



The Interfaith Committee (Comitato Interfedi) of Torino 2006

Regulations

Introduction:

These regulations discipline the activities of the Interfaith Committee of Torino 2006 (hereinafter the Committee). The Committee performs consultancy functions for the Organising Committee of the XX Olympic Winter Games – Torino 2006 (hereinafter TOROC) – in the context of the actions disciplined by the Host City Contract of the IOC, specifically Appendix D: “IOC Olympic Villages Guidelines”, which require the Host City to set up inside the Olympic Villages, spaces dedicated to meditation and centers for different religious faiths, and organize an effective service of assistance of a spiritual nature inside the Olympic Villages of Torino, Sestriere and Bardonecchia.

Art.1 - Composition of the Interfaith Committee of Torino 2006:

The Committee is made up of 8 effective members; seven of these are representatives of the major religions (three Christian: Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox; one Moslem, one Buddhist; one Hindu and one Jewish) and one representative of TOROC.

The Committee is chaired by TOROC in the person of its President or his delegate.

The number of the religious members of the Committee was obtained considering the influence of the different religious faiths on the Olympic Territory and the relative weight of the faiths professed by the athletes and by the members of the Olympic Family who will be present at the Olympic Winter Games of 2006.

The representatives of the great religions were nominated directly by the highest levels of the national religious institutions.

Each effective member may nominate his own delegate.

To enable all religious denominations to take part in the activities of the Committee, an Assembly of Religions is planned. It will have a consultation function and will include the representatives of other religious groups, according to special regulations drafted and approved by the effective members of the Interfaith Committee.

Art. 2 - Objectives:

The Committee is set up to perform the following activities.

- Chaplaincy,
- Events and manifestations.

Spiritual Aid Service inside the Olympic Villages

- Ensure a service of spiritual aid to athletes and members of the Olympic Family, in collaboration with the religious representatives of the participating national teams. The Committee will define the modalities for providing the services and will select the ministers of the faith for the different religions.
- Collaborate for the definition during the planning phases, of the criteria for the realisation and furnishing of the spaces to be set up for worship and meditation.

Events and manifestations outside the Olympic Villages

- Promote the organisation of manifestations, conferences and cultural events aimed at building up relationships of reciprocal understanding among the religions, at fostering dialogues between religious groups and making known their cultural and historical legacies, in the period preceding and during the Games.
- Set up a plan of communication and information

Art. 3 – Convocation of the Meetings

The meetings of the Committee are called by the president of TOROC at intervals suitable for the urgency of the topics to be debated.

Requests for convocation of the Committee may be made to the president of TOROC by at least 4 effective members on specific topics considered to be important and relevant to the institutional responsibilities of the Committee.

This request made in writing, must be supported by documentation necessary to treat the above topics.

The convocation will be made by written notification sent at least seven days before the date set for the meeting, or, in case of proven urgency, with prior notification of at least two days, also by fax, to all the effective members; it will be accompanied by documents that will enable the participants to prepare themselves to discuss the topics on the agenda, along with the minutes of the previous meetings.

The convocation notification must specify the day, the time and the venue of the meeting, as well as the topics to be treated.

Art. 4 - Participation in the Meetings

The effective members of the Committee will take part in the meeting (art 1 of these regulations), as well as the president of TOROC (or his delegate). The CEO of TOROC and/or TOROC directors may also take part, also without formal convocation, if they are involved in the issues to be treated.

The Committee meetings shall be valid and regular with the presence of at least half plus one of the members, and if they are chaired by the president of TOROC or another member delegated by the president.

A secretary selected from TOROC employees will be responsible for taking the written minutes of the works; these will be delivered to all the effective members.

Art. 5 - Resolutions of the Interfaith Committee

The Committee may convey its expression through opinions. The resolutions are validly taken by a majority of the effective members present and shall regard exclusively the items on the agenda.

Art. 6 - Approval

These regulations are subject to formal approval by the Committee, after which they shall become valid and effective.