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# It's in our clubs that we find our drive

After Panathlon International makes its reflection it always follows them with action.

This is how it can be an effective instrument within the Olympic Movement.

And this characteristic is especially well reflected within this issue of the magazine.

Reflection and analysis were shown, in particular, for this year's Fair Play awards, an event widely practiced in our clubs. In his contribution, Livio Guidolin, calls for a rethinking of how criteria are applied in order to improve the awards' meaning and scope.



The strong influence of sports policy, analysed again by Maurizio Monego, remains, alas, a very topical issue in the context of the war waged in Europe by the Russian Federation.

Take for example the recent controversies and spectacular postures that have shaken the world of tennis. Not even fencing has been spared.

It is an extremely delicate matter, to know whether it is appropriate for PI to take a position in the controversies that agitate the world of sport (see Guido Pasquini's letter, president of Lucca Club). It is nothing new and therefore requires articulate answers.

In addition, we decided to open a debate within the Panathlon in this regard. Action in the field is equally important. PI supports it through its various projects. Their implementation is primarily the task of the clubs.

This issue of the Magazine has presented the event organized by the Lausanne Club - Family Games – as an example. The event - which started many years ago and has grown considerably since then – allows children and their parents to know and develop a taste for the practice of various sports with the help of experts within the respective sports.

With all such actions, IP remains an effective promoter of Olympic values.

Another hot topic: governance. Too often the world of sport is affected by corruption, conflicts of interest, mismanagement of funds, etc.

PI, by virtue of its role, is less exposed to these dangers compared to other members of the Olympic Movement, but it would be unrealistic to believe that it is totally immune. IOC calls on all organisations to recognise compliance and implement governance regulations.

These rules include the adoption of an ethical code and the creation of an ethics committee.

It is apparent that all sports federations which appear in the Olympic programme, or wish to participate within it, have accordingly adopted a code of ethics.

That's why Panathlon International – first welcomed into the Olympic Family over 40 years ago - has decided to follow these rules.

Regarding a proposal from the Committee of District Presidents, PI appointed a study group to translate the needs of the IOC into texts.

Consequently, the creation of an ethics committee and the adoption of a code of ethics, to be proposed at the next General Assembly in 2024, have been planned.

We hope you enjoy reading our magazine

*Pierre Zappelli*  
International President



# Athletes, managers and organizers: debate on the future of sport

by Paul Standaert



Since 2005, Panathlon International has been represented at the European Forum.

Previously through the partnership in EWOS and later through the establishment of the Panathlon Representation to the European Institutions in Brussels. The establishment of a European Club in Brussels in 2016 also provided a network platform on which EU initiatives can be promoted. Again, this year Paul Standaert represented Panathlon International at the EU Sport Forum in Stockholm.

On 2 and 3 of May 2023, the European Commission organized its annual EU Sport Forum in Sweden. This Forum is the most important meeting where the European sports world and the EU institutions meet.

400 participants attended, including many Olympic Committees and sports federations. On the agenda were themes such as integrity, sustainability of sporting events and inclusion.

This year the event was built around panel discussions with speakers from both international and European sports organizations, policy staff, former top sports athletes, and academics. The debate on Integrity in Sport was held with Paquerette Girard-Zappelli (IOC), Vincent Ven (EUFA), Olivier Niggli (Wada) and Tine Vertomme (Thomas Moore University)

Mrs Paquerette Girard-Zappelli shared insights on the ongoing strive of IOC to study and encourage all actions in the promotion of Integrity in Sport.

Other topics such as Physical Activity Policy for a Better Health, Organizing sustainable sport events in Europe, Sport skills a lifelong competence, and Good governance and athletes rights got a lot of attention from the listeners.

Cedric Van Branteghem, Former Olympian, and director of the Belgian National Olympic Committee was given an active role in the Forum. He opened the second day and spoke of his experiences within top sport and the transition to a leadership position in sports. He then moderated a panel on 'athletes' rights and good sports governance' with Emma Terho, Chairwoman of the IOC Athletes' Commission, Paulina Tomczyk, Secretary General of EU Athletes, Giovanni Di Cola, Advisor to the ILO, and Irena Guidikova of the Council of Europe, as speakers.

Quote of Cédric van Branteghem: 'It was an honor to be able to discuss the rights of athletes within this important framework and with such strong speakers. Even though different organizations are looking at this topic from their own perspective, we all have the same goal: To put the athletes at the center and support them as much as possible.'

Quote Paul Standaert: EU Sport Forum Stockholm: an interesting meeting with BOIC Cedric Van Branteghem & Matthias Van Baelen and to learn from their expertise on the topic of athlete's rights. Without athletes no sport? Without sport organizations no athletes? It is, or should be, a partnership in promo-

ting a safe and healthy lifestyle for all.

The EUR Sport Forum remains a great platform for discussion and exchange of good practices in Sport Management. The diversity of the participants encourages a professional networking and challenging the participants with the ethical values of Panathlon International.



*From left : Matthias Van Baelen, Cedric Van Branteghem, Paul Standaert*

# Is sport part of the world Or is it a world apart?

*Ongoing wars, the market of venues for hosting world and Olympic events, boycotts old and new, athletes excluded for political crises: does Panathlon International have something to say?*

by Maurizio Monego

The round table on 15 September - which Panathlon International held in Rome, on the eve of presenting the Flambeau d'Or to IOC President, Thomas Bach - was an event that, President Pierre Zappelli rightly claims amongst the most important actions carried out in 2022. The authority of the participants and the way they made their arguments made it such an event. Andrea Sbardellati wrote an effective summary of these speeches in Panathlon International Magazine.

The effect of politics, and in particular war, on sport and athletes is a very thorny subject, of great relevance, and at the same time, of great complexity. The debate on these issues finds many different voices with different opinions. On one point, however, they all seem to agree: politics should have nothing to do with sport.

The rhetoric of sport transcends the complexity of human life and is an art form that a panathlete should exercise with a critical spirit. It is precisely for the sporting culture that the panathlete has known and for the disenchantment that life has taught him. This does not mean renouncing values or bending them to make unacceptable compromises. "Utopia and disenchantment, instead of opposing each other, must support and correct each other", wrote Claudio Magris, echoing the splendid representation of the partnership Miguel de Cervantes made with the figures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

Sport is not the happy island you want to believe. If we agree with Marcel Mauss and with the key concept of a structuralist sociology that sport is a "total social matter, that is, a phenomenon linked to the set of characteristics of a society - its representations, its rites, its values, its economy, its aesthetics - in so far as it integrates them in their entirety, reproduces its misgivings and contradictions, so much is [itself] integrated into the social and affects "it is evident that sport is a supra-determined subject.

Ancient sport had its rites, functioned for the worship of the gods and the dead. It determined the

political custom of the Olympic truce, which also had economic implications. It also became a spectacle. Modern sport, born out of educational and pedagogical issues has produced the Decoubertinian Olympism. We are aware of the ideal evolution of this and the involutions produced by nationalism and commercialisation, boycotts and corruption.

By nature, sport establishes an original and fundamental ethic. It requires vigilance and pragmatism, always placing the universal principles of the person first. Conscience and behaviour in defence and affirmation of life influence the purpose of sport, which cannot be reduced to the search for results but to that of an ever-greater rationality, through the search for meaning and method to be given to this phenomenon. It is no coincidence that for 60 years we have been trying to rediscover or re-found the spirit of fair-play. Aware that the greatest danger comes from the "tyranny of values", understood in the transposition to sport of the radical criticism that Carl Schmitt makes of the word "values" in reference to the doctrine of the State.

To talk of ethics and values in sport often sounds anachronistic because there is a strong awareness that these are words and concepts that have been increasingly emptied of their original meaning. The word 'values' replaced the word 'virtue', which from Aristotle until the advent of the bourgeois rule of law was used to define the positive characteristics of humanity and citizenship - ethical virtues as opposed to Dianoethic ones. Now only religion speaks of virtue. We experienced the extraordinary conclusion to the World Football with a match memorable for its intensity and emotions. The fact that the World Cup was held in Qatar does not detract from the beauty of the competitions we have witnessed, but it cannot exempt us from the many criticisms made for the way that the games were awarded, for the incomplete respect of human rights, especially at work, for the intrusions of politics - of Sarkozy in particular - for the corruption of FIFA members (not to mention a corrupt FIFA according to Blatter), which Andrew Jennings books have brought to light. Furthermore,





the corruption that has emerged in a very worrying way in the buildings of the European Union dictated by the desire to create a reassuring image on the Emirate, in view of the World Cup and ownership implications with PSG.

To dwell on scandals and corruptions would be painful. The literature on this subject is vast and undisputed. Even the International Olympic Committee has known scandals in the past, so much so that it now has an Ethics Commission. Similar scandals have affected International Sports Federations and even the Wada. We are all, more or less aware, informed and well read on this subject. Yet, we remain in love with Sport, we pretend not to know and instead cling to the many, managers, athletes, operators who still live it with the spirit that we feel in our hearts.

To say 'politics must not enter sport' is therefore a declaration of intent for pretentious and illusory independence. Politics has always been part of sport and sport has always made politics - often for the worse. The Bisht, a ceremonial cloak, that the Qatari sheikh made Lionel Messi wear at the time of presenting the cup was not only a cultural claim, but a political one as well as a demonstration that business can buy everything, even dressing up the best footballer in the world to your liking. Is it right to exclude nations that betray Olympism from major sporting events? What criteria should be applied? If athletes are the first victims of choices dictated by politics, what are the ways to protect them in their right to compete? These are the crucial questions that are embarrassing and it is clear that there can be many answers.

Ethics is intersubjective. It is a fight. The so-called values of sport are not unanimously shared in the world. Within the equilateral triangle of the construction of ethics that Jean-Louis Boujon describes in his essay "Ethics, Youth, Sport" - published in the first of four volumes of «Sport. Ethics. Culture.», published by Panathlon International in celebration of its first 50 years - there are themes that invariably surround the centre: at the top is Freedom, Truth and Consciousness; the center, the balance point, is respect and acceptance of the other in as much as they are different. We can think that the closer a nation is to the centre, the more ethical it is.

Beyond the deterministic aspects of construction, there are various geographical and cultural realities that recognize certain values differently - 'freedom' above all.

