

## **EUROPEAN ROPE SKIPPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Code of Ethics**

#### **PREAMBLE**

Within the organization of the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships, all ERSO parties undertake to respect, and ensure respect of the following Rules:

#### **ARTICLE 1: DIGNITY**

1. Safeguarding the dignity of the individual is a fundamental requirement of Sportsmanship.
2. There shall be no discrimination between participants on the basis of race, sex, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical, political opinion, marital status or other grounds.
3. No practice constituting any form of physical or mental injury to the Participants will be tolerated. All doping practices at all levels are strictly prohibited. The provisions against doping in the World Movement Anti-Doping Code shall be scrupulously observed.
4. All forms of harassment against participants are prohibited, be it physical, mental, professional or sexual.
5. The ERSO parties shall guarantee the athletes' conditions of safety, well-being and medical care favorable to their physical and mental equilibrium.

#### **ARTICLE 2: INTEGRITY**

1. The ERSO parties or their representatives shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with the organization of the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships.
2. Only gifts of nominal value, in accordance with prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted by the ERSO parties, as a mark of respect or friendship. Any other gift must be passed on to the organization of which the beneficiary is a member.
3. The hospitality shown to the members and staff of the ERSO parties, and the persons accompanying them, shall not exceed the standards prevailing in the host country.
4. The ERSO parties shall avoid any conflict of interest between the organization to which they belong and any other organization within the ERSO Movement. If a conflict of interest arises, or if there is a danger of this happening, the parties concerned must inform the ERSO Executives, who will take appropriate measures.
5. The ERSO 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 ERSO Movement.
6. The ERSO parties must not be involved with firms or persons, whose activity is inconsistent with the principles set out in the ERSO Charter and the present Code.
7. The ERSO parties shall neither give nor accept instructions to vote or intervene in a given manner within the organs of the ERSO.

#### **ARTICLE 3: RESOURCES**

1. The resources of the ERSO parties may be used only for ERSO purposes.

2. The income and expenditure of the ERSO parties shall be recorded in their accounts, which must be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

These accounts will be checked by an independent auditor. They may be subjected to auditing by an expert designated by the ERSO Executives.

3. The ERSO parties recognize the significant contribution that broadcasters, sponsors, partners and other supporters of sports events make to the development and prestige of the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships throughout the world. However, such support must be in a form consistent with the rules of sport and the Principles defined in the ERSO Charter and the present Code. They must not interfere in the running of sports Institutions. The organization and staging of sports competitions is the exclusive responsibility of the independent sports organizations recognized by the ERSO.

#### **ARTICLE 4: CANDIDATURES**

The ERSO parties shall in all points respect the ERSO Bid Book for organizations bidding to host the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships. Candidate organizations shall, 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 Bid Book.

#### **ARTICLE 5: RELATIONS WITH STATES**

1. The ERSO parties shall work to maintain harmonious relations with state authorities, in accordance with the principle of universality and of political neutrality of the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships. However, the spirit of humanism, fraternity and respect for individuals which inspires the ERSO ideal requires the organizations in countries that are to host the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships to undertake that their countries will scrupulously respect the Fundamental Principles of the ERSO Charter and the present Code.

2. The ERSO 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 ERSO Charter or set out in the present Code.

3. The ERSO parties shall endeavor to protect the environment on the occasion of any events they organize. In the context of the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships, they undertake to uphold generally accepted standards for environmental protection.

#### **ARTICLE 6: CONFIDENTIALITY**

The ERSO parties shall not disclose information entrusted to them in confidence. Disclosure of information must not be for personal gain or benefit, nor be undertaken maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organization.

#### **ARTICLE 7: IMPLEMENTATION**

1. The ERSO parties shall see to it that the Principles and Rules of the ERSO Charter and the present Code are applied.

2. The ERSO parties shall notify the Ethics Commission of any breach of the present Code.

3. Each year, the Ethics Commission will submit to the ERSO Executives a report on the application of the present Code, noting any breaches of its rules. The Commission will propose to the ERSO Executives sanctions which might be taken against those responsible.

4. The Ethics Commission may set out the provisions for the implementation of the present Code in a set of by-laws.