



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC)
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD GAMES ASSOCIATION (IWGA)**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International World Games Association (IWGA) share the same value of promoting physical and sporting activities for the well-being of society.

The World Games is an international multi-sport event for sports or disciplines of sports of the IWGA Member Federations. *The World Games* are held at regular four-year intervals in the year following the Games of the Olympiad. The IOC recognises the importance of *The World Games* as a multi-sport event and the IWGA is committed to developing its activities in the Olympic spirit and in conformity with the Olympic Charter. Moreover, Recommendation 6.1 of Olympic Agenda 2020 states:

“The IOC and the International World Games Association (IWGA) to closely cooperate regarding the sports programme composition and their respective evaluations.”

The IOC and the IWGA wish to further develop their overall cooperation based on the following principles:

- The IWGA is willing to review and further develop the sports programme of *The World Games* with the help and input of the International Federations (IFs) that are members of the IWGA.
- The IWGA accepts that only events that are not on the programme of the Olympic Games can be included in the programme of *The World Games*.
- The IWGA shall ensure that only sports whose IFs are recognised by the IOC or are members of the IWGA will be included in the official sports programme of *The World Games*.
- The IOC agrees to grant patronage to Organising Committees of *The World Games* and to provide technical assistance.
- The IWGA recognises the importance for athletes and officials in all sports to participate as a national multi-sport delegation at *The World Games*.
- The IOC encourages the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to support and assist their national multi-sport delegations taking part in *The World Games*.
- The IOC and the IWGA shall explore possibilities of closer cooperation with regard to their respective communication, promotion and marketing programmes under the guidance of the IOC.

- The IWGA shall continue to develop a close working relationship with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to facilitate education and testing programmes, and doping controls conducted at *The World Games* according to the World Anti-Doping Code.
- Any funding to be given to the IWGA by the IOC shall be addressed separately by the parties and will be subject to the IOC compliance and good governance rules.
- The IOC will provide its expertise when needed and will maintain its cooperation with the IWGA through its Sports Department, and will help to promote the IWGA's activities within the Olympic Movement.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both parties and shall supersede the Memorandum of Understanding between the IOC and the IWGA dated 27 October 2000. This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect indefinitely unless terminated by either party with a written notice to the other party. Any such termination shall take effect immediately, subject to any contractual obligations already entered into by either party under this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended only by written consent of the parties hereto.

Done in Lausanne, on this 19th day of April 2016, in two originals in the English language.



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