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TAFISA Awards Scheme

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1. Background

TAFISA, as the leading international organisation in Sport for All and physical activity (SAPA), has been in operation, albeit under different names, since the late 1960s. In 1991, TAFISA was officially formed as an organisation with the objective to promote SAPA world wide. Since its creation, TAFISA has established many successful events, programs and educational activities, including:

- TAFISA World Challenge Day
- TAFISA World Walking Day
- TAFISA World Sport for All Games
- TAFISA Certified Leadership Courses in Sport for All
- TAFISA Reach Out Program
- TAFISA World Congresses and Forums
- TAFISA Triple AC Program
- International Workshops
- TAFISA Newsletter (quarterly)

TAFISA has more than 270 members from over 160 countries across all continents, and established a professional office in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in 2005. As the demand for TAFISA membership grows, so does TAFISA's reach and potential impact.

However, TAFISA acknowledges that this growth and success would not have been possible without the significant contributions from individuals and organisations over the last 40 years. These contributions have been many and varied, including in the form of monetary and in kind donations, sharing of expertise and experience, cooperation for programs and events, etc. In recognition of these contributions, TAFISA has established an Awards Scheme to honour those individuals and organisations that have enabled, and continue to support, TAFISA's growth and success.

2. Award Categories

Details of the TAFISA Awards available are given below, and a table summarising the key aspects of each award category is shown in Appendix A.

2.1. TAFISA Jürgen Palm Award

It has been the wish of the TAFISA Board of Directors to associate a TAFISA initiative with the name of late Jürgen Palm in commemoration of his tremendous contribution to TAFISA also as its founding President. In agreement with his widow, Diane Jones-Palm, TAFISA has established the Jürgen Palm Award which is the most prestigious and exclusive of TAFISA's awards.

The TAFISA Jürgen Palm Award is primarily an 'externally' focused award, and is only available to those individuals who have, in the opinion of the TAFISA Board of Directors, made a significant and long-term contribution to the field of international SAPA. Nominations for the Jürgen Palm Award can only be made by a member of the TAFISA Board of Directors, and must be approved via majority vote from the Board.

The TAFISA Jürgen Palm Award can only be presented by either the TAFISA President or Secretary General at a major TAFISA event, including World Congresses, General Assemblies or World Sport for All Games.

The TAFISA Jürgen Palm Award will be presented in the form of a framed certificate.

2.2. Honorary Member

The existing TAFISA statutes dictate that the TAFISA General Assembly has the right to elect Honorary Members¹. Honorary Membership is primarily 'internally' focussed, and is therefore only available to those individuals who have contributed substantially and directly to the development of TAFISA as a professional and successful organisation.

Whilst this contribution to TAFISA may have been in many forms, for example through monetary or in kind donation to TAFISA, significant sharing of experience and/or expertise with TAFISA, or strong support of a TAFISA program or event, the contribution must be over and above what is typically expected of an individual in a particular situation. TAFISA must benefit as a direct result of the individual's contribution. Previous TAFISA Board Members who have served more than one term may be eligible for Honorary Membership.

Any member organisation has the right to nominate a Candidate for Honorary Membership that subsequently has to be approved by the General Assembly. Consequently, Honorary Memberships may only be presented at either TAFISA General Assemblies or the associated World Congress, and should be presented by a TAFISA Board Member.

Whilst there is no limit to the number of Honorary Members, it is recommended that elections of Honorary Members be limited to a maximum of three per calendar year, or six per General Assembly.

TAFISA Honorary Membership will be presented in the form of a certificate.

2.3. TAFISA Sustainability Awards

The purpose of the TAFISA Sustainability Awards is to recognise and encourage the development and successful implementation of sustainable interventions in the field of SAPA by an organisation. The form of these interventions is not limited, and may be in the form of:

- programs,
- events,
- infrastructure developments,
- use of open spaces,
- publications,
- promotional campaigns,
- etc.

The TAFISA Sustainability Awards are divided into four categories:

1. People: sustainable good practice targeting communities in the fields of Sport for All and :
 - Participation in sport and physical activity and/or,
 - Social inclusion and/or,
 - Empowerment.
2. Planet: sustainable good practice in the field of Sport for All, that are either:
 - Environment friendly
 - Reconciling sport with nature
 - Contributing to the preservation of the environment
3. Profit: sustainable good practice in the field of Sport for All, with a focus on:
 - Good governance
 - Funding
 - Social Responsibility
 - System of Management
 - Marketing
4. Holistic: sustainable good practice that covers all previous categories

Interventions should be:

- innovative,

- sustainable,
- transferable,
- collaborative,
- cost effective,
- accessible,
- having a social impact,
- presenting proven results
- open to all willing participants (within a specified target group, for example children or the elderly, if applicable),
- contributing to the improvement of quality of life for the participants, and
- promoting sustained physical activity.