If we do not want to fall into the trap of values that, "recall absoluteness and exclusivity, thus implying intransigence and imposition" and at the same time we want to preserve principles, first of all respect for the person - the athletes in this case - therefore we can only welcome the line taken by the IOC. A line that mediates the principles of the Olympic Charter and the right of athletes.

The members of the IOC are the National Olympic Committees - representatives of their nations. In the face of violations on the founding principles of Olympism, by a nation, it is a moral duty to exclude that nation. At the same time, athletes of that nation who have no direct involvement in those violations still have the opportunity to compete under the banner of the five circles. It is certainly sad for an athlete to be deprived of his national flag and anthem, but it

is the only acceptable way to allow him to compete. It is a necessary political signal to affirm the primacy of the person over the “wrong” ethical choices of the government of his country.

Sport cannot turn the other away. The IOC did, however, in 1936 by awarding the Olympic Games to Berlin, despite the declared exclusion of Jewish athletes and declared racial discrimination. It was hard for the Azzurri to play in the 1976 Davis Cup final in Pinochet's Chile allowing grounds for political expediency to prevail. Was it right to not see the doping practices and substances systematically used by GDR and USSR? Is it right, now, the ostracism handed out to Russia following the events of Sochi 2014? And, is it fair to have seen Russia excluded from the Tokyo 2020 Games while admitting their athletes were not involved in the doping crimes to their own National Sports Federations? And how much should the Russian aggression against Ukraine affect the participation of Russian athletes in the Olympic Games in Paris? And why - for similar circumstances involving countries less influential on the geo-political stage, although devastating on a human level - have similar measures not been taken?

There are many contradictions. For this reason, in any case, the issue must be viewed by considering respect for the few and certain non-negotiable principles: the founding principles of sport, such as equality, respect, peace, brotherhood, and rejection of any kind of discrimination. The athletes involved, even with some deprivation, will still get over it.

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6 Carl Schmitt, *op. cit*

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*It will culminate in live, in-person finals at the first ever Olympic Esports Week 2023 in Singapore.*

# Should sport desert the “deserts” of values?

Lucca Club, through a letter from its President (published beside this), has relaunched and explored a topic of recent relevance, following the World Cup played in Qatar.

Was it appropriate to assign the organization of a world sports event to a nation that has been repeatedly criticized:

1. For their failure to universally respect shared human and social values?
2. Because of the indifference shown after multiple fatal accidents during the construction of pharaonic sports facilities were ignored?
3. For the ostentation of power and money as an absolute value in resolving technical disputes and political and federal negotiations?
4. Following this affair, to proceed with the allocation

of the organization of the 2030 World Cup, to Saudi Arabia, another place where many civil rights are trampled on, without any ethical and moral considerations?

5. And how do you justify such choices and FIFA's positioning for the sole purpose of providing financial resources?

6. Or should sport overlook these moral considerations and safeguard only technical and structural guarantees?

7. Lastly: Should Panathlon International comment on these considerations officially?

Send us your opinions and in the next issue of our magazine and we will publish the results of the debate and the recommended approach for Panathlon International.

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Al Presidente del Panathlon International  
Pierre Zappelli  
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**"Ciascuno è chiamato a essere voce di chi non ha voce. Voi dovete fare rumore per dare voce a chi non ha voce!"**

Gentile Presidente, vorremmo prendere come riferimento e fare nostre queste parole di Papa Francesco per prendere posizione come Panathlon Club di Lucca, con **un invito e un appello sentito al Panathlon International** a intervenire affinché scelte future di localizzare eventi sportivi ricadano sempre su paesi rispettosi dei valori base del Panathlon.

Spenti in Qatar i riflettori che hanno "abbagliato" il mondo intero, che ha fatto finta di non vedere a quale costo sono stati organizzati i recenti Mondiali di calcio in Qatar, il consiglio direttivo del nostro Club ritiene opportuno far sentire la propria voce, per recapitare ai vertici internazionali del Panathlon una raccomandazione che speriamo sia condivisa da tanti Club come il nostro e che, soprattutto, venga raccolta.

La scelta del Qatar come paese organizzatore sarebbe stata da osteggiare negli anni precedenti per l'assoluta mancanza di rispetto dei diritti civili di quel paese, per la corruzione che ha influenzato l'assegnazione, per la scarsa sicurezza nella fase di costruzione degli impianti che ha causato migliaia di morti. Tutti motivi serissimi di scandalo e delusione per chi ama il vero sport come noi.

Comprendiamo però che non ha senso guardare indietro, a quello che a successo in Qatar. E però fondamentale lavorare per il futuro e **auspichiamo che il Panathlon International si esprima in maniera inequivocabile se e quando si prospetterà la scelta di una sede non in linea con i principi e gli obiettivi del Panathlon** che, come lei sa bene, sono legati all'affermazione dell'ideale sportivo e dei suoi valori morali e culturali, quale strumento di formazione ed elevazione della persona e di solidarietà tra gli uomini e i popoli. Questo magari già iniziando dalla prospettata candidatura, sempre come organizzatrice dei Mondiali di calcio 2030, da parte dell'Arabia Saudita, che ci risulta essere un'altra realtà in cui molti diritti civili sono calpestati. Anche in questo caso l'eventuale assegnazione della massima competizione calcistica da parte della FIFA sarebbe legata solo a questioni economiche, senza minimamente tener conto degli aspetti etici e morali.

Riteniamo che per un movimento come il nostro, impegnato quotidianamente nella promozione e nella diffusione della cultura e dell'etica sportiva, evitare che si verifichino nuovi "casi Qatar" sia sicuramente tra le priorità a livello internazionale.

Grazie per l'attenzione e sinceri auguri di Buon Anno.

Guido Pasquini - presidente Panathlon International Club di Lucca

# Talking about values....monetary values

## What if sport is drowned in money

by Renato Zanovello  
President Emeritus Club Padova

On the theme of the increasing importance which money has in sports' destiny - with the masters of black gold in the Arab deserts who are now the owners of great historic football clubs and recipients of holding world events - I was reminded of a discussion by Professor Renato Zanovello, president emeritus of Padua club, wise commentator and knowledgeable about all that moves in the world of sport.

On the subject of sports culture and ethics, that make up Panathlon International's DNA, he sent a "reminder on money" that in sports, as in other fields, "can" be a source of joy and wellbeing or tool of destruction and death."

And here, this pearl of wisdom, every reference to sports, past or present, is of well-intended:

*"Money is ever present word in the life of people and communities, in every sector and at all latitudes, symbolically represented by a two-sided coin, front and back.*

*In fact, it can become extremely positive, for example in scientific and technological progress, in helping the most needy, in the construction of sports facilities at various levels, but, unfortunately, it can also be a source of destruction and death if destined, for example, for the production of armaments, for cheating, or to the relentless business whatever the cost, including doping and the lack of fair-play financial sports, not to mention the wealth left in inheritance, often a cause of violence and envy that gnaw at the liver, even murders, told too often by the mass media.*

*Saint Paul said that the desire for wealth and money is the root of all evil. As if it represented the ultimate goal of life and not an effective means for survival and true progress in every field by mankind.*

*The fact that money should be used well is important, sometimes necessary and 'self-evident', as is also clear its limit, recalling in this regard an Eastern proverb according to which money can buy a house but not a family, a clock but not time, a book but not knowledge, a position but not respect, sex but not love, blood but not life. All this is very evident and should lead to positive logical consequences, both individual and collective. But unfortunately, who ever remembers it in reality'?*

*Meditate people, meditate! Also in sport: capital gain or surplus values?"*



# Are we serious about fair play Who do we award and why?

*Comments and proposals: what if we stigmatized “unfair play” behaviors*

by Livio Guidolin  
Maestro of sport and panathlete

The spirit of Olympia that underpinned the first Games already comprised the Fair Play: in fact judges and athletes pronounced and expressed in solemn oath the ideals, ethical aims and social goals that according to a civilized organization expressed a model of ethical athletic code.

Fair Play could not be expressed explicitly because the Greeks were imbued with the so-called “culture of shame”: social reprobation, contempt of public opinion, gossip, or even popular gossip, constituted for them one of the most serious punishments.

From the Middle Ages onwards the concept of fair play assumes a very positive role – it is, in fact, associated with good manners and courage, so that it becomes a reference point within a world of Knights and later on also amongst Aristocrats, gradually substituting combat skills with recreational and sports activities.

From the primarily “soldier” values of Knights to the value of corporatism, the concept of Fair Play has been expressed in feelings of friendship and kindness shown and praised by Aristocrats.

The so-called “Gentlemen” cultivate team spirit, respect and friendship managing to “influence”, with this “philosophy”, Pierre de Coubertin during his travels in England.

From this experience we can trace back the origins of what we now know as the Olympic Games.

At the beginning what governed the new games - and the conduct of individuals towards themselves, others and the surrounding environment - were Ethical Values, that is: correct and kind behavior such as justice and freedom; respect and responsibility; honesty and loyalty; friendship, collaboration, and a sense of belonging.

With the foundation, in 1844, of the Gymnastics Society of Turin the period of the Bourgeoisie came to an end - the “time of idleness and play”, or “loisir” - and the history of modern sport begins.

It is not an isolated phenomenon, in itself, but results from an interweaving of political and economic history, an entanglement of habits and mentality, an overlapping of education and education, and a mixup of socia-

bility with urban history.

To the Ethical Values, mentioned above, are inevitably added new attitudes reflecting the times. In this way, valuing behaviours such as: Emotion and Competition, Discipline, Constancy and Commitment, Sacrifice, Self-esteem and Motivation.

I highlight the concepts of Behavior, Emotion, Competition and try to analyze their many facets.

Psychologically, Fair Play Behavior is not innate. The behavior has a genetic background and many aspects (aggressive, latent, voluntary, adaptive, passive...) are developed, valued, and refined by the external environment.

Emotionality is a scientific condition that allows the initiation of the learning process. Cognitive theory assumes that emotion creates an adaptive response according to the following chain: Event - Event Assessment - Reaction. The mind manages the event on the basis of the new evaluation and proceeds to activate a reaction both psychological and physiological that serves to accept or avoid the event in order to have pleasure or reduce any eventual disappointment.

Competition originates from competence, that is, giving the best of oneself and not necessarily being better than the rest. It's about having the ability to deploy all the resources you have available to deal with a situation.

