

ISMF CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

The International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF) and each of its members, the cities wishing to organise the ISMF Events, the Organising Committees of the ISMF Events and the National Committees (hereinafter “the ISMF parties”) restate their commitment to the ISMF Statutes. The ISMF parties affirm their loyalty to the Olympic ideal inspired by Pierre de Coubertin.

Consequently, at all times the ISMF parties and, in the framework of the ISMF Events, the participants, undertake to respect and ensure respect of the present Code.

The International Federations and Recognised Organisations shall adopt a code of ethics based on the principles and rules of the ISMF Code of Ethics or adopt the ISMF Code of Ethics in a written declaration.

A. DIGNITY

1. Safeguarding the dignity of the individual is a fundamental requirement of Olympism.
2. There shall be no discrimination between the participants on the basis of race, gender, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinion, marital status or other grounds.
3. All doping practices at all levels are strictly prohibited. The provisions against doping in the World Anti-Doping Code shall be scrupulously observed.
4. All forms of harassment of participants, be it physical, professional or sexual, and any physical or mental injuries to participants, are prohibited.
5. All forms of participation in, or support for betting related to the ISMF Events, and all forms of promotion of betting related to the ISMF Events are prohibited.
6. Also, in the context of betting, participants in the ISMF Events must not, by any manner whatsoever, infringe the principle of fair play, show unsporting conduct or attempt to influence the course or result of a competition, or any part thereof, in a manner contrary to sporting ethics.
7. The ISMF parties shall guarantee the athletes conditions of safety, well-being and medical care favourable to their physical and mental equilibrium.

B. INTEGRITY

1. The ISMF parties or their representatives shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit or service of any nature, connected with the organisation of the ISMF Events.

2. Only gifts of nominal value, in accordance with prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted by the ISMF parties, as a mark of respect or friendship. Any other gift must be passed on to the organisation of which the beneficiary is a member.
3. The hospitality shown to the members and staff of the ISMF parties, and the persons accompanying them, shall not exceed the standards prevailing in the host country.
4. The ISMF Parties shall respect the Rules Concerning Conflicts of Interests Affecting the Behaviour of ISMF Parties.
5. The ISMF parties shall use due care and diligence in fulfilling their mission. They must not act in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of the ISMF Movement.
6. The ISMF parties, their agents or their representatives must not be involved with firms or persons whose activity or reputation is inconsistent with the principles set out in the ISMF Statutes and the present Code.
7. The ISMF parties shall neither give nor accept instructions to vote or intervene in a given manner within the organs of the ISMF.

C. GOOD GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

1. The basic universal principles of good governance of the ISMF and sports movement, in particular transparency, responsibility and accountability, must be respected by all ISMF Movement constituents.
2. The ISMF resources of the ISMF parties may be used only for ISMF purposes.
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 - 3.1. The income and expenditure of the ISMF parties shall be recorded in their accounts, which must be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. An independent auditor will check these accounts.
 - 3.2. In cases where the ISMF gives financial support to ISMF parties:
 - a) the use of these ISMF resources for ISMF purposes must be clearly demonstrated in the accounts;
 - b) the accounts of the ISMF parties may be subjected to auditing by an expert designated by the ISMF Executive Board.
4. The ISMF parties recognise the significant contribution that broadcasters, sponsors, partners and other supporters of sports events make to the development and prestige of the ISMF Events throughout the world. However, such support must be in a form consistent with the rules of sport and the principles defined in the ISMF Statutes and the present Code. They must not interfere in the running of sports institutions. The organisation and staging of sports competitions are the exclusive responsibility of the independent sports organisations recognised by the ISMF.

D. CANDIDATURES

The ISMF parties shall in all points respect the various manuals published by the ISMF linked to the selection of host cities of the ISMF Events, in particular the Rules for Organising international ski mountaineering competitions Wishing to Organise an ISMF Event.

The cities wishing to organise the ISMF Event shall, *inter alia*, refrain from approaching another party, or a third authority, with a view to obtaining any financial or political support inconsistent with the provisions of such manuals and the Rules of Conduct.

E. RELATIONS WITH STATES

1. The ISMF parties shall work to maintain harmonious relations with state authorities, in accordance with the principle of universality and political neutrality of the ISMF Movement.
2. The ISMF parties are free to play a role in the public life of the states to which they belong. They may not, however, engage in any activity or follow any ideology inconsistent with the principles and rules defined in the ISMF Statutes and set out in the present Code.
3. The ISMF parties shall endeavour to protect the environment on the occasion of any events they organise. In the context of the ISMF Events, they undertake to uphold generally accepted standards for environmental protection.

F. CONFIDENTIALITY

The ISMF parties shall not disclose information entrusted to them in confidence. The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the ISMF Ethics Commission in all its activities. Disclosure of other information shall not be for personal gain or benefit, nor be undertaken maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organisation.

G. IMPLEMENTATION

1. The ISMF parties shall see to it that the principles and rules of the ISMF Statutes and the present Code are applied.
2. The ISMF parties shall inform the ISMF President of any breach of the present Code, with a view to possible referral to the ISMF Ethics Commission.
3. The ISMF Ethics Commission may set out the provisions for the implementation of the present Code in a set of Implementing Provisions.