The TAFISA Sustainability Awards are available to any organisation whose objectives are related to the promotion of SAPA, either on a local, national or international level.

Nominations for Sustainability Awards must be endorsed by a TAFISA member organisation, and subsequently assessed by a jury of experts from the Sport for All and Sustainability fields.

The TAFISA Sustainability Awards will be presented every two years at the occasion of the TAFISA World Congresses. The number of Sustainability Awards available is not limited, however it is suggested that no more than 12 be approved every two years (three per category), with at least two coming from each region: Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia/Oceania.

The TAFISA Sustainability Awards will be presented in the form of a framed certificate.

2.4. TAFISA Pioneer of Sport for All

TAFISA's most inclusive award is the Pioneer of Sport for All. Presented to individuals, the Pioneer of Sport for All recognises long term contributions to the field of SAPA on an international, regional, national or local level.

Nominations for recipients of the Pioneer of Sport for All can be made by any Board Member, and must be seconded by at least two other Board Members prior to presentation. Presentation can be by any Board Member at any appropriate regional event. There is no limit to the number of Pioneer of Sport for All awards.

The TAFISA Pioneer of Sport for All will be presented in the form of a framed certificate.

2.5. TAFISA Friend for Life

The Friend for Life Award would be given to individuals who have contributed significantly to the growth of TAFISA, but not on the same level as an Honorary Member. Recipients of this award might include, for example, the heads or key contact of host organizations of major TAFISA events, sponsors or cooperating partners.

Nominations for recipients of the TAFISA Friend for Life can be made by any Board Member, and must be seconded by at least two other Board Members prior to presentation. Presentation can be by any Board Member at any appropriate event. There is no limit to the number of TAFISA Friend for Life awards, however due consideration must be given before approving awards to maintain some level of prestige.

The TAFISA Friend for Life will be presented in the form of a framed certificate.

2.6 TAFISA Triple AC – SportCityNet Award

Triple AC (Active Cities, Active Communities, Active Citizens) is a TAFISA program supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which aims at identifying, providing recognition for and supporting communities and cities that promote the physical, personal and social benefits of active living.

SportCityNet, as part of Triple AC, is a project which was co-funded by the European Commission from January 2013 to June 2014, gathering a network of 11 pioneer cities.

TAFISA and its partners want to publicly recognize the good work being done by cities and communities around the world to promote Sport for All and physical activity. Hence TAFISA and SportCityNet Partners have developed the TAFISA Triple AC – SportCityNet Award.

The TAFISA Triple AC – SportCityNet Awards reward cities that showcase outstanding good practices in one or more of the 5 Key Success Areas to become an active city:

1. Knowledge & Awareness
2. Cooperation & Partnerships
3. Programs & Events
4. Spaces and Places
5. Monitoring, Evaluation & Continuous Improvement

Awards for “Holistic Active Cities” are presented to municipalities showcasing good practices in all of the 5 Key Success Areas.

Any city or municipality around the World can be nominated to receive the TAFISA Triple AC – SportCityNet Award.

Participation is simple: municipalities must submit, at any time, their good practice(s) to TAFISA by filling in the Registration and Good Practice Form and return it to the TAFISA office. All submitted good practices are then reviewed and acknowledged by TAFISA. Within four to six weeks, TAFISA sends to approved applicants a formal certificate announcing them as a TAFISA Triple AC Active City. The successful good practice(s) is included on the TAFISA Triple AC Website (www.triple-ac.net) and automatically registered in the running to win the TAFISA Triple AC – SportCityNet Award. The best submissions will be selected by a review committee composed of TAFISA, the City of Liverpool and SportCityNet cities’ and partners’ representatives to receive the Award.

The winners of the Awards will be announced and rewarded once every two years, at the occasion of the Awarding Ceremonies held at the TAFISA World Congresses. They are not limited in number, which means that more than one city can be awarded per Awarding Ceremony.

The TAFISA Triple AC – SportCityNet Awards will be presented in the form of a framed certificate.

For more information about the TAFISA Triple AC program: www.triple-ac.net

3. Candidate Nomination Process

Nomination of a candidate for a TAFISA award is via the submission of the relevant nomination form (see Appendix B) to the TAFISA Office. The TAFISA Office will then arrange for assessment and approval or rejection of the nomination by the relevant people at the appropriate time.

For all awards other than Honorary Membership, typically award nominations will be assessed by the Board at the next scheduled Board Meeting. However, should there be a specific need, nominations can be assessed at any time. A minimum of two weeks should be allowed for nomination assessment out of a Board Meeting, and at least one month should be allowed for award preparation or manufacture.