There are two types of competition: the inner one that pushes us to do better and better and the external one putting us up against others (i.e. Comparative dimension) that is, in comparison with someone else.

From the attraction “Giving the best of oneself”, that is, putting all resources in the field, we arrive at the concept of Movement.

Movement is an intentional gesture that generates motion and presupposes a source, an intellectual cause. Motion is therefore randomness depending on its relationship to intention, while the movement that originates from it will be the causality.

Assuming therefore a unitary management of dynamics of movement it can be inferred that, at youth level,

Behavior required by fair play cannot be separated from emotionality and competition.

In an educational project, the path from natural to desired, from an innate model to one that responds to the values of fair play must, therefore, include emotion, competition and movement.

Therefore, I consider sterile those initiatives that “teach” Fair Play and “forget” movement and the emotions this induces.

It would also be appropriate, at youth level, to value “Inner Competition” and not the one facing the outside (i.e the other), which is the comparative. The latter should have a secondary role within the educational process and on the sports path.

One should pay attention to the improvement of one’s own abilities and not focus on the objective “mors sua vita mea” producing the opposite effect of only valuing exhibition, comparative performance, and ranking. We should not focus on victory that, if not achieved, too often causes frustration and demotivation; we should instead have an inner goal and in reaching it we will be satisfied regardless of the result that comes from the performance.

Although pleonastic, I remember that Movement, if desired, can be realized agonistically - that is, it intelligently performs a gesture that challenges time, space, gravity, weight within a competition.

Fair play is a behavior from which we often receive praise in debates, in speeches but just as often it is difficult to “define” or identify.

To worsen the situation there is mass media and social media that often favor the athlete’s depersonalization in favor of only performance and resort to, refer to and use Fair Play as an alternating current.

For young people, these abovementioned adjectives are not translatable into facts or actions. They are simply implicit and inherent to physical and sports practice that they undergo.

Naturally, they must always perform actions that they can’t match, connect, or relate to Fair Play.

It would be much more easier to define what Fair Play is not: Holding, simulating a fall, time wasting, economic over evaluation, doping, insulting opponents and referees, whistling at opponents, making noise to distract opponents, mocking and/or provoking supporters, incite hatred, scandalise refereeing decisions, not congratulating opponents, bullying colleagues....

## **Fair Play Award**

It is difficult to understand how a prize can be awarded without rules being set or without having consensus amongst different clubs.

Even more incomprehensible is awarding a prize on the basis of a single act - a “one-time” behavior - considering that fair play behavior has many aspects and should accompany the life of the athlete.

The award should presuppose, evaluate and ascertain not one, but all ethical values and principles, that we have listed above.

Therefore, it makes sense to give the prize only at the end of a cycle, a series, or a season of competitive activity.

## **PROPOSAL**

- Fair Play award is given to the team that has the best score at the end of the championship.

- Referees score each team at the end of each competition.

- Points are awarded for each of the following behaviors

- a) Respecting the rules
- b) Respect for the opponent
- c) Respecting referees and their decisions
- d) Maintaining self-control for the entire period of play
- e) Maintaining sportsmanship
- f) Participation
- g) Behaviour of coaches and manager.

Indeed, since 2008, the Indian Cricket Federation has awarded the Club the Fair Play Award, at the end of the season, with a judgment made by 3 Referees at each match.

# Panathletes and club protagonists attend world fair play awards

Last April, International Fair Play Committee held its customary Council meeting in Budapest where winners of the 2022 Fair Play Awards were announced.

The meeting was opened by Pál Schmitt, former IOC member and former President of Hungary. The participants approved reports for 2022 as well as discussing programs plans for the year ahead.

Fair Play was also discussed for 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The mission of the International Fair Play Committee is to promote Fair Play among athletes, coaches and sports leaders at world events, especially at international championships for young athletes, including this summer's World University Games.

This year's highlight is the World Athletics Championships, which will be hosted in Budapest. For several years, the Fair Play organization, in collaboration with World Athletics, has launched a joint appeal for World Athletics Championships which have always been a prestigious area for this type of educational policy.

A huge satisfaction for the Panathlon world with awards given by the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) in response to reports sent by Panathlon International:

- Jean Borotra Career award: certificate to Marco Calamai presented by Panathlon International Club Bologna 1957
- Willi Daume award for promotion - certificate to Ganshoren council and PWB for the "Fair Play" award: Trophy to Associations Stop Racism in Sport and Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles
- Jacques Rogge award - Youth - certificate to Edoardo Ferrari presented by Panathlon International Club Venice



*The Board of the International Fair Play Committee*



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Once you receive the email, you can access the ticket sales by clicking on the link in the message during the time period indicated. Once your time slot starts, you have 48 hours to buy the tickets in real time. You can purchase a maximum of six tickets per session, except for some specific sessions that are limited to a maximum of four tickets.

On the site above you will also find a step-by-step guide on how to purchase tickets.

# Joys and disappointments of sport in book by Vanden Auweele

*Presentation with high-level debate on the psychological and academic approach as well as the gap between theory and practice in regards to ethical values*

by Paul Standaert

## **Book launch & Debate:**

**Y. Vanden Auweele (2022) *Joy and pain in Sport, disillusionment and sadness but also hope and optimism*, Antwerpen: Maklu**  
**University Foundation, Brussels, Egmontstraat, 11 - Tuesday March 28, 11.00-13.30h-**  
**Organized by the Representation of Panathlon International to the European Institutions in Brussels**

**Philippe Vlaemminck**, president of Panathlon EU Brussels welcomed the panelmembers and attendants and emphasizes the objectives : Panathlon International is a neutral organization, independent of any sports organization and of any national or international sports authority. Its members have different backgrounds and education (academics, lawyers, teachers, physicians, business managers...) and have in common that they are all sport minded, that they deplore the accumulation of aberrations in sport and are all driven to increase in current sports practice respect for the Olympic values and specifically for the European Sport Model. Thinking as an independent entity being in good position to facilitate an open debate culture on all hot topics in sport among the key stakeholders in International Sport.

Expectations regarding the EU: To act where it can and is needed in the legal field: in the field of human and social rights also where there are structural flaws and there is clear toxic leadership. Certainly as a soft power to promote and organize dialogue and discussion within the sports sector.

**Patrick Van Campenhout**, member of the managing council of Panathlon-International on behalf of **Pierre Zappelli**, President of Panathlon International introduced the author:

Yves Vanden Auweele, today an honorary professor at the prestigious University of Leuven, is a man of culture and conviction. Always inquisitive and inventive, he found a subject of study that fascinates him almost a quarter of a century ago: the place of sport in society, its psychological as well as physiological implications, its benefits but also the dangers that threaten it. Passionate about ethics and convinced of the need for fair play in sport, he naturally joined Panathlon International, a movement that for over 70 years has been active throughout the world, in the field with its 270 Clubs in

27 countries, as well as from its headquarters in Rapallo and its international offices in Brussels and Lausanne. He has established collaborative relationships with the main institutional leaders of sport for the dissemination of ethical values in sport. Yves Vanden Auweele espouses the ideals of Panathlon International, a Movement he joined 23 years ago. Through his writings, his reflections, his participation in various events organized by the Panathlon International, he has greatly contributed to increase its prestige.

It is relatively easy to identify the threats that are permanently hanging over sport and athletes and which are called doping, corruption, racism, fraud of various kinds. Much more delicate is the research of the causes of these threats. This is what Yves Vanden Auweele does in this dense essay, full of examples and rich in reflections. He starts from the observation that the moral conscience of sport is declining. This is obvious, but it is not enough to deplore it. It is necessary to question the reasons for this decline, which the author of the essay does. He sees 4 systemic sources of danger: the globalization of sports organizations, the increasing commercialization of sport, the gigantism of large-scale sports events, and finally the absence of public debate on these themes.

The globalization and commercialization of sport on a worldwide scale have dramatically increased its economic and political importance, but have also affected the moral conduct of its stakeholders, both athletes and political and sports leaders. The author notes the negative effect of the pursuit of profit at the expense of respect for ethical values. He deplores the lack of high-level debate on these issues, while recalling the positive efforts made by European authorities in their 'European Sport Model', which he hopes will serve as an example for sport worldwide. We can add in this respect the recent adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe of the European Sport Charter, in which the part of ethics has increased considerably. The author rightly cites the IOC, a central figure for world sport. The IOC Code of Ethics underlines the importance of respecting the rules of good conduct, applicable to all Olympic parties.

Yves Vanden Auweele concludes with a touch of optimism. Confident in the potential of the positive values of sport, he believes in the will to bring about sustainable change and proposes to 'develop an integrity management policy including good governance, equity

and corporate social responsibility (CSR) in order to defend the fundamental characteristics of sport against any attempt to weaken them'.

Panathlon International, thanks Yves Vanden Auweele for this valuable analysis and sees it as a source of inspiration and will do its utmost to bring its full contribution to the promotion of the ethical values in the EU Sport environment.

Prof Em Yves Vanden Auweele outlined the broad lines of the themes he raised in his book:

### **A Sport psychological Approach**

The present book "Joy and pain, disillusion and sadness but also hope and optimism" is my view on today's sport... its abuses... its challenges ...but also its positive possibilities as I have researched and recorded them since the eighties.

The reference in the title to the strong emotions associated with sports may appear as an overused cliché...; actually, it reflects my perspective as a sports psychologist, which implies being interested in the impact of current sports practices on the welfare and wellbeing of all actors in sport. The whole spectrum of positive and negative emotions is indeed expressed in sport: there is sunshine and warmth but also rain, hail, storm and cold; there is joy, jubilation, human well-being and fulfilment but also pain, sadness, indignation, human damage.

In the eighties, my research and counselling has been mainly focused on supporting elite athletes to improve their performance: their motivation and concentration at moments of stress, managing their fear of failure, help them deal with mistakes and disappointments. I shared in their joys, their struggles and disappointments.

In the nineties, my interest and research focused mainly on the effects of sport and exercise on the welfare of middle-aged adults and elderly, on their motivation or a-motivation to exercise, on their struggle with unhealthy sedentary habits.

From the turn of the century on, my counselling and research focused on sexual abuse and by extension on all ethical violations and misconduct in sport... but also on how to mobilize the positive potentials of sport. I was able to actualize the latter through my involvement in a 12-year sports and development project in South Africa.

