



FAIR PLAY
SPIRIT OF
SPORT

2022

Laureates of the
European Fair Play
Awards 2022



Dear friends of Fair Play,

As President of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), it gives me great pleasure to send you my best wishes on the occasion of the 27th Congress & General Assembly and 2022 Award Ceremony of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM).

The EFPM has never had a more important role to play across the sporting landscape of Europe than it does today. For nearly 30 years, we have all had the privilege of witnessing EFPM's commitment to publishing and promoting the principles of fair play.

Sport has the ability to bring people together, build bridges and create alliances. EFPM are helping us understand the importance of the values of fair play. By connecting all areas of society with sport and enabling a clear dialog, we can all learn from each other and ensure that the leaders of tomorrow hold these values close in order to safeguard a better society for all.

The EOC proudly offers our patronage to the European Fair Play Movement, and under the leadership of President Philippe Housiaux, I am sure that our relationship will only strengthen over the coming years. Through the European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma, the EOC also supports the celebration of individuals and organisations that are truly making a positive impact in their respective fields.

We are honoured to be an active partner of EFPM and to be aligned with you in preserving and promoting the ethical values of sport in the European Olympic movement and abroad. The Olympic values of respect, excellence and friendship are fundamental in upholding the spirit in which people interact with each other, both on and off the field of play.

The Fair Play Awards Brochure features an inspiring portrayal of individuals, teams and organisations that epitomise what it means to play fair and lead by example.

We must never lose sight of the words of the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, Pierre de Coubertin, «The important thing in life is not the triumph, but the fight; the essential thing is not to have won, but to have fought well.» The important of playing fair outweighs that of being the victor.

I congratulate all the 2021/2022 EPFM laureates for both treasuring and encouraging these principles, which form the foundation on which sport is founded.

With best EurOlympic greetings,

Spyros Capralos (GRE)
President - European Olympic Committees

The European Fair Play Movement Award Winners, true ambassadors of the Spirit of Sport.

The European Fair Play Movement has chosen a signature that is above all a commitment «Fair Play, Spirit of Sport».

What an emotional burden and at the same time what a responsibility it is for EFPM to want to be at the same time a player in European society, a transmitter of humanist messages and an active partner of all the organisations that strongly and decisively advocate that the Values of Sport are above all Universal values.

And yet, more than ever, we are claiming this audacity because the time is serious, the challenges to be taken up are colossal and the stakes for our world are incalculable.

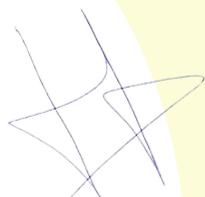
To face all this, we need an «army» of well-intentioned and benevolent people to give the example that everything is, and remains, possible and that sport and everything it stands for becomes a motor for positive change.

To crown, as we are doing in Rome at the beginning of November, a series of sports personalities, not for their brilliant performances, but more fundamentally for the quality of the beautiful gestures with high added value that have enlightened the Life of Sport, is symbolic and contributes totally to maintaining the hope of a world of beautiful quality.

To recognise them and then honour them is to recall their singular place in our sporting society, that of showing the way for a quality life together.

To applaud them and pay tribute to them is a commitment by each and every one of us to take the same path.

That of «Fair Play, the spirit of sport» of course, but also «the spirit of humanity».



Philippe Housiaux (BEL)
President - European Fair Play Movement



The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma

This award is made under the auspices of the European Olympic Committees and awarded to an individual

Radu Fruntes (ROU)

Since 1991 Radu Fruntes is the Director of the Braşov Country Branch of the Romanian Olympic Academy (ROA). The organisation received the “Olympism Promotion Award” from the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee in 1998. Moreover, in 1999 Radu Fruntes has personally received this prestigious Award. In 2011, the International Olympic Committee granted to Radu Fruntes the “Sport for Social Responsibility Trophy recognizing his effort to promote values through the activities organised at Şimea village. Since 1982, Radu Fruntes organised every year on the 23rd (the day dedicated to the celebration of the Olympism) an event called “Olympic Colour Relay”. The event includes the Olympic Day Run, the sport, culture and Olympic education contest called “School Olympic Pentathlon for the 3rd Millenium” and the bike marathon from Braşov city to Şimea. All the events organised by Radu Fruntes are held under the following mottos: “Defeat yourself” and “Joy in the spirit of peace”. The activities are meant to disseminate the fundamental principles and values of the Olympism, Fair Play included. To sum up, for 40 years, Radu Fruntes is a successful promoter of the Olympic Values which he considers essential for the healthy life style of any individual.

