian School Sport Federation,

which united Esports with physical activity. Laurent Petrynka, ISF President, stated: «The MoU and the International Esports Federation (IESF) follows the vision of promoting physical activity and education among the Esports youth, incorporating exercise, running, and fun games into the Esports events. **This is a historic step which combines live sports with sports in a virtual setting.** We find this cooperation to be an innovative approach aiming to motivate the youth to get up, move, and take care of their mental, physical, and social health. This will be done through a series of competitions planned by ISF and IESF for the near future. Together with IESF, **we are united in the Olympic spirit, a spirit of excellence, respect, and friendship, to build a new era of Esports among students all over the world.**»



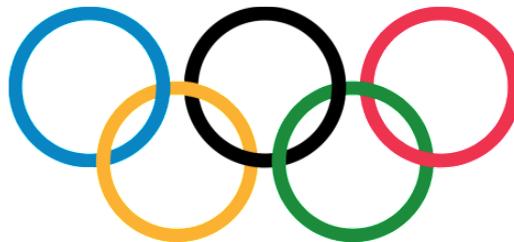
## Global Esports Federation (GEF)

**O**n 27 October 2020, ISF, represented by the ISF President Mr Laurent Petrynka, signed a **cooperative agreement with the Global Esports Federation (GEF)**, represented by the GEF President Mr Chris Chan, with an intention to work together to develop the ISF Esports strategy as a catalyst for the social benefit of youth. **Both parties agreed to work together towards a common goal of developing a sustainable**

**Esports strategy for the ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 and other ISF events**, including the development of partnerships and promotional opportunities. The agreement also includes development of initiatives that harness and elevate the principles and values of commitment to education, equality, fair play, diversity, inclusion, and innovation, especially among school-aged youth. Laurent Petrynka, ISF President, stated: «The agreement with Global Esports Federation (GEF) allows us to promote new opportunities and new ways of practicing sport for the young generation. This cooperation will **contribute to youth empowerment by uniting esports with physical activity.**

# Institutional Relations

## Sport Organisations



### **ISF President reappointed as a member of the IOC Olympic Education Commission**

**T**he President of the International Olympic Committee Mr Thomas Bach has reappointed ISF President Mr Laurent Petrynka as a member of the **IOC Olympic Education Commission**. International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced the composition of its commissions for 2020. The newest composition includes 30 commissions, of which 11 are chaired by women. The aim behind the composition is to follow the Olympic Agenda 2020 and to encourage the whole Olympic Movement to advance gender equality both on and off the field. As of this moment, 47.7% of positions across the 30 commissions are now held by women. **The appointment of the ISF President is a great honour for the International School Sport Federation and a great development in liaison with the ISF Vision 2030 and strengthening the recognition of school sport on the international stage as well as uniting the Olympic Movement with education, ministries, schools, and youth.**

### **Olympic Education Commission's annual meeting**

**I**SF President Mr Laurent Petrynka participated in two Olympic Education Commission meetings in 2020, with the first being held in the Olympic House

in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 13 January 2020, during the Winter Youth Olympic Games 2020. The Olympic Education Commission advises the IOC Session, the IOC Executive Board and the IOC President on the promotion, development and implementation of Olympic values-based education strategy and provides strategic direction on IOC programmes and activities related to the education of youth through sport. The President of the International Olympic Committee Mr Thomas Bach welcomed the commission members with a speech on the importance of sport and education, placing sustainability, credibility, and youth as the priorities of the agenda 2020. In this context, it was an opportunity for Mr Petrynka to share, with the members of the Commission, the outcomes of the She Runs project. The second meeting of the year took place on 9 November and was held virtually. On this occasion, ISF President Mr Laurent Petrynka highlighted that ISF, with its 129 members, is committed to working closely with the IOC to spread Olympic values, education on healthy lifestyle, values of gender equality, fair play and inclusion among the education stakeholders and school-going youth. **He addressed the members of the commission, stating: "We have seen in the NOC survey that 86 per cent of them choose schools as target audience and same per centage focus on education as one of their main topics. It is a unique opportunity for us as the governing body for school sport to take an even more active lead role in working closely with the IOC to spread Olympic values, educating on healthy lifestyle, focusing on gender equality and such important matters. We have a strong international reach through 129 national associations. We are ready to meet and discuss with you how we can support and work together on this."**

## **ISF celebrates Olympic Day**



**T**he Olympic Day, which annually takes place on 23 June, is a celebration of sport, health, and Olympism. ISF and the Olympic Movement share a common goal of educating youth to contribute to building a better World using sport as a tool. The three Olympic values of excellence, respect, and friendship are regularly practiced in school sport and ISF events. This year, ISF celebrates the Olympic Day by highlighting the importance of unity between the Olympic Movement and schools for a common goal of educating youth about the values of health, inclusion, mutual understanding, Fair Play, and friendship.