An abused young athlete of 12y old prompted me in 2000 to refocus my research on sexual abuse and on the (psychological) impact of the poor morality in sport. I conducted research on sexual abuse in Flanders and I explored potential avenues for correction. I contacted colleagues from different disciplines...economists, philosophers, sociologists, sport management experts..., working in the same area of interest, and I published with them several books. The last one in 2016 titled 'Ethics and Governance in Sport: The future of sport imagined', published by Routledge.

The issue I struggled with was: When you see ...too many things you don't think are kosher... what should you do?... When do you denounce something...? When do you draw a line in the sand...?

### **An Academic Approach**

I have two reasons for emphasizing that my approach was also academic. Firstly, it's my opinion that too few questions are asked about the impact of the current practices in sports. Laying cards differently, asking new questions that can give new insights, that is what scientists are supposed to do. The second reason is that I am aware of the limited importance of the academic approach as trigger for change. The emotions aroused by Mach-fixing scandals, by the testimonies on sexual and psychological abuse in the media have caused more reactions than the publication of data on those abuses; research-data obviously do not arouse emotions and get little attention. People don't see the personal stories and tragedies and the loss of human dignity behind figures and analyses. The awareness of the limitations of my academic work motivated me to get involved in Panathlon International, an organisation having as objective more ethics in sport.

### **Some of my questions...**

What is the impact of sexual and psychological harassment and abuse, of violence and racism on the victims? How do clubs and sport federations react to violence and racism among players and fans? To what extent does one tacitly tolerate fraud, corruption, match-fixing and the abuse of power in sport? Is there sufficient visibility and control of the commercialization and how money flows in sport? Do we realize how much the excessive commercialization of sport affects the behaviour and integrity of the (young) athletes, parents, trainers, managers, agents, sponsors, media, medical doctors, physiotherapists, scientists? Don't the media focus too much on emotions and drama for the sake of the ratings? Are sport journalists critical enough? What is the impact of mega-sport-events on the socio-economic of the organising country/city and its population? Who actually controls the global sport organisations (GSOs) such as FIFA, IOC and IAAF...? Actually, who guards the guards?

### **Content of my book**

In the various chapters of my book I listed the most striking abuses in sport and the human damage they cause, the predominant sport-specific challenges, and some avenues to ensure wellbeing in the physically and mentally demanding context of top-level sport.

There is no doubt whatsoever that limits are being overstepped when trainers abuse young athletes, or when matches are fixed, or athletes, trainers, managers and referees are bribed. However, we also mustn't underestimate the importance of the accumulation of the many non-criminal but nevertheless inappropriate, poor practices such as shouting hateful, racist remarks from the side-lines, cheating, being aggressive or intolerant and putting undue pressure on young athletes for egocentric interests...

When I denounced abuses and malpractices I also referred to their breeding grounds: I consider match-fixing, corruption, excessive dependence on big money not isolated incidents but negative side-effects of an uncontrolled globalisation and commercialisation of sport. How else can you understand: the lack of financial transparency in sport management, the lack of transparency in the tenders and contracts in the organization of mega-sport-events, the apparent indifference to its negative side effects on the organising country



and its population, the perverse salaries and transfer fees, the dubious practices of sport agents/brokers, the disgraceful human trafficking of young African footballers, the fact that too many clubs are kept alive by foreign owners not the least from Qatar- oil sheikhs and Russian Oligarchs, and in some cases, for God's sake even by betting/gambling companies. It is hard to believe that these dysfunctions could only be brought to light by the testimonies of victims, or by law enforcement, or by tax auditors, the signs had long been visible ... I cannot call this anything but at least guilty neglect. Anyway, better late than never, not so much to punish some culprits but, above all, to identify and manage the causes, the breeding grounds for the clear aberrations that have been exposed.

### **My suggestions**

When you criticise something or someone, a justified response is: 'What do you suggest for yourself?' You can't leave what or who you criticise with the chunks without at least giving a direction as to how you see it yourself.

With regard to corrective measures I noted that 'at first sight unambiguous problems' are complex and consist of many very diverse sub-problems. Therefore, in my opinion, a sustainable and realistic approach cannot consist of a series of separate crisis interventions, but must be structural and comprehensive. It seems to me to be more effective to develop a comprehensive integrity management strategy rather than implementing a series of ad hoc solutions.

One can't also escape the fact that when the causes of some problems are global and international, major interests are at stake and solutions should therefore be sought at that global, international level. When big money, big interests and power are at stake, we are no longer talking about improvements but about changes with global, social, political and financial consequences.

**MAIN THEMES IN THE DEBATE** following the book presentation

**MODERATOR:** Walter de Beauvesier Watson, Managing Partner ISICS Group, Lottery- and Sportsintegrity Consultancy

Opening questions: How to close the gap between theory and practice? How to convince the relevant individuals and institutions to as a first step recognize the magnitude and scale of the problems, and as best to convince them to search 'in joint effort' for acceptable solutions?

### **PANELMEMBERS:**

Floor Van Houdt, Head of Unit for Sport, European Commission

Marjan Olfers, Professor Sport Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Severin Moritzer, CEO Play Fair Code, Vienna

Jacques Blondin, Head of Regulatory Enforcement, FIFA

Ruben Neyens, Manager Elite Sport of the Flemish Gymnastic Federation

**Floor Van Houdt, Head of Unit for Sport, European Commission**

### **EU position:**

At the EU level, one cannot communicate directly with the grassroots level. One has to rely on the national

federations and national sports authorities of the member states.

The autonomy of the sports sector must be taken into account. However, where sports organizations enter into areas of employment and distortions of competition, they must follow European rules. Efforts are being made to get sports ministers on the same track, but where the EU cannot do this the EU is trying to put the problems on the agenda of the European Council and stimulate discussion.

Within the framework of the European Commission, own research is being set up around Safe Sport and the Erasmus-plus program is intended to carry out practice-oriented research around integrity issues. On the basis of this research, recommendations are addressed to the member states, to the sport organisations and the sports industries. What we definitely can provide is dissemination of good practices, deployment of multipliers, publication of recommendations based on research and discussions within the European Commission.

### **Marjan Olfers, Professor Sport Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**

Multidisciplinary research is needed because the problems in sport involve legal, psychological, ethical, anthropological facets.

There is still much reluctance among stakeholders to speak out on delicate issues such as sexual abuse, doping and match-fixing; however, there is more openness now than there was 10 years ago.

For young athletes in development and growth it is difficult to know what is normal or not in the contact and communication between trainer-coach and young athletes. Athletes denounce abuses only after their careers have ended. They should raise more issues during their careers.

Parents should put less pressure on their young talents, many are unrealistic in their expectations, only 1 in 400 makes it to the top; parents do not realize what they do to their children.

There are now many clashes and polarization between generations and cultures. Now more questions are being asked by public opinion and the effects are visible. Because of the public criticism on the human rights violations Qatar's legislation has changed. Because fewer people are coming to watch sport events due to doping and match-fixing scandals those in charge have been prompted to take these matters to heart. It is my opinion that it will turn out well for the sport.

I agree with Vanden Auweele that the power of money in sport is blatantly obvious. Actually the international sports federations are monopolies in their disciplines, they have a lot of power and too much power gives rise to abuse. Cfr The Bosman Judgment. Until now one expected efficient self-regulation but now there is more imposed regulation by national and international authorities.

Regarding racism, there are many implicit unconscious biases of which one must become aware. Sports journalists report differently on white athletes than on black athletes. Sports journalists should be more than sports reporters.

**Ruben Neyens, Manager of Elite Sport of the Flemish Gymnastic Federation & Paul Standaert board member of the Flemish Gymnastic Federation**

There must be a culture of trust between athletes of all ages and levels and their coaches so that all issues can be addressed. Athletes must learn to voice their thoughts; the young are succeeding better at that now than the older athletes who have long kept their mouths shut.

The trainers in the gym federation are now well aware of the problems, what is more needed now is follow up on corrective measures and less emphasis on all that was wrong.

To avoid inbreeding and abuse of power experts with no ties to the sports federation involved should be asked to independently evaluate and verify organization's functioning.

Because of the poor sound connection with Severin Moritzer, CEO Play Fair Code, Vienna & Jacques Blondin, Head of Regulatory Enforcement, FIFA, unfortunately only fragments of their contribution could be recorded.

#### **Severin Moritzer Play Fair Code:**

Prevention work is the central pillar in the range of measures when it comes to build a broad awareness and understanding for the problem of match-fixing and betting fraud.

Since 2013, the Play Fair Code has therefore been visiting its target groups with special training modules in different formats that explain the threats and dangers of the phenomenon and allow direct exchange with athletes but also functionaries. Experience to date has shown that this remains the most effective and successful way of raising awareness.

Aimed at guaranteeing clean and manipulation-free competitions in coordination with Austria's premier sports associations, athletes, coaches, referees, supervisors, and club managers through such prevention measures, the Play Fair Code was founded and institutionalized by the Austrian Ministry of Sports in 2012. Thus and by a constantly pursued stakeholder approach the acceptance and the joint effort were comparatively high from the very beginning.

However, it should not be denied that – as so often – an actual manipulation scandal in Austria's first football league, publicly known as the "Taboga case", and emerging in 2013, ironically pushed the Play Fair Code's efforts in combatting match-fixing in Austria and additionally was an eye-opener for the relevant industry.

#### **Jacques Blondin, Head of Regulatory Enforcement, FIFA**

How to close the gap between theory and practice?

How to convince the relevant individuals and institutions to as a first step recognize the magnitude and scale of the problems, and as best to convince them to search 'in joint effort' for acceptable solutions?

Considering that any international federations has limited tools to ensure proper enforcement of their regulations and, most importantly, to run investigations concerning potential breaches and abuses, it is essential to create a solid network of collaboration.

Firstly, international sports federations must ensure that their members, in particular national federations, include in their statutes and regulations similar rules, in order to guarantee that the same principles and standards are applied worldwide.

Secondly, it is important that international and national federations cooperate in order to ensure that informa-

tion about potential abuses are properly exchanged, as well as that national federations enforce their rule at national level. In this sense, it is essential for national associations to cooperate with local authorities that have stronger tools to investigate cases of abuse.

Thirdly, it is pivotal that international federations establish a strong network of cooperation with key international actors such as Interpol, Europol, UNODC, etc. Like this, also international federations would be able to have stronger means to investigate and prosecute their direct and indirect members that breached its regulations.