The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma

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Club Anneessens 25 (BEL)

The Club Anneessens 25's adventure began in 1980 when Philippe Heymans, the priest of the nearby church, created a mini - football club to bring together the young people of this working - class neighborhood.

At the beginning of the Covid 19 crisis, some young people from the club wanted to help people and families in difficulty, weakened by the situation, by preparing and distributing food parcels. The "Colis du Cœur" project was born, in a club room. As time went on, many volunteers joined the team and 200 deliveries were made every day.

This project snowballed and developed, setting up relays in other Brussels communes. The club and its team distributed more than 4000 parcels during this complicated period, as well as 250 parcels of toys for children from homes and children of undocumented migrants at the North Station.



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The European Fair Play Diploma

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Athanasios Prodromou (GRE)

The Paralympic champion, Athanasios Prodromou (GRE), showed greatness during the T20 long jump final at the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020, where he won the silver medal.

Everyone is talking about the great move of the Greek athlete. When Latif Abdul Romli (MAS), who eventually won the gold medal, was injured in his fifth attempt, Prodromou immediately ran to his aid, entering the pit. He then stood at the Malaysian Paralympian's side and supported him and patted him on the head as medics came to take him away in a wheelchair.

Commentators from Romli's native Malaysia, and all over the world, praised Prodromou for immediately putting the competition aside to help his fellow athlete. The foreign media praised the interest and the way the Greek athlete acted immediately after the Asian athlete's injury.

«A big hug from Malaysia», «All the beauty of sports in the movement of the Greek athlete», «Thank you, Greece.», «Respect», «Congratulations», «You are wonderful» are just some of everything that is written and presented in the foreign media.

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Mamanet Austria (AUT)

Mamanet Austria is an international organisation aiming to support mothers and young women to excel in Mamanet while creating a positive impact in their community. Mamanet is more than sport as the focus is on building social networks and communities. On the Mamanet court every women is equal! Since the beginning of 2016, the international sports movement Mamanet has been successfully active in Austria. Up to 20 women from different refugee groups come together up to 3 times a week in regular Mamanet sports groups and even play in the Mamanet Austria league competition in teams together with women from Austria. Since March 2022 a “Mamanet Ukraine Project” has started with 3 locations in Vienna, where women and their families can play and forget their sorrows. Integration happens by the way. Moreover, women with psychological problems and overweight women are welcome to join the Mamanet community. As Fair Play is highlighted as Mamanet, there exists the so called “Green Card”. At the last Mamanet Singles World Championships in June 2022 in Cervia (ITA), a mixed team from Mamanet Austria and Mamanet Lecce (ITA) received the Fair Play card from 27 teams.



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The EFPM “Fair Play Special” Award

Jonas Vingegaard (DEN)

Jonas Vingegaard won the 2022 edition of the Tour de France, but he also won over cycling fans everywhere with a heartwarming display of sportsmanship. The Yellow Jersey holder finished with an overall race lead of three minutes and 26 seconds ahead of two-time Tour title holder Tadej Pogacar but the margin could have been far bigger if it weren't for an amazing moment during a steep descent near the end of the stage. The pair were pushing each other to the limit as they rode down the Col de Spandelles when Pogacar - who was desperately trying to bridge the gap to the Dane - went into a corner too fast, ran wide and crashed as he lost traction in the gravel. But instead of riding off to ensure he'd win the stage, Vingegaard decided to wait for the Slovenian to recover and catch up to him, with the pair shaking hands once they were on level pegging again. This is a prime example of true sportsmanship. Such cases prove the quality of the athlete and the person beyond the competition rules and are a bright example of what we proudly call Fair Play.