## **ISF at GAISF General Assembly**



**A**s an associate member, ISF, represented by ISF Sports Director Josip Kosutić, participated in the **GAISF General Assembly, which was organised virtually on 10 November 2020**. The assembly began with welcoming remarks from the GAISF president Raffaele Chiulli, who throughout the event, also highlighted the important role schools and school sport have in prioritising physical development of youth. The GAISF General Assembly addressed various topics, from development and memberships to future agenda of the federation. The assembly also **included**

the **GAISF Sustainability Award 2020** which was awarded to **World Sailing** for Sustainability Agenda 2030. The next GAISF General Assembly will be held on 28 May 2021 at Sport Accord summit in Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation. **In 2024, Ekaterinburg will also host the ISF Gymnasiade School Summer Games 2024.**

## **International Federation (IF) Forum 2020**



**ISF** was present at the **International Federation (IF) Forum 2020** which was organised virtually on **5 November 2020**. ISF President Mr Laurent Petrynka and ISF Sport Director Mr Josip Kosutić participated in the forum. The aim of the participation was to strengthen the partnerships with International Federations.

**Thomas Bach** opened the forum with the **welcome remarks: "In these difficult times, we need our shared Olympic Values: excellence, friendship, respect and solidarity; more than ever"**.

The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the IF Forum explored how sport and society can emerge stronger from a global COVID-19 crisis. The guest speakers discussed strategies to **initiate the recovery of the sport sector following the COVID-19 pandemic**. They also debated the game plans that sports leaders can use to mitigate challenges that may arise from possible unforeseen disruptions in the future. The targeted thematic sessions covered topics of crisis management, scenario planning, how to limit risk from a legal and financial perspective, law-related commercial considerations for IFs and **how to stay connected and reassure athletes, and fans and stakeholders in times of adversity**.

# Institutional Relations

## Intergovernmental Organisations : European Union

### EU vs Virus



In April, within the framework of the partnership between ISF and the European Commission's pan-European hackathon **#EUvsVirus**, **ISF President Laurent Petrynka and Italian Olympian Figure Skater Valentina Marchei were appointed as ambassadors of this campaign.** The two appointees were working closely with the event organiser, European Innovation Council to spread the message about the Hackathon and contribute to it by bringing in unique expertise from sport and engaging the school sport community to contribute to tackle the virus issues. Six-times National Champion, two-times Olympian and ISF Ambassador Valentina Marchei also contributed to the webinar session on the topic: Staying Physically Active at home, what to do when schools and local sports associations are closed?

**European Commission's High-Level virtual conference on recovery of sport sector after the Covid19 crisis.** On 17 September 2020, ISF participated in the European Commission's **High-Level virtual conference on the recovery of the sport sector** after the COVID-19 crisis. Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, opened the conference and welcomed the participants with a reminder that sport is an important part of COVID-19 recovery. With his keynote speech **Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, emphasised that**

**sport is widely recognised as an essential factor in fighting the pandemic**, and should be an integral part of the solution and the recovery. The conference hosted two panels: 'Key challenges and lessons learnt from the crisis for grassroots sport organisations' and 'The impact of the crisis on growth and jobs in the sport sector and possible ways to recover.'

### Erasmus+ Sport Info Day 2020



**ISF** was present at the **7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Erasmus+ Sport Info Day 2020, organised by the European Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).** The aim of participation was to collect information about the political context, future programme, simplification, and Erasmus+ Sport funding opportunities in 2020. In her opening speech, **Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, highlighted the role of sport as a tool for the promotion of health and well-being of people.** She also reminded the participants about the 2020 call and the highest budget ever of €57 million, available for the Erasmus+ funded projects which aim to make a difference in society.

