



NOC & SPORT CONFEDERATION OF DENMARK SIGNS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



On Monday evening the NOC & Sport Confederation of Denmark (DIF) and Amnesty International Denmark signed a partnership agreement. The purpose of the agreement will be to keep DIF informed about the human rights situation in connection with allocation, hosting and the organisation of major international sports events.

During a meeting Monday evening with the participation of the presidents of all of the 62 DIF national member federations, DIF and Amnesty International signed a partnership agreement.

The agreement with Amnesty is an extension of DIF's international strategy where sustainability in connection with major sports events is an important element. This includes sustainability in relation to both financial, environmental and social conditions.

"The human rights situation is one of the criteria that are included in our considerations when, for example, major championships are awarded. This has always been the case but the partnership with Amnesty will qualify our knowledge in this area and our ability to make more informed decisions. I am convinced that, by working together, we can do it better than by working separately," says DIF's President, Niels Nygaard.



"Sports has a tremendous positive influence through both large scale international sport events but also through local initiatives by volunteer coaches and local clubs. Unfortunately, we have seen some country leaders try to abuse sports for personal gain and to cover up abuse and violations. It is therefore laudable and important that DIF takes their responsibilities seriously and decides to seek ways in which it can make a difference. We look forward to the future cooperation," says Trine Christensen, Secretary General of Amnesty International Denmark.

The partnership agreement is based on the following three areas:

- DIF's international work: Amnesty will here be available with information on the human rights situation in countries with which DIF cooperate.
- EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, OLYMPICS and PARALYMPICS: Within this framework, DIF and Amnesty will collaborate and exchange knowledge in connection with the awarding, preparation and hosting of major international sports events.
- DIF's national work: DIF will here participate in the work of combating homophobia and discrimination in sports.

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The agreement means, that meetings will be held on a regular basis between DIF's international adviser and Amnesty's political adviser. In addition, there will also be meetings at the highest political and administrative level between the two organisations, and each year Amnesty will be arranging a session at a gathering of all 62 national sport federations.

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DIF was founded in 1896 and is a non-governmental organisation for club sports in Denmark. Over the years, more and more national sports federations have joined, which means that today the DIF family comprises of 62 national sports federations, 9,000 sports clubs, and more than 1.9 million members. At the same time, DIF is the national Olympic committee of Denmark.



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