

## PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY

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### **Summary:**

The personal essence of victory in the Olympic arena allowed the athletes in major international confrontations to demonstrate originality in an amazing physical and psychological potential. Victory and defeat are inseparable: "win or lose", both are part of sport and life.

The power to impose our extensive oxygenation morality, campaigns to show the young generation, who are true heroes, that are models worthy to follow. The example is the only certain virtue.

### **Introduction:**

Once a privilege reserved to all kinds of religions, this gregarious wonder of our time, the Olympic Games, creates uneasiness and inspire nation. This is the way a new religion was born: "Sport" – the spoiled child of the modern world!

"Faster, higher, stronger!" is the motto of modern Olympic Games, and it burns those who gather at the start of a competition, in order to prove they are the best, they can do more. Against the background of superhuman efforts, temptation to fall into sin, unsubscribing, is high. Therefore, victory is difficult to obtain, and the reward comes later... sometimes too late. Is the wed of toiling!

Beyond the fireworks of records, there has been and will always be a mix of policy movement in Olympia.

Olympics could not escape the harmful interference of politics, which often had dramatic consequences on sports performance. People, who were entertained by decades of "scientific socialism", used the Olympic Games to sell an image. It does not suffer from these miming Olympic "apolitics". One day, a newspaper article invited us to enjoy the Olympic Games with pleasure and the related politics! What a pleasure!

### **Matherial:**

Then there came "boycott", the attitude of the modern manifestation of various discontents. The history of modern Olympic Games were often marked by political protests and boycotted sometimes

degenerated into acts of terrorism or racism exacerbation. It is extremely difficult to find an edition of the Olympic Games that was totally out of controversy. The series of such "frustration" began in 1956, reaching the peak in 1980, 1984 and 1988.

In the modern history of Olympics, the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960, and those in Barcelona in 1992, were almost the only ones free of political controversy.

Nazi Germany, Soviet Union and China used Olympic Games in order to strengthen their international position. The biggest blunder of this spectrum was made in 1981 when the International Olympic Committee decided that the Olympic Games were to be held back over the years in South Korea, although it could provide that they will suffer a massive east-European boycott. The spectacular change of policy in Gorbachev's Soviet Union has made the Olympic Games in Seoul enjoy an almost full participation, the countries enclosed to "North Korean cause" being a little one.

Olympic officials should avoid such future decisions. Tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, we may wake the Olympic Games will be scheduled to take place in Israel, which could generate various hostile attitudes in the Arab world.

There is one thing that is certain: political and economic interests of major power countries have often dimmed the drama of some athletes who felt, over the years, the effects of these interests have beat hollow, years of work and Spartan training, to be in the utmost form at H hour. For some time had never come, and for many it had never existed.

What do you mean, if you triumphed in Olympic circles, the rest of the performance obtained are not big deal? Or, why should sport produce drama when it is mixed with politics?

What would have happened if Romania would join boycott in 1976 at Montreal? Would there be Nadia Comaneci's performances? What about Cuban athletes who have trained years in a row, and due to his fractious, Fidel Castro said "step over" to the editions of the Olympic Games in 1984 and 1988?

At a first glance the name of Hendry Rono does not say anything. Maybe we were just tempted to look on "Google" or "Wikipedia" to find out about the Olympic record and see what this Rono has done? We find him there, because his country, Kenya, boycotted the Olympic Games in 1976 and 1980, first time joining the pan-African initiative in order to remove New Zealand from the Montreal Games, and the second time, following U.S. action in condemning the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan. Henry Rono is one of the best distance fund runners of the last century, in

fact the only modern history athletic who held at the same time, world records at 5000 meters, 10,000 meters and 3000 meters obstacles. Unfortunately, this name is now forgotten by athletic lovers, also.

These serious problems must be solved by the international community and the International Olympic Committee, because it never took any political measures.

We can only hope that politicians of the world will not be involved in sport, the Olympics will mean anything but a rich statistic concerning champions with large and amazing performances.

After the Olympic Games of Atlanta in 1996, more and more have accredited the idea that Olympia movement confronts problems such as excessive gigantism and marketing. These voices have argued by entering the Movement of Olympia "commercial spirit" have betrayed the Olympic ideals in favour of international corporations. Others, on the contrary, claimed that partners provide technology, services; products etc. ... who made the Olympic Games take place in the best conditions.

Even if the International Olympic Committee's relations with its economic, financial and trading are contested by some, they contribute to providing resources that allow the Olympic Movement achieve its mandate in terms of financial security.

Thanks to these joint efforts, the Olympic Games have become the biggest, best and most important media event of the contemporary world.

Each edition of the Olympic Games had at least one predominant figure, heroes, the way they were once called, and superstars such as they are called today.

Beyond the special physical characteristics, passionate and modest, convinced that only by through struggle and perseverance they can get to the shiny medal, these gods of the Olympic stadium who were stirring the imagination of tens of generations of young people in creating an aura around sport courage, optimism, purity, their example being the most sincere and convincing plea for life.