The EFPM “Spirit of Fair Play” Award



**BADMINTON
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Azerbaijan Badminton Federation (AZE)

The Azerbaijan Badminton Federation (ABF) is very active in showing the effort to face any endeavors and always excited to try something new. To spread awareness and attract future champions, the federation is especially focusing on special needs group of people that struggle physically, mentally, financially, or even socially. One of the most outstanding events was the tournament called “Sport is Life” for teenagers in the Correctional Facility of the Penitentiary Service (Penal Colony). The tournament was organised on the initiative of the ABF, jointly by the State committee on Family, Women and Children Problems, Baku City Youth and Sports Head Office. The aim of the event was to contribute to the efficient organisation of leisure time of children in the Penal Colony and their integration into society. In order for the Youngsters in the Penal Colony to be able to engage in Badminton on a regular basis, a Badminton Class Club was opened in that Penal Colony, and the corresponding material and technical equipment and most importantly a Coach were provided by ABF. Another important project is “Fun Inclusive Badminton”. The main purpose of the event is to create interest among people from the vulnerable class of the population, to promote the accessibility of this sport for everyone. During the festival, a virtual reality program equipped with special technical equipment for people with physical disabilities to play badminton was demonstrated.



The EFPM “Spirit of Fair Play” Award

Eunice Mortágua (POR)

Eunice Mortágua has been football referee for more than 25 years. In June 2021, the referee from Aveiro, saw a young player of Valonguense fall unconscious near the end of the game with Taboeira B. He had a shock, and he couldn't breathe, he started having seizures. He opened his eyes and understood what people were saying to him, but from one moment to the next, he began to get very tense and roll his eyes. Eunice Mortágua used the techniques learned in basic life support training with automatic external defibrillation and first aid to «be able to act faster and save a human life». Firefighters came up «25 minutes later», put him to oxygen and the body relaxed, as he was unable to control his breathing with the pain. Early on the following day, another player, this time in a U19s game, had fallen unconscious following a clash with an opponent. As he was on the ground he started suffering from convulsions. Eunice immediately intervened by using first-aid techniques. Eunice, who is 47, is also a director of APAF, the Portuguese Referees Association. She said: « *I believe every referee should be taught basic first aid techniques. Before being a referee, I'm a mother and a human being. I couldn't stand still; it was my duty to help. I'm glad both players are now fine.*».

The EFPM “Spirit of Fair Play” Award



Janis Kaupe (LAT)

Janis Kaupe is a Sport doctor, part of the Latvian Olympic Unity team, which is the main organisation providing methodical and medical support for the successful organisation of training work and participation and competitions for the Latvian top Athletes as well as young athletes. Janis is not just a doctor, he is a teacher, athletes' personality trainer, a charismatic personality who inspire and support athletes on their way of high achievements. He strongly stands with good behavior values, with ethics and Fair Play ideals. On Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 he fulfilled the Covid 19 Liaison Officer duties. It was a new experience but also a hard work in persuading athletes that everything will be fine, that there are no obstacles to achieving their sporting goals, if they must stay at home this time or the disease makes it impossible to go on start. In such situation, it is difficult to maintain the principles of good behaviour and fairness, but Janis with his professional support helped to overcome these difficulties.



The EFPM “Spirit of Fair Play” Award

Ismet Karababa (TUR)

Ismet Karababa started his sports career as a goalkeeper in Konya. This sport brought him a great award at a young age. In a very important match the referee hesitated about the goal, because one team asked the referee to assign them the goal, the other team claimed the ball didn't get into the goal. Finally, the referee asked Karababa "Ismet, tell me the truth". The answer was: "I stopped the ball inside the goal". His team lost the match and was relegated. Ismet was honored with the Fair Play Award of the Turkish National Olympic Committee that year and he became the first Turkish athlete to win the world Fair Play award in 1983. Moreover, the Club Konya, managed by Karababa deserved for two consecutive years the title of "Fair Play Team" and in 1988 the Club was honored by the International Fair Play Committee with the Diploma for the career. Ismet became the Fair Play ambassador and leader of Konya. He brought the Fair Play Museum and the first Fair Play sculpture to Konya. In 2022, his book titled "Mr. Fair Play", in which he wrote his life story, broke the sales record.

The EFPM “Fair Play Vox” Award

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SPORTSKA
TELEVIZIJA

Sportska Televizija – SPTV (CRO)

SPTV started 12 years ago as a television dedicated to the sport, but not only Top sport. Owned by Croatian Olympic Committee, the main goal was, is and will be to introduce small clubs, “no name” athletes and trainers, to make stories about events that are not interested to the Main stream Medias in Croatia, to celebrate Fair Play in sports. Very close cooperation with Croatian Olympic Committee, Croatian School Sports Association, Croatian Academic Sports Association and all the other sports associations and federations gave opportunity to those people and organisations who did something good, including Fair Play moves to get on the screen, to say their stories in full format, not just 30 seconds. SPTV is National TV with 99% coverage in Croatia. One of the Founders of the SPTV is the Croatian Fair Play Movement, so it is normal, that SPTV is doing the best possible things to promote and support Fair Play in every aspect of Croatian sports life. SPTV will continue to do this, because it is important, not only for the athletes, but also for the whole new generation.



