

## **EUROPEAN ROPE SKIPPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Code of Conduct**

**Applicable to the organizations wishing to host an ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships**

#### **Article 1: SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

The present rules are applicable as soon as an organization is considered as a potential host. The European Rope Skipping Organization (ERSO) then addresses a letter to the National Organizing Committee of each country (NOC) concerned to inform it of the beginning of this phase.

In the absence of any provision to the contrary, these rules are applicable until the end of the candidature procedure, without prejudice to subsequent operations linked to the end of such procedure.

The rules of conduct apply to bid committees, NOCs concerned, as well as to any person or organization acting on behalf of the candidature. Failing any provision to the contrary, these rules also apply to potential Applicant organizations, Applicant organizations and Candidate organizations.

#### **Article 2: PRINCIPLES**

Organizations/NOCs wishing to host an ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships (hereinafter organizations) have the right to promote their candidature subject to these rules of conduct. The promotion of a candidature must take place with dignity and moderation.

The conduct of organizations must conform strictly to the provisions of the ERSO Rules, the ERSO Code of Ethics and its Implementing Provisions. It must also respect the procedure for evaluating the file established by the ERSO.

The NOC of the organization wishing to host an ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships will supervise the activities and conduct of the organization and will be held jointly responsible.

#### **Article 3: AUDIT**

As soon as an entity set in charge of the promotion of an organization, notably a bid committee, is created, the organizations must, in a list provided by the Ethics Commission, designate an independent expert responsible for controlling the financial operation of the bid.

The organizations must immediately inform the ERSO of the name of the chosen expert. The expert will provide, in particular to the ERSO and the Ethics Commission, general financial information such as an audit report and a detailed profit and loss account including information concerning sources of income and expenses incurred.

#### **Article 4: LOGO**

The Applicant Organizations may not assign themselves a logo featuring any ERSO symbol.

In accordance with the provisions of the ERSO Rules, Candidate Organizations may adopt a logo, submitted to the ERSO for approval, featuring the ERSO symbol, subject to the provisions mentioned in Annex A.

#### **Article 5: PROMOTION**

The organizations are authorized to promote their candidature in their own country. The national territory must be understood in a restrictive manner excluding, inter-alia, diplomatic representations abroad and planes of foreign companies serving the country.

All forms of promotion or publicity at an international level, including newspaper or magazine articles or television programs are forbidden to Applicant Organizations.

All forms of publicity at an international level are forbidden to Candidate Organizations. In accordance with the provisions of Article 1, these restrictions also apply to entities liable to act on behalf of the candidature, which cannot, directly or indirectly, refer to the ERSO European Championships in their promotion abroad.

The organizations must ensure that any person or organization acting on their behalf respect these restrictions; these persons or organizations may not, directly or indirectly, refer to the ERSO European Championships in their promotion abroad.

#### **Article 6: Internet**

The organizations may create an Internet site for exclusively informative purposes. While taking into account the previous paragraph, the site may mention sponsors of the candidature. The Ethics Commission has the right to require modifications to certain pages.

#### **Article 7: Meetings and events**

Applicant Organizations must not organize or participate in any events or meetings outside their national territory. Candidate Organizations must not, in any circumstances, organize exhibitions or receptions, public or private social events, in relation to the candidature outside their country.

Subject to the ERSO's consent, Candidate Organizations may participate in international meetings or events on condition that the organizers offer each organization equal opportunities to promote their candidatures. The methods used must take into consideration the need to limit the costs for the organizations, while avoiding, in particular, presentation tables, exhibition rooms and registration costs.

As for other meetings, the ERSO Executives will determine those to which the organizations are invited. A list of meetings to which the organizations may be admitted together with the participation conditions, will be provided to the organizations.

Any initiative aimed at bypassing the above mentioned rules is forbidden. In particular, the organizations will refrain from taking advantage of any international event held in their country.

#### **Article 8: Gifts**

No gift should be given to or received by ERSO parties, in accordance with the provisions in the Code of Ethics (refer to ERSO Rule Book "Code of Ethics").

The position with respect to third parties, and the media, should be inspired by the same principles. The sense of moderation should particularly prevail concerning conditions of hospitality and accommodation.

#### **Article 9: Visits by the ERSO Evaluation Commission and the media**

The ERSO Evaluation Commission may pay a working visit to each Candidate venue. The Evaluation Commission will determine the period and the program of the visit. The details of this will be provided to the organizations in due time.

The Candidate Organizations may organize working visits (at their cost) by International ERSO Federations on condition that these visits are necessary for the preparation of the candidature. The Candidate Organizations will inform the ERSO and the Ethics Commission in advance of the program of these visits. They will respect, in particular, the provisions of Article 8.

The Candidate Organizations may organize visits for representatives of the media for information purposes, at their own cost, while strictly respecting the provisions of Article 9. The Ethics Commission may decide to take part in some of these visits.

#### **Article 10: Other trips and visits**

With the exception of participation in the events set out in the last two paragraphs of Article 7, no trip is authorized outside the national territory.

There will be no visits by ERSO members to the organizations, or from the organizations to ERSO members, for the promotion of their candidature.