## European Week of Sport



23 - 30 September

**U**nder Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the **6<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Week of Sport** was opened on 23 September 2020 in Frankfurt, Germany. The official opening event was exclusively online. ISF President Laurent Petrynka participated in the online opening with a video message on the importance of sport and physical education for youth and schools. The European Week of Sport is held every year between 23-30 September to encourage Europeans to #BeActive and help millions across the world to follow a better, healthier, and more active lifestyle. Every year, also during the European Week of Sport, the European School Sport Day takes place. **This year the European schools celebrated the importance of physical education and school sport on 25 September 2020.**

## ISF She Runs Active Girls' Lead selected for European Commission's Erasmus+ Sport programme

**I**t was confirmed this year that the ISF project, **She Runs Active Girls' Lead, has been selected for the Erasmus+ Sport programme funding** (not-for-profit European sport events) by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission. ISF has been collaborating with the European Commission since 2016. In 2019, the She Runs event, also funded by the Erasmus+ Sport programme, was organised in Paris, with the second edition set to take place in 2021 in Brussels, Belgium.

## ISF and CSSF at the 5th EU-China High-Level People-to-People Policy Dialogue

**I**SF President Mr Laurent Petrynka and President of the China School Sports Federation Mr Xue Yanqing participated in the 5th EU-China High-Level People-to-People Policy Dialogue which was held online on 9-10 November 2020 and organised by the European Commission-China cooperation. Mr Petrynka and Mr Yanqing discussed and presented the organisation of the **18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 (to be held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 in Jinjiang, P.R. China) and the challenges faced in 2020**, related to ISF events and the development of school sport.

**ISF president Mr Petrynka emphasised the importance of innovation and new strategies** to provide students from all over the World with equal opportunities to school sport and physical activity. He explained how despite the pandemic, ISF found new solutions with preparations being kept on track.

Mr Xue Yanqing, China School Sports Federation (CSSF) president, presented how CSSF coped with the postponement of the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade Jinjiang 2020 whilst maintaining a high standard of development and preparation for the event. CSSF President Mr Xue Yanqing highlighted: "The Organising Committee and Executive Committee of this Gymnasiade will work together with the ISF and CSSF to make better preparations, **follow higher quality standards and take effective measures to make it a sports event with an aim of bringing the most exciting competitions**, far-reaching influence and extensive participation for school students worldwide."



# Institutional Relations

## Intergovernmental Organisations : Council of Europe

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport



Accord partiel élargi sur le sport

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

**The** year 2020 is a particularly important one for the Council of Europe as it is **celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the European Convention of Human rights**. This organisation founded in 1949 is based in Strasbourg and has 47 member states. Its aim is to promote and advocate for human rights, democracy, and rule of law.

For the sport agenda we must also underline that it is a particularly important year, due in part to the **European Charter of Sport adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 1992 currently being revised**, with the last time this took place being back in the year 2001. Additionally, with the importance of the biennial Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport having its 16<sup>th</sup> edition organised, but lastly, because **ISF was elected in September to chair the Consultative Committee (CC) of the Enlarged partial agreement**

### on Sport.

The EPAS was formally established in October 2010 and provides a platform for intergovernmental sports co-operation between the public authorities of its member states. It also encourages dialogue between public authorities, sports federations, and NGOs. This contributes to better governance, with the aim of playing sports more ethically, more inclusively, and safely. Currently 39 states have joined the agreement. The EPAS allows to strengthen and to better structure the work dedicated to sport and the long involvement of the Council of Europe has been developing in this particular field since the 1970's.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport is focused on the adoption of two resolutions. The first one is entitled: "A European approach to sport policies: the revision of the European Sports Charter" and the second one is "Human rights in sports"**

The Consultative Committee (CC) is composed of 25 organisations. The election of ISF as the Chair is a commitment to ensure that the challenges of the organised sport movement and the specialised organisations are properly understood by the EPAS members and that the bridges and coordination between the members of the CC and the different bodies and components of EPAS are strengthened. Also, to have EPAS members make full use of the expertise of the CC members and to set up processes ensuring that the voice of the organised sports movement is heard by the members of EPAS.

