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AIOWF Governance Review shows progress among Winter IFs

The Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF) has completed its third AIOWF Governance Review, which assessed all seven member federations.

Building on the previous reviews in 2017 and 2018, the evaluation for 2020 took the form of a self-assessment questionnaire with independent moderation of the responses. The questionnaire consisted of 50 measurable indicators covering five principles or sections: Transparency, Integrity, Democracy, Development and Control Mechanisms.

The mean score for the AIOWF members was 140 out of a maximum of 200, compared to 109 in 2018. This is a large average increase in the total score, indicating that there have been meaningful improvements in governance among the Winter Federations.

The International Ski Federation (FIS) led the winter sports and was the only Winter IF to earn a place in the top A1 tier. Among all 38 International Federations surveyed, summer and winter, only seven placed in the A1 group. The International Ice Hockey Federation earned a spot in the next tier, A1/A2. The remaining five AIOWF members were all placed in the B Tier with scores between 120-137.

“The analysis of the governance of the AIOWF members shows substantial progress by all of the sports since 2018, which is to be commended,” The report noted.

AIOWF and FIS President Gian Franco Kasper said on behalf of the Winter IFs, “The Governance Review is an important exercise for all of our members. It gives us important feedback both on what we are doing well and areas that where we can improve. We take this process very seriously as good governance is a keystone of any International Federation. We are pleased with the progress since the last review.”

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, AIOWF members understandably took decisions to postpone General Assemblies/Congresses that had originally been scheduled to take place in the summer months. In many cases that extra information was not yet available during the period of the assessment which would otherwise have been ready and increased the overall scores of the Winter IFs.

The same IF governance review questionnaire and evaluation process was used by the Summer International Federations (ASOIF) and has been adopted with independent moderation by sports governance consultancy I Trust Sport, whom AIOWF would like to thank for the valued collaboration.

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