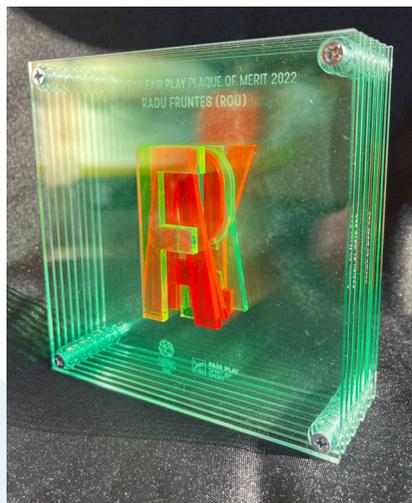
The EFPM “Fair Play Flame” Award

(awarded to an athlete or a team under 18)

Aleks Švelc (SLO)

In the final fight of the junior cadet category U16 at the SLOVENIA CUP (Sevnica, Slovenia, 7 May 2022), Tjan Omerzel (Ippon) with a red belt and Aleks Švelc (Ippon) with a blue belt fought in energetic fight for gold medal. After a minute and a half of fighting, the competitor with a red belt slipped. He fell on his back, which gave Švelc an extremely tactical opportunity and unexpected advantage, which he could use to gain decisive points. But he decided to make a very human and Fair Play move – he offered a hand to the competitor on the ground and helped him get up. They nod to each other and continue with the match. In the sequel, Švelc lost the match and gold medal and, in consequence, achieved second place. His move caused an immediate positive reaction and recognition from the panel of judges and the official delegate. At the awarding ceremony a special Fair Play award was handed over to Aleks Švelc for his extraordinary move and sportsmanlike behavior.

European Fair Play Awards



The letters are superimposed because Fair Play gestures are always a superposition of people to create a Fair Play moment. Fair Play is a single gesture with an impact on several people.

It is not a classic trophy because Fair Play is not a classic sport category either.

That's why it's more like an artistic object, The purpose of having an unconventional object is that it will serve as a « conversation starter ». Fair Play is not a (numerical) record to be beaten but a unique moment to be experienced... and to be told about.

The trophy was designed by Maya Cox, Belgian Graphic Artist, Le Baiser de la Crevette studio.
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Diplomas of Recognition 2022 of the European Fair Play Movement

Armindo Avaujo (POR)
Alexis Boitte (BEL)
Rosanna Clemente (ITA)
Croatian School Sport Federation (CRO)
Eric Deleux (BEL)
Tom Distave (BEL)
Edoardo Ferrari (SMR)
Ivan Grubic and Ivor Zekan (CRO)

Joy Jouret (BEL)
Goran Juki (CRO)
Keevin Malcourant (BEL)
Molenbeek Rebels Basketball (BEL)
#NoManipulation (AUT)
Cristiana Di Pietrantonio (SMR)
Pedro Raposo (POR)
SC Volley Thimister (BEL)
Ibrahim Yildiran (TUR)

European Fair Play Movement



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After 5 years of annual meetings with ideas exchanged about the campaigns promoted in their countries and having recognised the importance of establishing a European Body on working Fair Play, representatives from 14 European countries and National Olympic Committees's decided to create the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) in a founding assembly held at FIFA House, in Zurich (SUI), on May 27/28, 1994.

Since then, the EFPM has organised continuously the annual European Fair Play Congress, has increased the number of corporate members and established formal cooperation with international and European Sports Organisations through relevant Memorandum of Understandings.

In 1996, the EFPM established the European Fair Play Awards aiming to promote the principles of Fair Play in Europe. The purpose of these awards is to present people who at important crossroads, be it in sports or private life, choose the right path.

The EFPM is a non-governmental association working under the patronage of the European Olympic Committees. The main aim of the EFPM is to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in the broadest sense (in sports and everyday life) at European level.

The EFPM is run by the Executive Committee composed of nine members chosen by the General Assembly. The members of the Executive Committee work in an honorary capacity.

Since 2021 the headquarters of the EFPM is Brussels, the capital of Belgium.

For more information, please visit: www.fairplayeur.com



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