Finally, it is crucial that international federations invest time and (when possible) funds to educate their direct and indirect members about how to combat and avoid issues such as match-fixing, corruption and abuses.

***Comment by Yves Vanden Auweele:*** We can learn much from FIFA and Austria's approach. Firstly, that a match-fixing scandal has had a shock effect on public opinion and has incited both the public authorities and the sport federations to take structural measures to prevent and manage these abuses. Secondly, that to be successful a comprehensive integrity policy plan must be prepared and implemented as broadly as possible in consultation with all relevant internal and external stakeholders. Finally, that every action towards the implementation in sport practise must be supported by the highest sports and political authorities and that some pressure is definitely helpful to facilitate the implementation of the proposed measures from top to bottom: moral pressure, as well as law enforcement and pressure from international sports authorities.

#### ***Concluding message:***

The problems are so diverse, consist of so many interdependent sub-problems each requiring a specific solution but also central management and lie at so many levels that cooperation between international and national sports federations, sports authorities, and sports scientists is needed, that a comprehensive integrity policy should be sought rather than working out a series of ad hoc solutions. Planning and implementation should combine top down and bottom up initiatives.

Panathlon International cannot only wish that this debate will be the start of a series of open debates between all relevant stakeholders in sport but also encourages it's members to initiate or take part in discussions and initiatives that encourage the implementation Integrity Management at Chief Executive level in Sport.

# Acknowledgement for José Pilar Sánchez

## 50 years dedicated to school and sport

Our Panathletic leader, José Pilar Sanchez, has achieved a truly record-breaking milestone: 50 years of commitment to school and sport.

The award was given by the State of Nuevo Leon in Mexico where José has always worked as a teacher and sports manager for the benefit of many young people who, thanks to him, were able to access different sports with the right attitude from an educational point of view. For Panathlon International, José has been a pioneer and an irreplaceable promoter throughout Mexico holding all membership positions from club and district, to international levels.

Josè has always been appreciated by everyone for his tenacity as well as his modesty and reflective ability to face problems with both pragmatism and optimism.

His will and physical prowess are the best guarantee that he will continue this work in the future for the benefit of both Panathlon and sporting ideals in general.



### LAUSANNE CLUB

## *Record number of appearances and competitions during the two days of “Family Games”*

Extraordinary edition of games with 6,900 attendance and 28,000 competitions

The two days of the Panathlon Family Games in Lausanne, Vaudoise arena, attracted 1,000 children on Saturday 6th May and 5,900 young people and adults on Sunday 7th May 2023. During the weekend, 6,900 participants discovered and tried out about 40 sports, or rather 28,000 sessions supervised by partner sports associations. The free event took place, for the first time, west of Lausanne, over days and with 40 different sports.

The 12th Panathlon Family Games games ended on Sunday afternoon after two successful days. At the end of the event, the organizers were upbeat: “It is a sure bet bringing one of the most important popular sporting events together with exceptional sporting facilities”, said Patrice Schaub, president of the organizing committee, thanking those who actively participated in this success on the campus of the Vaudoise arena. The associations and the participants challenged themselves, with fair play, one of the sporting values promoted by the Panathlon.

Saturday was reserved for children, with 45-minute events in small groups. On Sundays, these “family games” offered the opportunity for young people and adults to try out 40 free-choice sports for 30 minutes.

Given this popular success, some sports were taken by storm. 400 people, between the organization and the sports clubs, guaranteed the smooth running of the event without major incidents. Many young people also expressed a desire to continue an activity in a club in the region beyond this event itself.

The organizers invite locals to meet again for the next games in 2024. In the coming years it is planned to alternate places reaching different Lausanne neighborhoods. A presence in the city centre would allow Lausanne to relive the atmosphere of the 2020 Youth Olympic Games rediscovering: to the south, the spirit of the edge of the lake in Vidy; to participate in the development of the Plaines-du-Loup in the north; and returning to west Lausanne in four years. The locations chosen for next year will be unveiled in autumn.

The event was organized by Lausanne Panathlon Club in collaboration with the Vaudoise Arena, sports clubs, the City of Lausanne, the Lausanne Region and the Cantonal Department of Physical Education and Sports (SEPS) not forgetting the unconditional support of the partners. (comm.) Relive the atmosphere of the games through pictures: [www.family-games.ch](http://www.family-games.ch)

# In memory of Carlo Tavecchio

## “Fair play” awards in football

by Ilaria Checchi(\*)

Almost 5 months after the death of Carlo Tavecchio, Panathlon Club Milan, through Filippo Grassia, wanted to remember the former president of the FIGC with an evening in his honour. And so, at the Committee's headquarters at Via Pitteri, the “Fair Play 2023 Awards” were held during which, several awards are given to those who have distinguished themselves for their ethical and sporting achievements.

As well as Federal President, Gabriele Gravina, Giancarlo Abete, head of the LND, Sergio Pedrazzini, Tavecchio's successor in the CRL chair, and Carlo's wife, Eugenia Motta Tavecchio, there were several figures present to honor the memory of the late director.

Gravina said “It is nice to remember Carlo in an event where we talk about fair play and the commitment that the amateur world - the true backbone of Italian football – gives us. Tavecchio has instilled in us values carrying forward in his work three fundamental elements namely passion, sense of responsibility and a pinch of foresight with so much vision”

Borsani, President of Aldini, was rewarded for his many years of support through the Friends of Children Tournament, humanitarian associations, not forgetting the commitment to collaborate with Invincible Football Schools aimed at children with disabilities.

From the Enotria house, however, ds Giovanni Stringhini was awarded: to he who has instilled the appropriate rules of conduct in both the field and in the stands.

In the field of coaches, on the other hand, there was recognition for the new Italian champion with the representative of the Lombardy Under-15s, Gabriele Peccati: He works in the Lodi area of Project Goal, an initiative aimed at “unaccompanied foreign minors”.

In the whistles category, the award was given to teen Yasmin Moustafa, from the class of 2008. Finally, from Colicodervese class of 2008, Federico Invernizzi, received the coveted award for a beautiful gesture made at the Under-15s match against Cinisello: the referee gave a penalty making a blatant error because the foul had clearly occurred outside the box. Invernizzi then deliberately passed the ball to the opposing goalkeeper. A gesture of the utmost honesty recognized by all who were there.

Finally, Gaetano Maffa and Fabio Pavanello, managers of Villa, were also recognised for having saved with emergency resuscitation their own goalkeeper during an Under 16s match with Casalmaggiore.

(\*) Journalist from the daily newspaper “Il Giorno”





# The new club Kärnten Alpe Adria is started!

Panathlon International's presence in the north-eastern area of the Alps is expanding further. Following the opening of the first club in Slovenia, in New Gorica, an important Panathletic outpost in Austria has now been added, in Carinthia.

In fact, the new PI Club of Kärnten Alpe Adria has been inaugurated in the district of Austria.

A big celebration was held for the new Club, which has been welcomed to the Panathlon International family! The official opening ceremony of the club took place in the beautiful Pörschach, and new President Michael Ausserwinkler and Vice President Christiane Loinig-Velik, together with members of the new club, welcomed the many guests who came.

The President of Expansion Commission, Patrick Van Campenhout, was there for Panathlon International and he also brought with him greetings and a warm welcome from President, Pierre Zappelli.

Some of the most senior ranking panathletic figures were also in attendance: from President of District Austria, Josef Müller and representative of District Italy, Mario Ulian; to Governor of Friuli Venezia Giulia area, Paolo Perin, together with a delegation of local members as well as President of the new Panathlon International Club, Primorska Slovenija, Miran Müllner.

Also noteworthy, was the attendance Governor of Carinthia Peter Kaiser who appreciated Panathlon International's activities as well as the ethical values it promotes. We wish the new Club good luck in spreading PI's ideals even further!

*Josef Müller  
Presidente del Distretto Austria*



# German and Italian In the bilingual club

Equal status for both languages of the territory: German and Italian, in the most authentic bilingual club of Panathlon International in Bressanone (Italy).

The border area with Austria and the peaceful coexistence of three ethnic and linguistic groups (German, Italian and Ladin) also favour relations within the convivial club where members speak the two languages in the most genuine European spirit. In addition, there is a genuine impetus to establish partnerships with nearby clubs, such as those of Trentino and Austrian Tyrol.

During a gathering, International Past President, Giacomo Santini, widened the scope of these international relations indicating an expansion towards the east in Slovenia and Croatia where two clubs have already been founded and others are in development.

Vice President, Roberto Scaggiante, did the honors. President of Trento Club, Giuseppe De Angelis, Past President Matteo Lazzizzera and secretary, Sandra Fedrizzi, were also invited to the gathering.

The evening was further enhanced by the delivery of Panathlon badge and cards to new member, Marco Carrozza - a former athlete with an imposing resume in rugby.



From left to right: Vice President, Roberto Scaggiante, Secretary, Astrid Scheidle, Past International President, Giacomo Santini, and new member Marco Carrozza

ITALY DISTRICT / BRESCIA CLUB

## Panathlon charter for young people in society “Strength and Perseverance”

Within Panathlon world, initiatives spreading its fundamental charter to sports clubs will never cease either as a means or as a tool to revive our values passing them on to those who will become its bearers today and in the future.

This kind of activity is particularly valuable when it is aimed at very young athletes or schools where both new athletes and the citizens of tomorrow are trained.

To affirm sporting ideals and their moral values, spreading rules of fair play and good conduct, children's rights in sport as well as parental duties and ethical-behavioural rules for fans. Starting with these prerequisites, Brescia club, amongst the oldest and most active clubs in Italy, has started an ethical and cultural collaboration with Tennis Forza and Costanza 1911- a leading sports club of the city of Brescia.



The four Panathlon charters were presented at the ceremony:

- Charter for Fair Play; - Charter of children's rights in sport; - Charter for parental duties in sport; - Fans' charter.

The posters will be displayed in the club's premises showing the behavioural guidelines to be followed and respected by all, to make a sporting commitment a guideline for the education of young people as well as establishing a proper relationship made up of respect for ethical and moral values both in the field and in life.