For ISF, playing a bigger role at the level of the Council of Europe is a natural step, as school sport is mainly under the control of public authorities at the local or national level and so as

to ensure that it develops at the international level, it must cooperate closely with international and

national sports federations. If for ISF, sport is a tool to empower the youth and to have them become responsible citizens with the appropriate behaviours for them (healthy lifestyle...) and for the community they live in, then **it is crucial that they have instilled, the three pillars of the Council of Europe (Human rights, democracy, and rule of law) as part of their fundamental achievements and values.** This is

the message ISF wishes to carry forward for its own community by covering the position of Chair of the Consultative Committee.

The CC members and the new bureau will engage in promoting more effectively the European Sports Charter and the projects and values carried by the Council of Europe (EPAS) within the sport movement.

## Composition of the CC

Name	Position	Organisation
Kolë Gjelošhaj	Chair	International School Sport Federation
Tone Jagodic	Vice-Chair	European Olympic Committees
James Ogilvie	Member	UEFA
Janez Sodrznik	Member	TAFISA
Laura Capranica	Member	European Athlete as Student Network
Louis Moustakas	Member	European Network of Sport Education

It is therefore by keeping this objective online that the ISF proposed that the subject of the first seminar ever organised by the CC to be: **“Raising Awareness on Human Rights in Youth Sports: The Role of Sport Organisations and Educational Institutions”.** The seminar was attended on the ISF side by ISF Secretary

General/ CEO Mr Hrvoje Čustonja and ISF Executive Committee member and Chair of the ISF Integrity Commission Ms Sophie Bordet and moderated by Louis Moustakas, CC Bureau member – Secretary General ENSE. The speakers were:

Name	Position	Organisation
Dorothy Rozga	Head Child Rights	Centre for Sport and Human Rights
Anne Tiivas	Chair	Safe Sport International
Sara Massini	Secretary General	ENGSO
Marija Črnković	Head of Service of international cooperation	Ministry of Sport, Croatia
Iris Hugo-Bouvier	Football and Social Responsibility Coordinator	UEFA
Peter Brull	Sports Director	European Olympic Committees
Stanislas Frossard	EPAS Executive Secretary	Council of Europe

# ***ISF Mourns the Passing of***

## *Roger J. Goudy, United States of America*



**T**he International School Sport Federation is deeply saddened about the sudden loss of its America President and member of the Executive Committee, the American Roger J. Goudy.

Roger J. Goudy was elected in June 2019 within the highest ISF body. He was eager to share with ISF colleagues from all over the world his more than forty years experience with sport organisations in the USA. He corresponded perfectly to the profile of someone able to strongly contribute to the development of the ISF, based on his in-depth experience in education and sport at national and international levels.

He spent most of his professional career in schools combining it with his involvement in sport activities on a voluntary basis until his election in 2014 as full time President and CEO of the Amateur Athletic Union of the USA.

The dedication and enthusiasm of Mr Goudy towards school sport was always undeniable. Right from his election as ISF Continental President America, he demonstrated his eagerness to be involved in the international development of school sport, welcoming ISF President Mr Laurent Petrynka to his hometown of Orlando, Florida in January 2020, to discuss and share ideas on the future of ISF and AAU cooperation as well as the future of school sport globally.

President Petrynka declared "I am shocked. It is a tremendous loss for ISF. Mr Goudy succeeded in a short period of time to become well respected by all his colleagues. He had many projects for the expansion of ISF values in the Americas and in the USA".



# ISF Partners



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**VinylPlus**® is the Voluntary Commitment to sustainable development of the European PVC industry. The programme endeavors to apply internationally recognised sustainability principles together with high standards of the Circular Economy Action Plan of the European Commission. It is also registered as a SMART partnership on the United Nations Partnerships for Sustainable Development Goals Platform.

Since 2019, the ISF and the company VinylPlus started their collaboration to promote and educate young people and especially girls regarding global issues such as sustainable development and the importance to have circular economy. Therefore, ISF and VinylPlus developed an Environmental Action through the ISF Active Girls'Lead – She Runs event to promote the importance to sustainable sporting event. Through this cooperation we highlighted 6 commitments from sourcing PVC in line with the VinylPlus sustainability programme to ensuring the re-use and recycling of PVC products after the event. Sustainability and gender equality lie at the heart of ISF and VinylPlus, and their effort to empower girls in and through sport. We are glad that this cooperation will continue for the ISF She Runs – Active Girls'Lead 2021 Brussels, Belgium edition.