As previously noted, nominations for Honorary Membership can only be approved by the General Assembly. Nominations for Honorary Members should be received by the TAFISA Office no later than one month prior to a General Assembly.

Appendix A – Summary of TAFISA Awards

Award Title	Category	Target	Frequency	Decision Process	Basis	Presentation Ceremony
TAFISA Jürgen Palm Award	Exclusive	Individuals	Max. 1 per year (following max. of 3 in the first year)	Nomination by a TAFISA Board Member, and approval by the TAFISA Board.	Life long or significant once-off international achievement in the field of Sport for All (externally focussed).	Presentation by TAFISA President or Secretary General at a major TAFISA event, e.g. the World Games, World Congress or General Assembly.
Honorary Member	Exclusive	Individuals	As necessary. Recommend max. of 3 per year.	Nomination by a TAFISA Board Member, and approval by the TAFISA Board and General Assembly.	Significant contribution to TAFISA (internally focussed).	Presentation by TAFISA President or Secretary General at a General Assembly or associated World Congress.
TAFISA Sustainability Awards	Inclusive	Organisations	Every 2 years. Recommend not more than 12 in total, including at least 2 from each continent.	Nomination by TAFISA members, and assessed by a jury of experts.	Development and successful implementation of a sustainable SAPA intervention that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Innovative ▪ Transferable ▪ Collaborative ▪ Cost effective ▪ Open to all willing participants, etc. 	Presentation by TAFISA Board Member to organisation representative at TAFISA World Congresses.
Pioneer of Sport for All	Inclusive	Individuals	As necessary.	Nomination by a TAFISA Board Member, seconded by at least two other Board Members.	Long term contribution to national or regional Sport for All, e.g. National organisation leaders.	Presentation by TAFISA Regional Board Member to organisation representative at an appropriate regional ceremony.
Friend for Life	Inclusive	Individuals	As necessary.	Nominations by a TAFISA Board Member, seconded by at least two other Board Members.	Significant contribution to the growth of TAFISA, but not on the same level as an Honorary Member. Recipients might include, for example, the heads or key contact of host organizations of major TAFISA events, sponsors or cooperating partners.	Presentation by TAFISA Regional Board Member to organisation representative at an appropriate regional ceremony.
TAFISA Triple AC – SportCityNet Awards	Inclusive	Cities, Communities and Municipalities	Every 2 years.	Nomination by TAFISA members or cities or municipality, and assessed by the review committee.	Cities that submit good practices as part of the Triple AC program automatically run for the Awards. The best submissions are selected by the review committee to be granted the award.	Presentation by TAFISA Board Member at TAFISA World Congresses.

Appendix B – Nomination Forms

The following pages contain the templates for Award Nomination Forms. These are to be completed and sent to the TAFISA office, where they will be collected, recorded and forwarded as required.



Please return completed form to:
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Email: info@tafisa.net

AWARD NOMINATION FORM – TAFISA JÜRGEN PALM AWARD

Nominee Information:

Title: Ms / Mr / Dr / Prof / other: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: + _____ E-mail: _____

Fax: + _____

Details of significant and long-term contribution to international Sport for All and physical activity:

Other Comments:

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assessment (office use only):

Approved by TAFISA Board Rejected by TAFISA Board

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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AWARD NOMINATION FORM – TAFISA HONORARY MEMBER

Nominee Information:

Title: Ms / Mr / Dr / Prof / other: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: + _____ E-mail: _____

Fax: + _____

Details of significant contribution to TAFISA:

Other Comments:

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assessment (office use only):

- Approved by General Assembly Rejected by General Assembly

Signature: _____ Date: _____



AWARD NOMINATION FORM – TAFISA SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Nominee Information:

Organisation: _____

Contact Title: Ms / Mr / Dr / Prof / other: _____ First Name: _____

Position: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: + _____ E-mail: _____

Fax: + _____ Website: _____

Category: **People** **Planet** **Profit** **Holistic**

Intervention Details (please complete all appropriate sections):

Type: _____ Frequency: _____

No. Participants: _____ Partners: _____

Target Group: _____ Patrons: _____

Cost: _____ Sponsors: _____

Description: _____

- In the opinion of the nominator, this intervention is innovative, sustainable, transferable, collaborative, cost effective, open to all, contributes to improved life quality and promotes sustained physical activity.

Other Comments/Details of Attachments:

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assessment (office use only):

Approved by TAFISA Board Rejected by TAFISA Board

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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AWARD NOMINATION FORM – TAFISA PIONEER OF SPORT FOR ALL

Nominee Information:

Title: Ms / Mr / Dr / Prof / other: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: + _____ E-mail: _____

Fax: + _____

Details of long-term contribution to Sport for All and physical activity:

Other Comments:

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Seconded by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Seconded by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____