# No to racism in sport hockey league award

As stated in the opening speech of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Éliane Tillieux, it is in the place of a melting pot of democracy, and in essence, non-discrimination, equal opportunities, and expression of tolerance and coexistence that the Francophone Hockey League (FLH) received the Stop Racism In Sport 2022 award - the association was founded by Thierry Witsel and sponsored by boxer Sanae Jah and footballer Axel Witsel, in collaboration with the Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels.

FLH has in fact carried out an awareness and prevention action where almost 4,500 children, from U9 to U12, received a book telling a true story, on how to hold themselves in the face of derogatory and discriminatory behaviour.



The Stop Racism in Sport association describes the award as a tribute to “people who struggle to reduce racism in society and who highlight the sporting values of respect, solidarity or dignity that are essential in the fight against racism”.

*Participating in the event were (from left to right) Benoît Delhauteur - Director of Sport at RTBF, Philippe Housiaux - President of Panathlon Wallonie-Brussels, Laurent Thieule - President of think tank Sport and Citizenship, Maroan Abdallah - writer, Thierry Witsel - President of Stop Racism In Sport, Frea De Keyser - juror at Chamber Against Discrimination and Racism created in 2021 by the Belgian Football Federation, Frédéric Daerden - Vice-President and Minister for Equal Opportunities in the government of the Wallonie-Brussels Federation, Éliane Tillieux - President of the House of Representatives, Dominique Coulon - Director General of the Francophone Hockey League, Virginie de Fresquet - Head of “Ethics and Values” project for the Francophone Hockey League, Joëlle Dick - Vlaamse Hockey League, Pascal Florin aka PaKal - Artist and creator of the work, Anne-Marie Borbouse of Play 4 Peace and Patrick Charlier - directors of public body UNIA*



# From a fight for survival to gold At the World Transplant Games

by Matteo Lazzizzera

It was Stefano Dalvai – class of 1988 – who was the star of the Panathlon Club Trento gathering in May. The Trentino athlete won gold at the World Transplant Games in Perth, Australia, after winning the 5K in April 16 this year.

After Dalvai received a bone marrow transplant nine years ago, he began raising awareness on the importance of organ, blood and tissue donations and participating in trail running competitions.

There was an exceptional testimonial also for Trentino's transplant association of President Alessandrini's, who attended the gathering ...

During his speech, Stefano talked about the disease and the long-awaited telephone call for the actual transplant as well as the surgery, recovery and his "gradual" return to Sport - even at a high level, which was not recommended by doctors; however for Dalvai the challenges never end ...: sky-high emotions and a thrill just to be there to see it all!

Stefano's story at the World Transplant Games di Perth - Australia – is incredible.

In his own words:

*"Imagine preparing for one race for months, the most important race of your life, taking place on the other side of the world, where just to get there you have invested all the collected sponsors' money (this because the competition was at the expense of the participant even if he was representing his nation); imagine then arriving at the race venue, and they tell you that there has been a delay; you take advantage of the delay to warm up and take the customary photos with the Representative etc. ; then suddenly you hear a shot: the race you were waiting for has begun without you ...; you realise that the race that has just started is yours, pec control, disaster! that was that..."*

It was necessary to decide whether to stay still and "live the drama" or chase the dream, try to catch up with the other athletes who had set off, and participate in the race anyway ...

Stefano Dalvai, from Borgo Valsugana, 35 years old, takes on yet another challenge and starts his race late ... he runs for his life!

*"I arrived without references and I won": yes, he made up ground meter by meter as a result of the delay accumula-*

*ted at the start of the race and holding a sustained pace, overtaking many competitors, without ever knowing who was in the lead of the race and if he would make it to the finishing line or not (given the gap behind ...); incredible story!!! "tricolor" history... ,*

*"Mine is not a sporting story, it is a story of rebirth. I won a world championship thanks to the person who gave me a second life".*

In fact, within that gold medal there is his donor, his family, friends, doctors, Trentino and his people, those who supported him in every way ...

He says "thanks" and the room responds in endless applause...





# “Playing and growing healthily” mission across 30 schools involving 600 students

*Following 2017 to 2019 initiatives and the COVID break in 2022, a program of dissemination of the panathletic ideals has been relaunched*

## 1. CONTEXT

During 2017, 2018 and 2019 Maldonado-Punta del Este Club implemented a program aimed at special context and rural area school populations, which is called “Playing and growing healthily”. Over 30 schools with a total school population of 600 students were visited.

This program focused on spending a day with rural school children addressing issues related to Fair Play, healthy eating as well as the importance of physical activity and healthy competition. Each visit included sportsmen of all ages who shared their experiences as well as the importance of physical work and the mind in overcoming life's obstacles.

This program received recognition from Maldonado's municipal authorities, National Parliament, Panathlon International and importantly Maldonado Primary School Inspectorate including teachers and students. Teachers, parents and relatives of pupils also participated in the working days.

## 2. PANATHLON VISITS YOUR SCHOOL.

In 2022, this programme began, similarly to previous programmes, but with a greater emphasis on FAIR PLAY underlining the importance of sport in all aspects of life. On every day of the visit, a sportsman was involved in the programme and discussed with the children the meaning of FAIR PLAY and how it is applied to sporting life. In some cases these sportmen included athletes and women with disabilities.

The Panathlon Charter on parental duties towards children in sport was distributed and discussed with children. In addition, written assignments on the importance of nutrition and fair play were discussed. During 2022, 4 visits to different schools took place.

## 3. WORK GOAL.

The main goal was to convey the panathletic message on fair play and its consequences based on good nutrition and fitness with the help of sportsmen who support these behaviors.

The visits were coordinated with the Primary Inspectorate and will be held on a monthly basis until the end of each school year. Activities take place during school hours and end with a communal lunch.

The themes of healthy eating were handled by teachers of the Club based around the norms of Primary Education while physical recreation is carried out by PE teachers who are usually also members of the Club.

## 4. SUPPORT.

We have the sponsorship of well-known local and national food companies and the Department of Sport of the Municipality of Maldonado as well as local television broadcaster Canal Once.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS.

Undoubtedly these days have attracted the attention of students creating an interaction, which is characterized by active participation and expressions of affection. As proof of this, before and after the photographs with the athletes and partners, a lunch of camaraderie was shared.

At the end of the activity, everyone received a pin with the Panathlon logo.

In this way, Maldonado-Punta del Este Club reaches across Department schools hoping to extend this program to the rest of the Country with the collaboration of the other clubs.

# Whether in sport or at school students are always on the podium

This year, the Panathlon International Club Ferrara Awards for “Excellent Athlete, Excellent Student” are back again, featuring the best student-athletes from Ferrara.

The awards are decided by a panel of judges from within the Club based on nominations sent to the Club and, over the years, the choices have always been carefully made, in favour of athletes who have established themselves at international meetings within their disciplines. Furthermore, as is customary, the Awards are also accompanied by a scholarship - returning this year - which been realized in collaboration with Spal.

Martina Santandrea who was awarded the prize in 2014, was the first winner of an Olympic Medal - Bronze Medal with “Butterflies” in the Italian Rhythmic team on the final day of the Olympic Games in Tokyo

But, apart from this resounding result, Marta Bertoncelli, was awarded in 2017, who, at Tokyo 2020, made her debut with a Canadian single-seater, or blind polyhydric athlete, Karim Gouda Said Hesson, awarded in 2016 and bronze medal winner in the 100m backstroke at the European Para Youth Games held at Pajulahti (Finland).

The winners' hall of fame, from 2014 onwards, is available on [www.panathlonferrara.it](http://www.panathlonferrara.it) and, in addition to those already mentioned, we can find the names of Matteo Donegà, Silver at European track cycling, Michelangelo Biondelli, now certain of a future in Italian rugby, the trio Gilli-Natali-Natives, basketball players with an already international record.

Last year the awards went to Sara Masotti (Ass.ne C.S.R. Ju Jitsu Cento a.s.d. - Ju Jitsu) from Cento class of 2006, who frequented I.I.S. F.lli Taddia of Cento and was winner of 2021 Italian Cup; Azzurra Bovina



(University Sports Centre Ferrara a.s.d. – Paralympic weights) from Ferrara class of 2004, attending Liceo Carducci, who was Champion and Italian junior record holder in cat.67kg of para-powerlifting; Nicolò Astori (a.s.d. Pavia Triathlon for Triathlon and a.s.d. Estense Athletics for running) Ferrara class of 2004, attending High School Scientific “A. Roiti” sports curriculum. Just think that Nicolò saw his motivation “updated” only two days after the award: in Transylvania he went on to win the World Junior Title for Duathlon Sprint!

# *Sports, churrasco and birthdays for 140 friends of sport*

Sorocaba and Votorantim Panathlon International Club - Panathlon International Brazil District held their monthly meeting on Saturday March 25th with a different event from previous meetings with two football matches and a barbecue lunch to celebrate the 81st birthday of Paraná and other panathletes of the month of March namely David Ferrari Junior, Neide Sagges, Solange Guerra Bueno and Teófilo Negrão.

The event was held at of Associação Atlética Avenida's Brandão Arena and was attended by 140 people.



## Fair play prize for young players and a new member for Brazil's Panathlon

In January, Panathlon Club Votorantim awarded Santos Futebol Clube the Fair Play Trophy, following their victory over Palmeiras 1-0, as the most disciplined team in Votorantim U-15 Children's Football Cup with the main teams of Brazil.

The Cup was promoted by Votorantim Municipality, led by Secretary of Sport, panathlete Professor Manoel Corrêa Neto and was supported by Sesi Votorantim. During January's gathering, Panathlon paid tribute to Votorantim's Secretary of Sport and SESI who organized this great event and inaugurated new member, Prof. Douglas Salvatori Nikel.





# From prizes to champions support for children in hospital

Champions of Modena sport of today and tomorrow were protagonists thanks to the Panathlon International's Modena Club, which organized the annual ceremony of Panathlon Awards, which was staged this year in the beautiful Autodromo di Modena, thanks to the availability of its president Livio Grassi and CEO Angelo Borghi.

The evening, led by journalists Federica Galli and Paolo Reggianini, was opened by Maria Carafoli, president of Panathlon International Modena Club, who presented the project of solidarity to the Radiology department of Modena's Polyclinic with which Modena club is engaged in order to make therapies less impactful for pediatric patients thanks to a sophisticated system of coloured projections and music.

