



An example :

YOUTH GAMES

- 1st edition in 1969 -

The Youth Games are intended for all young people, for boys and girls from 10 to 16 years old inclusive, whether or not they are members of a Sporting Federation or Association.

This venture has been organized by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), with the assistance of the ministries concerned, the National Sports Federations, publicity agencies, sporting societies, the press and all main institutions in the country.

This demonstration, which has been set up in order to achieve a marked extension of the foundation of our national sporting activity, will be of interest to the whole country.

The games will be under the administration of the CONI presidency, through the intermediary of an Organizing Committee (elected by the CONI Commission) and an Executive Committee (consisting of members of the Organizing Committee and heads of the responsible departments). The chairman of the Organizing Committee is the president of the CONI.

The Youth Games will be held in three stages :

- a) a local or communal stage
- b) a regional stage
- c) a national stage.

The local or communal stage, which will be held from the 1st March to the 15th May, constitutes the most important part of the whole demonstration. It will in fact enable a massive participation by young people, arouse the interest of local administrations and other local bodies in sporting activities; finally, it will encourage all kinds of popular organizations as well as voluntary associations.

The local organization will be carried out by a Communal Games Commission, with the Mayor or one of his representatives as chairman. The Mayor will also be responsible for establishing the Communal Commission.

The local stage naturally, is intended to stimulate the spirit of initiative of each parish towards an active participation in order to achieve the success of the games.

The regional stage will take place before the 2nd June. It will aim to bring into favourable notice the work accomplished during the local stage, discovering the best sportsmen among the young people, and according to the ratings, choosing all those who have won the right to participate in the national finals of the games.

Only the young people who have competed in the local stage will be able to take part in any sport or competition in this regional stage. The Regional Games Committee, whose chairman is the president of the CONI Provincial Committee, is in charge of the organization of this second stage.

The national stage will be held in Rome between the 29th June and the 6th July. All the teams from the Italian provinces will compete.

The sports on the programme within the framework of the Youth Games are the following: athletics, cycling, gymnastics, swimming, basket-ball, volley-ball and skiing.

The first six sports are planned every year, during the period from March to July. In winter, skiing will begin in December 1969 and go on into January 1970.

During the communal stage, other sports, apart from the basic ones, can be planned, according to the sporting equipment available and the special talents of the young people of each parish. These optional sports may not, however, be more than four.

The Olympic Day has been planned in the Youth Games programme, in order to promote a genuine entente between sports and citizens of every age and walk of life. This demonstration will also follow each stage of the Games. Before the 15th May, it will be organized by the individual Communal Commissions and before the 2nd June it will be held by the Regional Committees. Finally, on the 6th July in Rome, it will end with a National Olympic Day to mark the final stage of the games.

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