If a ERSO member must travel to an organization for any reason apart from the bid, the organization may not in any way take advantage of this occasion for the promotion of the candidature and must not in any way cover the costs and other expenses linked to such a visit, in particular, travel and accommodation costs.

#### **Article 11: Assistance to NOCs**

Organizations are prohibited from including in their program or consenting to any form of financial or material assistance to one or several NOCs.

The NOCs of the organizations will provide the list of NOC aid programs prior to the candidature and will refrain from concluding new contracts before the end of the candidature process.

If an organization is planning a sports development program, by giving equipment or operational assistance, the program must be placed under the responsibility of the ERSO, which alone has authority to determine the rules of allocation. It should be backed up with figures; the amount indicated being considered as a subsequent commitment.

#### **Article 12: Promises and commitments**

The NOC/organization must ensure that, in its file and at its presentation to the AGM, it gives only such undertakings as it is certain it will be able to fulfill. If an undertaking appears disproportionate, explanations can be requested from the organization concerned and, where need be, observations made public.

### **Article 13: Election of the host city**

The Ethics Commission supervises the host organization election procedure, in accordance with the provisions made by the ERSO. If the need arises, the Commission may request an amendment to the procedure.

### **Article 14: Relations with other applicant organizations**

Each organization must, in all circumstances and at all times, respect the other organizations as well as ERSO members and the ERSO itself.

No spoken or written word, no portrayal of any nature, likely to tarnish the image of a rival organization or be prejudicial to it may be tolerated by an organization.

In a spirit of fair-play, any comparison with other organizations is strictly forbidden.

No agreement, coalition nor collusion between organizations aimed at influencing the result is permitted.

### **Article 15: Interpretation**

The organizations may, in any way they so choose, seek the guidance of the Ethics Commission on the interpretation of the present text. Any written interpretation will be brought to the attention of all of the organizations.

### **Article 16: SANCTIONS**

Any violation of the present rules of conduct may be brought by any interested party to the attention of the Ethics Commission, which will proceed with an inquiry. Such referral must be confirmed in writing. The Ethics Commission will keep this confidential.

Where proof of a breach of the present instructions is established, the Ethics Commission may make the observations or issue warnings to the organization which will be made public. In the event of a very serious or repeated violation, the Commission may also propose to the ERSO Executive Board to eliminate the candidature.

If violations are proved to be attributable to the NOC concerned, the Ethics Commission may propose to the Executive Board to prohibit the NOC from submitting any future candidatures.

## **ANNEX A**

Conditions governing the use of the ERSO symbol by Candidate Organizations for the ERSO European Rope Skipping Championships

1. Subject to the prior written approval of the European Rope Skipping Federation ("ERSO") and the National Organizing Committee of the country in which the Candidate Organization is located ("NOC"), Candidate Organizations may be granted the right to use the ERSO Symbol (i.e. the world globe, colored and standing alone) in conjunction with another graphic device or logo to create a single emblem for use in promotional (but not commercially exploited) material such as letterheads, posters, brochures, video presentations and such other items as may be approved by the ERSO and the NOC. Such emblem shall contain terminology which stipulates that the organization is a "Candidate Organization" for the ERSO European Championships.
2. Candidate Organizations may not authorize third parties to use their emblem or their graphic device outside of their respective countries.
3. Candidate Organizations may not commercialize the ERSO Symbol in any form. They may, however, commercialize their graphic device or logo used without the ERSO Symbol, but only within the country in which the Candidate City is located and subject to the prior approval of the NOC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Candidate Organizations may not commercialize their graphic device with respect to product or service categories forming the subject matter of the international ERSO marketing program during the period of candidacy, unless the prior approval of the ERSO Executive Board is obtained.
4. Candidate Organizations may not make use of any graphic device which is or contains a design that is confusingly similar to, or is a distorted version of, the ERSO symbol.
5. Subject to the prior approval of the NOC, a Candidate Organization may grant to its supporters the right to use a standard designation such as "supporter of (organization) (year of the European Championships)" which does not include the words "sponsor" or "ERSO". Such designation may be used in conjunction with the graphic device or logo, but not with the ERSO Symbol or with any design that is confusingly similar to, or is a distorted version of, the ERSO symbol.

Contracts with supporters of a Candidate Organization must expressly state that:

- a) All rights to the use of the Candidate Organization's graphic device or logo or any Candidate Organization-related designation terminate on the date of the decision to award the ERSO European Championships for which the organization is a candidate,

and

- b) The supporter shall have no automatic or binding residual rights, options or other arrangements of any nature, express or implied, with respect to the ERSO European Championships if the Candidate Organization is successful.

6. The Candidate Organization must supply the ERSO, upon request, with copies of all contracts and/or proposed contracts with supporters.

7. The Candidate Organization must also provide the ERSO with copies of all material, promotional and commercial, for archival purposes.

8. The starting date for any commercial activity must be agreed in advance, and in writing, by the ERSO and the NOC. If the Candidate Organization is awarded the ERSO European Championships, the provisions of the Host Organization Contract between such organizations, the NOC and the ERSO, together with the provisions of the ERSO Charter, shall apply thereafter.

9. Candidate Organizations may not make any use of the ERSO Symbol except as expressly provided for above.