It was then the turn of the winners, many of them young talents already established internationally, starting with gymnast, Caterina Gaddi (Panathlon Young Prize "Blue Hope"); then pentathlete, Matteo Gozzoli (Prize for Sports Merit) and shooting champion, Giulia Grassia (Panathlon 'Golden Year' Award), before handing over to the volleyball players: Tommaso Rinaldi and Giovanni Sanguinetti ('Present and future of Modena volleyball'), holders of that Valsa Group Modena Volley, to whom went the Sports Challenge Award - CEV Cup 2023, collected by president, Giulia Gabana, on stage together with Christian Storci and general manager, Andrea Sartoretti, who spoke of a team that has been able to value young people thanks to the help of established champions such as Salvatore Rossini and Earvin N'Gapeth (for them the 'Lifetime and triumphs in Yellow-Blue' Award).

Another top sports club in Modena, Modena Football, won awards thanks to Antonio Pergreffi (Special Prize 'A promotion, a captain'), Fabio Gerli (Special Prize 'Canary of the year') and Riccardo Gagno (Special Fair Play Award) presented by President Carlo Rivetti and Honorary President, Romano Sghedoni, representing a club that was also present at the Panathlon event with Vice President Ilaria Mazzeo, CEO Sport Matteo Rivetti, the sports director Davide Vaira and the Director of Communications Paolo Viganò.

Also dedicated to young people, was the Talent Appreciation Award, which went to Alessio Dionisi, coach of Sassuolo - a company also represented by the organizational director Andrea Fabris and delegate to Remo Morini fans - as well as the Youth and Sports Award for Livio Proli, president of MOBA Modena Basket.

The last awards were for two athletes who have made Modena known in the rest of the world: captain of National softball, Erika Piancastelli, currently in Japan (her parents, Pier Andrea Piancastelli and Loredana Auletta, both former players, who received the "From Modena to the World" Award for her on stage together with Panathlon member Leo Novi); and; driver, Andrea Bertolini (Panathlon Lifetime Achievement Award), currently the Italian in operation with the most international titles in motorsport.





# PHOTO CONTEST 2023

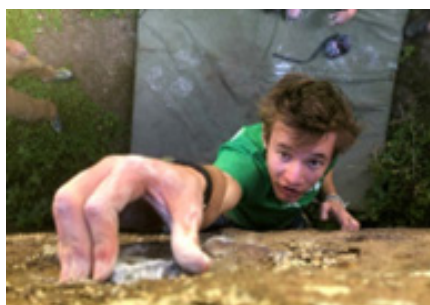
## «IDENTITY & SPORT»

by Maurizio Monego

The first projects planned by the Foundation for 2023 were realized with the inauguration of an exhibition of 30 photographs selected by Club Representative who chose their favourites from 50 images entered by the “internal” jury made up of PI and Foundation’s General Secretariat.

The competition was launched by “Panathlon International Foundation – Domenico Chiesa” and “Reggio Emilia Council’s Sports Foundation”, with the collaboration of “Palazzo Magnani Foundation” organizer of festival, FOTOGRAFIA EUROPEA. In this second edition, there were twice as many participants which fell into age group 18-30 years entering a maximum of 4 shots.

Apart from a large Italian participation, there were other countries, from Latin America in particular, who entered the competition. Two competitors from Argentina and Mexico were awarded two Honourable Mentions: PATRICIO DE LA CRUZ (Argentina) for “Ilalò” and MANUEL ANDRES SORIA MERAZ (Mexico) for “El deporte, alegría y companerismo”. Argentinian, NICOLAS BILIKIS, with his photography “Urban flow”, won the “Audience Award” - awarded on the basis of the number of Likes received online - which is annual subscription to a photographic magazine of international prestige



Patricio De La Cruz (Argentina)  
“Ilalò”



Nicolas Bilikis (Argentina)  
“Urban flow”



Manuel Andres Soria Meraz (Mexico)  
“El deporte, alegría y companerismo”

The interpretation of the theme “Identity and Sport” - rather than just the artistic aspect of the image - was kept in mind when members and the Official Jury were judging during selection phases. However, ultimately, it’s safe to say that the winners satisfied both of these criteria.

- **First prize of 1,500 € and a plaque**, went to Vittoria Sonogo (Italy) for photography BN “**What do you want to be when you grow up**” inspired by: “The building up a child’s identity can benefit from sport and life teachers come before those of technique. The athlete approaches the child holding the volleyball with tenderness. He listens to him, examines his desires and interprets his dream. The sponsor also conveys his corporate identity, which he believes should support sport as a training tool”.



- **Second prize of 1,000 € and a plaque** was awarded to Sofia Bravi (Italy) with the photo **"Networks without borders"**. This same photograph was also awarded the "Prize of Panathlon Clubs" and its subscription to a photographic magazine.

The inspiration behind it:

*"Sport is passion. When it takes place with friendship, a sense of inclusion and a spirit of adaptation, it knows no barriers. A fence, which expresses closure, can turn into a net for a volleyball game. All you need is a ball. The shot is a metaphor of how play and mutual respect can unite in a desire for peace and harmony. And the referee, perched on the top of the wall, is just a spectator".*



- **Third prize of €750 and plaque** to Lorenzo Boffa (Italy) for photograph **"Run kid"** and the inspiration behind it: "Education for diversity is an extraordinary tool in sport. The child jumps confidently in a race, blindfolded. To support and direct him, a gentleman of four generations older, shows his identity through a voluntary action, committed to transmitting respect and integration to a person in his path of formation".



The exhibition - set up in the hall in front of the Aula Magna, at University of Modena and Reggio (UNIMORE) - was inaugurated by the Councillor for Sport and Culture, Raffaella Curioni, in the presence of: Foundation's President for Sport of Reggio Emilia, Mauro Rozzi; Enrico Prandi; vice-president of the Panathlon International Foundation - Domenico Chiesa; and Secretary General of Panathlon International, Simona Callo.

Photo Contest 2023's awards ceremony, held in Piazza Casotti, opened the ceremony for the award ceremony for the various exhibitions and projects of the OFF Circuit of EUROPEAN PHOTOGRAPHY, introduced by Annachiara Rea responsible for the Circuit for the Fondazione Palazzo Magnani.

The Secretary of Panathlon International - Domenico Chiesa Foundation, Maurizio Monego, introduced the winners. The first prize of the competition was presented by the Mayor of Reggio Emilia, Luca Vecchi.



# Hockey champions pay homage to Shahida Raza

In memory of Shahida Raza - captain of the national women's field hockey team of Pakistan who was among victims of a shipwreck of migrants off the coast of Crotone - a special event "Planet Olympia: the values of sport told by the champions", which is an exhibition organized by Panathlon Rome Club Junior to promote ethics and sports culture among young people, was held at the Palace of Federations.

The meeting, moderated by Club President, Lorenzo D'Illario, was attended by the Argentine vice Olympic and world champion Victoria Granatto; the Italian national teams Davide Arosio and Luca Valentino; international referee Kamilė Mockaitytė; and athletes Teun Kropholler, Luca Settimi, Sami Ullah, Giulia Bianchini, Beatrice Martinetti, Rocío Maldonado and Mercedes Campana.

Among the greetings were those of the national president of the Italian Hockey Federation, Sergio Mignardi, and the councillor of the Capitoline Assembly, Giorgio Trabucco, as well as directors of companies: Butterfly Roma, HC Roma, UH Capitolina and Libertas San Saba.

Many issues were addressed, including respect, integration and the spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play that distinguish field hockey, through the comparison and exchange of experiences between athletes and the many students and young sports professionals present at this event which was sponsored by the Department of Sport of Rome Capital, CONI Lazio and FIH.

In addition, a few days after the event, a commemorative banner - dedicated to Shahida Raza - accompanied the entry into the field of the teams Butterfly Roma and Cus Torino on the first day of the women's championship of Serie A Élite (top national division).

The captain of the Roman club, Agnese Grossi, who, like midfielder Arosio, is a member of the Rome's Club Junior, will take care of the banner. "We are really happy that our conference has instantly resulted in a gesture of condolence and solidarity strongly desired by many young athletes and shared by the whole sports community", said the president D'Illario.



*Shahida Raza's Memory*



*Granatto award with FIH President Mignardi, Director of Rome Capital Trabucco and President D'Illario*



*Banner displayed on the field by athletes*

# Women Lead Sports helping to Break the bias for more gender equality in sport

Following weeks of intensive training, 40 hand-picked participants from 19 countries have completed the Association of Paralympic Sports Organisations (APSO) Women Lead Sports (WLS) programme, which supports the development and active participation of women in decision-making within para sport organisations worldwide.

Created by award winning trainer and professional coach *Gabriela Mueller*, the programme is designed to give women the tools they require to become effective negotiators, communicators, change-agents and influential leaders in sports governance structures.

*"The opportunity to work with Paralympic and para sport representatives, former and current para athletes, as well as women in leadership positions, has made me realise how passionate I am about continuing this impactful work," Gabriela Mueller said.*

*"I am proud of our outstanding participants who have all shown a 'can-do' attitude and demonstrated the qualities required to lead their teams and organisations. As they all become leaders in their sports, they continue to inspire all of us to try a little bit harder, aim higher and think bigger."*

While achieving equality on the field-of-play is a main priority for many sports, addressing the conspicuous lack of representation of women in leadership positions is also a major focus for para sports organisations.

*"Gender parity and a culture of inclusivity lead to stronger governance structures and better problem-solving abilities," APSO President Sabrina Ibáñezex plained.*

*"This is why programmes like Women Lead Sports are so important to the future of our industry. We need to give more women the tools they need to become confident leaders who can inspire future generations.*

*"Breaking the bias was a key theme for International Women's Day this year.*

*Biases, unconscious or deliberate, make it difficult for women to move ahead professionally and this is problematic for the sport industry which requires more diversity and inclusion if it is to stand the test of time."*

This year's participants included executives, former Paralympians, as well as committee and board members from Summer and Winter Paralympic sports federations.

*"The APSO leadership course provided me the opportunity to connect with amazing women from all over the world and has given me great confidence, motivation and energy to go forward in my job," former Paralympian and coach at Scottish Curling Angela Malone said.*

*"The programme allowed me to work on my negotiation skills, and has empowered me to succeed. I want to make a difference in disability sport and enable people to enjoy the fun side of sport, as well as the physical and mental benefits it brings."*



## Testimony - A great opportunity for redemption

by Carla Spielmann

In February/March 2023, I had the opportunity to attend the "Women Lead Sports Master Program" through Panathlon International. This was a unique opportunity that gave me personally exciting inputs as well as a new network in sports. For this I would like to thank Panathlon international very much and recommend the course whenever possible. Gabriela Müller Mendoza as a workshop leader is inspiring, motivating and supports the women in sports as a "sponsor". Many thanks! It is important that Panathlon is committed to such programs and also supports young motivated, passionate women in sports.

