

The International Olympic Committee

Intermediate Committee

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### Topic 1: Creating International Unity Through Sports

#### **Introduction**

The Olympics since its creation has been about bringing together the nations of the world through sport and competition. Overtime the once peaceful competition has become a place for protests which have interrupted many competitions. The Olympics must return to its original status as a place for peaceful competition free of governments leveraging their place on the world stage for their own political gain. We must once again focus on our original goals of uniting the world through sport and competition. Our goal is to find a way to promote fair play, inclusion, and peace through this longstanding organization.

#### **Context**

The International Olympic Committee was founded in Paris at the first Olympic Congress in 1894. The IOC has stood as a marker for collaboration across the Olympic community and to this day is a vital part in the collaboration of every Olympics. While the IOC was created in 1894 the Olympic Charter of 1908 confirmed the IOC's place and its role in the Olympics. In this charter it was outlined that no more than 3 members are allowed from any participating country, and those elected are elected to indefinite terms. Overtime the IOC's mission has evolved. One of these outlined mission statements is as follows: "To oppose any political or commercial abuse

of sports and athletes” (Wikipedia Contributors, 2019). This is one of many statements that outline the goal of the Olympics; To create a place for competition between nation’s and to end conflict through the collaboration of countries in sport. The mission statements of the IOC are listed below:

- To encourage and support the promotion of ethics and good governance in sport.
- To support the education of youth through sport.
- To ensure that the spirit of fair play prevails, and violence is avoided.
- To encourage and support the organization, development, and coordination of sport and sports competitions.
- To ensure the regular celebration of the [Olympic Games](#);
- To cooperate with competent public or private organizations and authorities endeavouring to place sport at the service of humanity and thereby to promote peace.
- To take action to strengthen the unity, independence, political neutrality, and autonomy of the Olympic Movement.
- To encourage and support elected representatives of athletes, working with the IOC Athletes' Commission as their official representative.
- To encourage and support the promotion of women in sport in pursuit of equality between men and women.
- To protect clean athletes and the integrity of sport, by leading the fight against doping, and by acting against all forms of manipulation of competitions and related corruption.

- To encourage and support measures relating to the medical care and health of athletes.
- To oppose any political or commercial abuse of sport and athletes.
- To encourage and support the efforts of sports organizations and public authorities to provide for the social and professional future of athletes.
- To encourage and support the development of sport for all.
- To encourage and support a responsible concern for environmental issues, to promote sustainable development in sport and to require that the Olympic Games are operated accordingly.
- To promote a positive legacy from the Olympic Games to the host cities, regions, and countries.
- To encourage and support initiatives blending sport with culture and education.
- To encourage and support the activities of the [International Olympic Academy](#) ("IOA") and other institutions which dedicate themselves to Olympic education;
- To promote safe sport and the protection of athletes from all forms of harassment and abuse

The Olympics has been cancelled multiple times in the past due to certain conflicts. Most prominently was during World War II. The IOC decided that due to the direness of the situation across Europe that until the matter was resolved the Olympics would not take place. Our goal is to separate the world of politics and sport and find ways to ensure that never happens again.

## **Current Situation**

The relationship between sport and politics will always be a complex one in our world and recently the IOC has implemented rules to limit any political protest to ensure the Olympics are free from political influence and ensuring the integrity of the games holds forever. Recently with devolvement's in the Russia Ukraine crisis and the Isreal Palestine conflict the IOC has been finding ways for athletes to compete not under the banner of their countries but as always it is a difficult situation. The goal is to not punish the athletes for the crimes of their country while keeping the Olympics as unpolitical as possible. To ensure the Olympics is a symbol of international unity.

## **Questions to Consider**

- How can we limit the connection between sports and politics?
- How can we manage the ongoing situation between Russia and Ukraine without punishing the athletes from those countries?
- Where can we improve or modify our rules and guidelines to remove any connection between politics and sport?
- How can we facilitate the safest environment for our athletes?
- Why do we want a divide between politics and sport?
- How do we create unity through sport?

