



## **TAFISA Volunteerism Charter**

**Charter of the General Assembly of TAFISA**

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### **Preamble:**

Sporting activity, both elite and community based, is crucial to the vitality and productivity of every society and without volunteer effort wider accessibility for all sections of the community is not possible. All ages, racial and ethnic groups, all ability levels, every social strata and both genders share an interest and the opportunity to benefit from active involvement in sporting, recreation and cultural activities.

The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA) aims to encourage active participation in Sport for All activity and to propagate the idea of voluntary engagement in the administration, maintenance and support of projects, programs and events that create a unique network of sporting enthusiasts and Sport For All participants.

TAFISA supports the United Nations and Member Sport for All bodies around the world in the belief that volunteering brings benefits to society at large, community, cultural and sporting associations and the individual volunteer. The volunteers associated with the Olympic Games, International Sport Associations, national, regional and local sporting organisations and communities of interest, not only make an important contribution to the viability and sustainability of Sport For All activity, but also contribute to a more cohesive society by building trust and reciprocity among competitors and citizens enjoying opportunities for greater social interaction.

### **Purpose:**

This Charter records the Commitment of TAFISA to work with international organisations including the United Nations, Governments at National, State, regional and local levels, International Sporting Associations and their affiliates and non-government organisations (NGOs) and the private sector corporations to document the rights and responsibilities, contribution and accountabilities of volunteers associated with Sport For All, in order to:

- Promote and support the development of volunteering for Sport For All projects, programs, performances and community development in all Member countries;
- Provide an organisational opportunity for national sporting associations and volunteering organisations to come together to facilitate volunteer participation in the Sport For All movement around the globe;
- Take into account the needs of volunteers and their organisations and find appropriate mechanisms to facilitate increasing levels of voluntary effort to generate unselfish, multi-cultural and diverse Sport For All events that build trust and tolerance, social infrastructure and international links
- Advocate international, regional, national and local initiatives that protect and build upon the educational, legal, operational and social rights and responsibilities of volunteers engaged in Sport For All activities.

The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA) Charter therefore supports activity development of professional and community based engagement of the voluntary efforts of individual sports women and men, sport administrators and sporting associations to build greater accessibility and enjoyment of Sport for All Volunteering.

This is designed to support sustainable human development globally through the organisation of safe, secure and sustainable volunteer programs that mobilise the time, training and transfer of organisational support for Sport for All projects, programs and policy initiatives.

TAFISA's Sport for All Charter is universal, inclusive and embraces volunteer action in all its diversity. It values free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity, which are the recognised foundations of both sporting activity and volunteerism.