Because this also supports the vision to rejuvenate in the future and Women Lead Sports – Carla Spielmann Panathlon 2 have more female members in clubs and organisations around the world. In addition, Panathlon stands out for its large network and this can be additionally strengthened with such workshops. The workshop over 4 weeks was very intense, because in addition to the online courses, there were other assignments in which the participants had to personally deal with their own situation and define goals for the future. The Panathlon Club supports this program financially and it is very well invested money. The Panathlon can also play an important role by strengthening its position not only financially, but also in terms of personnel, and by providing a kind of "sponsor" for young talented sports enthusiasts who, through the network, can help to advance the personalities on their path in life. I am happy to provide further support in this regard and look forward to more workshops, discussions and meetings.



# Next to the “Technical Coach” After the “Mental Coach” We need a “Fair Play Coach”

It's happened in Italy, but who knows how many times it has happened elsewhere, in one of the countless football matches of national or international championships.

The manager, AKA Mister, AKA Technical Coach, waving his arms shouting the customary instructions towards his players on the pitch. Orders for this or that, reprimands for a wrong shot, directions on where to run etc. At some point a player abandons the ball and heads off towards the manager on the side-lines in a technical area too small to contain his impulse to step over and be closer to make his point to his players. Once in front of the Coach, with a fierce air, he shouts at his ugly face: “Adesso basta Mister !!!!!” (NDR: the author put the capital letter but for the player there was nothing....)

The Mister, alias Coach, after his moment of dismay at this incredible act of mutiny, shouts at him to return to the field, covering his mouth with his hand so the words on his lips will not be deciphered. The player re-enters the ranks with an explicit gesture of the arm to the sky indicating that someone should be sent to hell. As soon as the game is interrupted, the coach orders the player's substitution.

The rebel at first refuses to go off but then, pushed by his teammates and the player who is substituting him comes off and must, inevitably, pass in front of the coach. The result is a shabby verbal brawl, which you would expect in a pub, with explicit gestures that once again say much more than words.

Unfortunately, this is a reaction that occurs all too frequently: that of a substituted player who expresses disappointment and refuses the “high-five” with the coach before returning to the dressing room.

It is just one of the episodes in which football highlights the increasing need to brush up on the concept of “fair play”. The most classic is an exchange of rants after a mistake when those who committed it and those who suffered it face each other nose-to-nose like two cocks fighting in an arena. Even more pathetic is the intervention of the referee to impose a handshake that neither feels is due. Just as it is not a gesture of fair play for a footballer to

lift up his fallen opponent and is wasting time to earn time. It's just a hysterical reaction. Fair play is also lacking for the player who systematically challenges any decision of the referee, not to mention the reaction when he is given a legitimate yellow or red card.

Fortunately, from time to time, there is some genuine fair play when a player knows he has really messed up and returns to the injured party to make it up to them. But it is too little to absolve a game that is “assimilated” by many children who take it as a behavioural model for their own ethical training in sport and life.

And so, shall we bring in the umpteenth pitchside rule: the “Fair play coach”.

And Panathlon may have its say.



## Spirit and Ideals

The Foundation was established in memory of Domenico Chiesa, on the initiative of his heirs Antonio, Italo and Maria. In 1951, Domenico Chiesa had been not just a promoter of the first Panathlon Club but had also drawn up its draft statute and, in 1960, he was one of the founders of Panathlon International. Although not technically binding for his heirs, Chiesa had expressed, in life, the desire to allocate a share of his assets to the regular assignment of prizes for artistic works inspired by sport, as well as for cultural initiatives and publications sharing the same objectives as Panathlon International.

In the constitution of the Foundation, alongside the substantial contribution of Chiesa's heirs, one should also remember the generous input of the entire panathletic movement through its numerous clubs and the personal intervention of many panathletes, that managed to offer the Foundation the necessary conditions to make its debut in the world of visual arts in a prestigious and striking way: the establishment of an award implemented in association with one of the leading organizations in the world, La Biennale di Venezia.

## Domenico Chiesa Award

On 24 September 2004, the Board of Panathlon International, considering the need to increase the capital of the Foundation and to honour the memory of one of Panathlon's founding members, first benefactor and inspiration for the same, established the "Domenico Chiesa Award" to be assigned, on the proposal of the individual clubs and on the basis of specific regulations, to one or more panathletes or non-member personalities who have lived the panathletic spirit.

In particular, the award is for those who are committed to the promotion of the sporting ideal and who have made an exceptionally significant contribution of the following:



***Understanding and promoting the values of Panathlon and of the Foundation  
through cultural tools inspired by sport;***

***For members: to those who have made an exceptional contribution to the concept of friendship  
between all panathletes and those who work in the world of sport, thanks also to the diligence and quality  
of their participation in Panathlon activities;***

***For non-members: to those who have made an exceptional contribution  
to the concept of friendship between all sports components, recognizing panathletic ideals  
as a primary value in the educational training of young people.***

Chiesa Italo - P.C. Venezia 20/10/2004	Mario Mangiarotti - P.C. Bergamo 16/12/2010	Vic De Donder - PC Brussels 28/01/2018
Chiaruttini Paolo - P.C. Venezia 16/12/2004	Mario Sogno - P.C. Biella 24/09/2011	Buzzella Mario - PC Crema 28/02/2018
Pizzetti Martino - P.C. Parma 15/12/2004	Mariuccia Lombardini - P.C. Reggio E. 19/11/2011	Balzarini Adriana - Distretto Italia 16/06/2018
Chiesa Italo - offerto Enrico Prandi 20/10/2004	Bernardino Morsani - P.C. Rieti 25/11/2011	Guccione Alù Gabriele - PC Palermo 09/11/2018
Battistella Bruno - P.C. Vittorio Veneto 27/05/2005	Roberto Ghiretti - P.C. Parma 15/12/2011	Di Pietro Giovanni - PC Latina 27/10/2018
Ferdinandi Pierlugi - P.C. Latina 12/12/2005	Fondazione Lanza P.C. Udine N.T. 17/12/2011	Speroni Carlo - PC La Malpensa 13/11/2018
Mariotti Gelasio - P.C. Vald. Inf 19/02/2006	Giuseppe Molteni - P.C. Varese 17/04/2012	Dainese Giorgio - Area 05 26/10/2019
Prando Sergio - P.C. Venezia 12/06/2006	Enrico Prandi Area 5 11/12/2012	Bambozzi Gianni - Area 05 26/10/2019
Zichi Massimo - P.C. Latina 06/11/2006	Sergio Allegrini - P.C. Udine N.T. 17/12/2012	Marini Gervasio - PC Latina 9/12/2019
Yves Vaan Auweele - P.C. Brussel 21/11/2006	Piccolo Gruppo Evolution - Polisp. Orgnano A.D. P.C. Udine N.T. 17/12/2012	Pecci Claudio - PC Como 12/12/2019
Viscardo Brunelli - P.C. Como 01/12/2006	Don Davide Larice - P.C. Udine N.T. 17/12/2012	Lucchesini Giorgio - PC Altavaldelsa 16/12/2019
Giampaolo Dallara - P.C. Parma 06/12/2006	Maurizio Monego - Area 1 31/10/2013	Facchi Gianfranco - PC Crema 18/12/2019
Fabio Presca - I Distretto 15/02/2007	Henrique Nicolini - Area 1 Area 2 31/10/2013	Marani Matteo - PC Milano 28/01/2020
Giulio Giuliani - P.C. Brescia 12/06/2007	Together onlus - P.C. Udine NT 30/11/2013	Ginetto Luca - Venezia 21/10/2020
Avio Vailati Venturi - P.C. Crema 13/06/2007	Enzo Cainero - P.C. Udine NT 30/11/2013	Porcaro Angelo - Pavia 06/05/2021
Luciano Canavese - P.C. Crema 13/06/2007	Giuseppenicola Tota - Area 5 11/06/2014	Landi Stefano - Reggio Emilia 10/05/2021
Sergio Fabrizi - P.C. La Malpensa 19/09/2007	Renata Soliani - P.C. Como 12/06/2014	Albanesi Aldo - La Malpensa 25/05/2021
Cesare Vago - P.C. La Malpensa 19/09/2007	Geo Balmelli - P.C. Lugano 12/06/2014	Dusi Ottavio - Brescia 21/06/2021
Amedeo Marelli - P.C. La Malpensa 19/09/2007	Baldassare Agnelli - P.C. Bergamo 30/10/2014	Muzio Ugo - Biella 23/10/2021
Fernando Petrone - P.C. Latina 10/12/2007	Sergio Campana - P.C. Bassano 09/12/2014	Beneacquista Lucio - Latina 25/09/2021
Vittorio Adorni - P.C. Parma 16/01/2008	Fabiano Gerevini - P.C. Crema 13/11/2015	Migone Giorgio - Genova Lev 11/03/2022
Dora de Biase - P.C. Foggia 18/04/2008	Dionigi Dionigio - Area 5 06/12/2015	Romaneschi Sergio - Lugano 16/06/2022
Albino Rossi - P.C. Pavia 12/06/2008	Bruno Grandi - P.C. Forlì 22/01/2016	Pintus Patrizio - Como 16/06/2022
Giuseppe Zambon - P.C. Venezia 18/12/2008	Mara Pagella - P.C. Pavia 18/02/2016	Sandro Giovanelli - Rieti 26/06/2022
Maurizio Clerici - P.C. Latina 15/12/2008	Giancaspro Antonio - P.C. Molfetta 26/11/2016	Grassia Filippo - Milano 29/06/2022
Silvio Valdameri - P.C. Crema 17/12/2008	Oreste Perri - Area 02 26/11/2016	Aschedamini Massimiliano - Crema 29/06/2022
Enrico Ravasi - P.C. Varese 21/04/2009	Gianduia Giuseppe - P.C. La Malpensa 13/12/2016	Bernardinello Giovanni - La Malpensa 19/09/2022
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