## Topic 2: Mitigating the Environmental Impact of The Olympics

### **Introduction**

In the 2022 world cup, 206 kilotons of carbon energy came from the use of the stadium during the game. The Olympics while being a different competition has found a majority of the same problems. It takes energy to run the Olympics, and the amount of energy burned is growing every year. Not only is that very costly but it is also horrible for the environment. In the future we need to find ways to limit the amount of carbon energy used and replace it with sustainable energy sources. Additionally, we must find ways to promote sustainable transport and food for those in attendance of these games. Our goal is to figure out the how we can limit the amount of carbon emissions and pollution these games create.

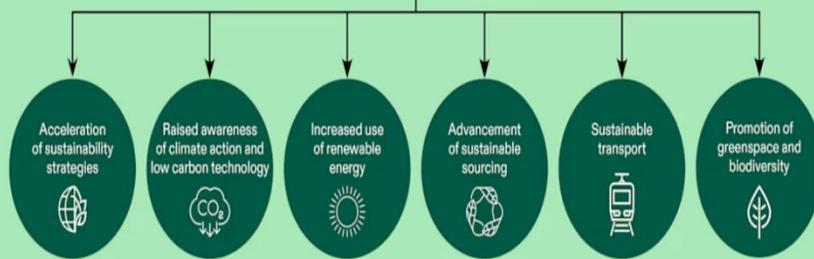
### **Context**

The environmental concerns with the Olympics have only recently been a major concern. The IOC has committed to tackling climate change however possible. The IOC has already decided that from 2030 organizing committees will be required to compensate for their emissions. The Paris 2024 games also had a target to half its carbon food print compared to the Paralympic summer games. The IOC has also been working on ways to cut carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Other initiatives to reduce the impact of climate change have been implemented.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS



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This includes the IOC encouraging all fans to act against climate change. In addition, the IOC is one of the most sustainable buildings in the world. These were all important steps in bringing the level of carbon emissions produced by the Olympics. 4 years ago, for the first time in Tokyo hydrogen stations and fuel cell buses were used to bring the Olympics closer to the goal of carbon neutrality. In the 2024

Olympics these techniques were not used as they were specific to Japan, but they were successful in Tokyo. According to the IOC's policy the games must adapt to the host, and we need to take this into account when working towards creating sustainability in the games.

## Current Situation

In preparing for the 2028 LA games and the 2032 Brisbane games the IOC created an Olympic Agenda called 2020+5 which proposed 15 recommendations to the host to increase sustainability. The Olympics in their second recommendation committed themselves to being carbon positive (surpassing net zero and creating sustainable energy) by 2030 at the latest. This is based around a key term. Reusing. The IOC is suggesting that host's find ways to adapt athlete housing and the Olympic village into other housing projects for the community as well as

building a stadium to fit the needs of the community after the Olympics. The IOC in this document also committed to using the UN sustainable development goals as a guide which includes reaching out the UN agencies to increase sustainable practices. This also puts more pressure on the host to ensure the Olympic games reach a carbon positive state by 2030. The IOC's 15 recommendations for sustainability through the Olympic games are listed below:

1. Strengthen the uniqueness and the universality of the Olympic Games
2. Foster sustainable Olympic Games
3. Reinforce athletes' rights and responsibilities
4. Continue to attract the best athletes
5. Further strengthen safe sport and the protection of clean athletes
6. Enhance and promote the Road to the Olympic Games
7. Coordinate the harmonisation of the sports calendar
8. Grow digital engagement with people
9. Encourage the development of virtual sports and further engage with video gaming communities
10. Strengthen the role of sport as an important enabler for the UN Sustainable Development Goals
11. Strengthen the support to refugees and populations affected by displacement
12. Reach out beyond the Olympic community
13. Continue to lead by example in corporate citizenship
14. Strengthen the Olympic Movement through good governance
15. Innovate revenue generation models

**Questions to Consider:**

- 1) Why is sustainability important for the Olympic games?
- 2) Is it possible for the Olympics to become carbon positive by 2030?
- 3) How should the Olympics work towards more sustainable practices?
- 4) How should the policies the IOC has in place be altered or added to, to create a more sustainable future for the Olympic Games?

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