



Statement on the relation of FAI to IOC and WADA

The FAI – Fédération Aéronautique internationale received recognition, pursuant to Rule 29 of the Olympic Charter, from the IOC – International Olympic Committee in October 1986.

This recognition implies that the FAI is aligned with the IOC. The official advantages provided by this alignment are the following:

- Possibility of the National Federations being affiliated to their country's NOC;
- Annual funding through the IOC-Recognised IF Development Programme;
- Benefit from the Olympic Movement educational, medical, scientific and anti-doping initiatives;
- IOC granting patronage for sports events;
- Use of and contributions to the Olympic Channel platform;

This recognition also allows our members (NACs) to receive national subsidies from their respective governments and to conduct internationally recognized championships.

To maximize the relationship, the FAI is ensuring regular and effective communication with the IOC and WADA by organizing annual individual meetings with the Heads of both entities. Through this close relationship, we have the ability to influence IOC's and specifically WADA's policies and to get closer to one of our long-term objective and inspirational goal, i.e. to belong to Olympic Games programme.

But it is also important to understand that this recognition implies that FAI be a signatory of and compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code. This requires the application of an FAI Anti-Doping Programme to show that we belong to the community fighting against doping in sport and that air sports are a clean sport, which so far has been a success. Without such a programme, we risk to being excluded from consideration to provide a new (and exciting) Olympic sport.

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