**Anta, Lilanz, Panpan and Shuhua** are ISF sponsors of specific ISF events 2019 - 2021 events including the 18<sup>th</sup> ISF Gymnasiade – Jinjiang 2020, P.R. China. ISF is honoured to have a partnership with 4 Chinese International leading companies which contributes to the future development of the organisation and its events.

**Anta International Limited** is a high-quality sports retail company with a focus on design, development and manufacture of sportswear, apparel, and accessories. As one of the global leaders in sport apparel industry, Anta will contribute to ISF youth as a sportswear and equipment sponsor.

**Lilang (China) Co., Ltd** is one of the leading brands of business and casual clothing in China, built on the values of providing its customers with high quality products and following the international business standards and ethics

**Fujian Panpan Foods Co., Ltd & Fujian Panpan drinks and Beverage Co., Ltd** is a leading Chinese food and beverage preparation and products manufacturer which will cover the nutritional, recovery and refuelling part of the games, taking care of the young athletes' basic needs to perform at their best.

**Shuhua Sports Co., Ltd** is a leading sports products and exercise equipment manufacturer and supplier. Its high level products support the athletes in achieving their sport dream by guaranteeing quality and safety.



**O**n 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 in Brussels, the ISF and Kinder Joy of moving extended their partnership till the year of 2022.

The two organizations are focusing on the importance of engaging young people in physical activity under the philosophy "Joy of moving". The actions implemented during the ISF events are focused on the Joy of moving Trophy for Fair Play attributed during each ISF event. Kinder Joy of moving is an international Kinder and Ferrero Group Social Responsibility Project. At the heart of the project is the strong belief that a positive attitude towards movement will make today's children, better adults tomorrow. The cooperation between ISF and Kinder Joy of moving has been an opportunity to implement the Joy of Moving Trophy for Fair Play which awards the most Fair Play delegation in each ISF events.

The partnership is the result of a common approach to engage youth generation in sport as learning process through the ISF events experience focusing on sport values, education, lifestyle, learning process in an inclusive approach. As the organizer of the biggest school sport events in the world since 1972, the ISF recognizes its global leadership role to advocate with its partners to ensure that physical education is fully part of educational programmes and to create

opportunities for all stakeholders, student athletes, PE teachers, parents and the sport community to build events generating leaderships skills and best practices. To this end, ISF and Kinder Joy of moving will continue working side by side to merge sport and education and ensure the best experience for children at ISF events.

Kinder Joy of moving is an international Ferrero Group Social Responsibility project which currently inspires 4,4 million children and their families in 34 countries around the world to get active, enjoy moving, and develop life skills in an engaging and joyful way. At the heart of the project is the strong belief that a positive attitude towards movement will make today's children, better adults tomorrow. The initiatives of this project are inspired by Joy of moving: an innovative, scientifically recognized educational method that aims to get children moving, through play whilst also developing key skills in four major areas: physical fitness, motor coordination, cognitive function and creativity, life skills.

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[www.kinderjoyofmoving.com/int/en](http://www.kinderjoyofmoving.com/int/en)

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# CALENDAR

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## 2021

WSC Beach Volleyball	Bat-Yam		Israel
WSC Volleyball	Foz do Iguaçú		Brazil
WSC Futsal	Lyon		France
ISF World School Games U15	Belgrade		Serbia
WSC Orienteering	Belgrade		Serbia
ISF She Runs Active Lead	Brussels		Belgium
ISF Gymnasiade	Jinjiang		P.R. China
WSC Dance	Kunming		P.R. China
WSC Handball	Belgrade		Serbia
E-sport Games	Kyiv		Ukraine
Cool Games	Kyiv		Ukraine
Universal Teacher Games			

## 2022

WSC Athletics		Turkey
ISF Gymnasiade		France
WSC Cross Country		Slovakia
WSC Basketball		India
Beach Games		Argentina
WSC Basketball U15		Croatia
WSC Tennis		Puerto Rico
WSC Sambo		Armenia
Educational Games		Greece
E-sport Games		Ukraine
Cool Games		Ukraine
WSC Basketball 3x3		
Universal Teacher Games		

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