

2009 OLYMPIC CONGRESS

General Conditions

for contributions to the 2009 Olympic Congress

1. General

The next Olympic Congress (hereinafter "Congress") will be held in Copenhagen from 3 to 5 October 2009.

The main goals of the Congress are to analyse certain aspects of the Olympic Movement and to determine the ideal conditions for ensuring its development.

In view of the Congress, the International Olympic Committee (hereinafter "IOC") wishes to invite members of the Olympic Movement and the general public to share their reflections related to one of the five Congress themes: the athletes, the Olympic Games, the structure of the Olympic Movement, Olympism and Youth, and the Digital Revolution.

To this end, a virtual Congress will be held from 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2008 on the IOC's Extranet and Internet platforms (hereinafter "virtual Congress").

Anyone can send the IOC a written electronic contribution (hereinafter "contribution") in the framework of the virtual Congress.

2. Authors

2.1. Age and capacity to commit

The author certifies that he or she is at least 18 years old and that he or she is fully capable of committing his or her name, or, if the contrary applies, that he or she has the authorisation of his or her legal representative.

2.2. Author category

The following may submit a contribution to the virtual Congress:

- Natural persons linked to the Olympic Movement who have registered with the virtual Congress (hereinafter "Olympic authors") between 1 October 2007 and 31 December 2008; and
- the general public, i.e. internet users, between 1 January and 31 December 2008.

3. Contributions

3.1. Formal requirements

Authors will submit their contributions in electronic form, based on the model provided by the Congress secretariat via the extranet created for this purpose for the Olympic authors, and based on the model provided by the Congress secretariat via the IOC internet platform created for this purpose for the public.

Contributions must not exceed **1,000 words**, including references and footnotes. This is equivalent to approximately two A4 format pages.

To ensure that contributions can be understood by the largest number of people, authors are recommended to write using simple and clear language, with brief, concise sentences and avoiding language which is not easily accessible to a general audience.

Where possible, it is preferable to avoid using acronyms. When an abbreviation or acronym is used, the word(s) must be written out in full the first time, then the abbreviated form given in brackets.

References must be chosen carefully, and the number of them restricted.

3.2. Language of contributions

Contributions must be exclusively in French or English (or both). Any contribution in any other language will not be selected.

4. Personal data

Authors undertake to provide accurate personal data.

The IOC undertakes to use such personal data only for the purpose of sending the authors information. There will be no use of personal data for commercial purposes.

If a contribution is published, the author's family name, given name and country of residence will be mentioned.

Authors may request that the IOC destroys or rectifies any inaccurate data.

5. Assignment of copyright

All authors will assign all copyrights to the IOC, upon which the IOC may:

- use the editorial content of the contribution;
- apply all or some of the ideas set out in the contribution;
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Whether or not the contribution is published, such assignment is exclusive for the whole period of the Congress up to and including the publication of the Final Congress Documents. Afterwards, the assignment will become non-exclusive, and the authors will have the right, subject to the IOC's rights, to make use of their contribution. If they publish it, they must mention that the contribution was produced in the framework of the Congress.

The assignment of rights applies to the whole world, and is final once an author has sent his or her contribution to the IOC extranet or internet site. Any subsequent modification of contributions is therefore not possible.

Authors waive the right to any remuneration, given the purpose and context in which their contributions are published.

6. Editorial Committee

The Editorial Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") has the power to select the contributions intended for publication. It may reject any contribution without giving a reason. It may also return to an author for modification any contribution which does not meet the requirements set out under Article 3 above. It may also shorten contributions which exceed the length fixed under Article 3.1, paragraph 3 above.

The Committee will automatically disregard any contribution which:

- is not related to the Congress call for contributions;
- violates the personality rights of natural or legal persons;
- mentions the name of a commercial products company, patent or trademark, or features any other form of publicity;
- plagiarises texts.

7. Congress proceedings

The Congress proceedings will take the form of a document which includes all the contributions selected by the Committee for those submitted by Olympic authors and by the public. The document will be available in hard copy and electronic form.

The Congress proceedings will also include the official minutes of the discussions and the Congress Final Document.

All the contributions submitted by Olympic authors and selected by the Committee will be published on the Olympic Movement Extranet.

All the contributions submitted by the public which meet the conditions set out under Article 6, paragraph 2 above will be taken into account in the framework of the statistical analysis of trends.

8. Final provisions

In sending his or her contribution, each author is deemed to have read, accepted and fully understood the contents of the present general conditions.

The present general conditions are subject to Swiss law. The seat of jurisdiction is Lausanne.

Lausanne, 16 August 2007

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