

## BARON DE COUBERTIN'S WILL

When the Paris Games in 1924 had finished, Baron de COUBERTIN began his preparations for his retirement the following year. He drew up a project intended for his successor which he gave to his colleagues, leaving it in their care "to dispose of at their pleasure" Here is its tenor:

"It foresaw the creation of a Technical Committee of fifteen members whose powers must spread over a period of three years from January 1st of the 2nd year of each Olympiad till December 31st of the 4th year. This Committee would be composed of three delegates from the International Olympic Committee, six delegates from the National Olympic Committees and six delegates from the International Federations. During this period of preparation for the Games the assembly would be responsible for the control of these preparations from a technical point of view, to gather and transmit the wishes of the Federations and Committees, to insure the correct interpretation and application of the values, and during the period of the celebration, to examine the complaints, to estimate their pursuit, to conduct the investigations relative to the qualifications of the competitors, to the efficiency of the Juries, etc.....

"The object of this creation, now without danger, was to restore the plentitude of its Senatorial role to the International Olympic Committee, and at the same time to associate the technical powers more closely with the communal work by allotting them a fair share of power and responsibility".

(Olympic Memories)

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