The personal essence surmount on the Olympic arena has allowed athletes to demonstrate originality in a potential physical and psychological amazing. Victory and defeat are inseparable. "To win or to lose" - they are both part of sport and life, and athletes have understood this best.

Unfortunately, not once, the Olympic Games have become for some, a river of clean or dirty money, true or false tears, between the banks of wealthy growing prosperity. We live with the fear that little has changed in the fantasy vices, except for those who feed or sell them...

Records and records are crumbled overnight, one after another. What now seems astonishing and extraordinary tomorrow will become something normal. Where will it go? Thus, the motto "faster, higher, stronger" adds a new dimension, "until when, up to where?"

Millions of live spectators and viewers live along with competitors the joy of triumph or the bitter defeat. Any gesture, any attitude, any happy accident or sports practice is weighing dissect and interpreted. "His Highness", the public is the unkind judge, the most exacting arbitrator. It precipitates in delusion and disgust and suddenly, it enjoys the victory, it feels sorry for its favourite beaten and it searches for explanations in the same time. It "consumes" in a "bulimic" manner the performances and the dramas of those that he idolizes.

But for a long time, the Olympic Games are no longer just a show held once every four years just for sports fans. Money policy - universal panacea of the contemporary world have unfortunately left the footprint and the most grandiose sporting events of humanity: the Olympic Games.

Do Olympic Games and politics have always gone hand in hand? Perhaps yes! Or maybe not every edition! Was some diplomatic business conducted away from the eyes of passionate sports? We wish we could understand ... as a principle, if not as finality, why are not Olympic Games left out of the influencing the world of politics and money?

We will never find answers to all the questions that are bothering us, inside scandals, corruption, intimidation, the curious and often paradoxical events that marked the career of the Olympic players is often off limited by human and inhuman, regular and irregular . These are realities that overpass the time of Olympic arena or CIO backstage.

They say that "It is important to be part of, not necessarily to win." Wrong! That has been decided by many athletes that have done all that it has been in their power in order to unfairly win a medal. Let's never forgive the people who have also stepped on the Olympic stage in order to denigrate, to disfigure, and to betray the Olympic Games. Let's put in the Olympic Games trash can the violence, the boycott, doping and the arbitrator's myopia. In sport we need real models, not impostors! And if one can't finger them, let's at least take record of them.

Let's bow in front of the "earth", the "master of the waters" and the "Admiral". Let's find out who "has stolen the samurai gold " and who "runs in the future", "quicker than the thought". Let's enter the jungle together with "Tarzan", a "light path", taking as a guide ... "the ebony lightning".

Then go on the high plateaus of the Addis-Abeba, and together with the "barefooted runner" let's seek "the flower that grows", "the deer"

and "the flying Dutch". Who knows, maybe we have luck to see "the horse man" or "the clock man".

And last but not least, we may discover the fact that "Nadia's, Lia's and Iolanda's stunts" are not a competition to the "Power Puff Girls" loved cartoon series, but the excellent performance that made us shout out as loud as we could: "We are Romanians!" as if we thought that the world would take as someone else.

Although the Olympics are not a universal panacea, it has its virtues and unimproved resources that society, segregated by political and economic interests, should discover, learn or even relearn.

### **Discussions**

Let's not fight anymore with the symbols of Olympics and let's keep our fists tight against everyone who is trying to show us that we should continue when we are the winners, but especially when we lose because as a matter of fact, the Olympic Games is the true celebration of humanity and not an event to use for displaying certain political grievance, ideological, racial or any other nature.

We are the only ones that have the power to impose our extensive oxygenation moral campaigns, to show the young generation, who are truthful heroes, who is a model worthy to follow. The example itself is a certainty, and the great champions have come along the Golgotha looking out for a glimpse of the sunshine, without pushing the others in the shadows. They crossed over losses through harsh work, wanting with fervour to conquer the Olympic palm, being obliged to compete in a frail health or severe physical disabilities, all in a terrible demonstration of the triumph of life against death. Each athlete wore on himself the message of life: the joy of living, full freedom of spirit and action.

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**Rezumat:** Esența personală a victoriei în arenele olimpice permite sportivilor din confruntările majore internaționale să-și demonstreze originalitatea și uimitoarele calități fizice și psihice. Victoria și înfrângerea sunt ambele părți ale sportului și vieții.

Puterea de a impune extensiv oxigenarea noastră morală, campanii pentru a demonstra tinerei generații, care sunt adevărații eroi, care sunt modele demne de urmat. Exemplul este singura virtute sigură.

**Titre:** Intervention en faveur de franc jeu.

**Mots clés:** Le sport, victoire, Jeux Olympiques, Jeux Olympiques se déplacent, les jeux olympiques, juste-jeu.

**Résumé:** L'essence personnelle de la victoire dans l'arène olympique a permis aux athlètes dans des confrontations internationales principales de démontrer l'originalité dans un potentiel physique et psychologique étonnant. La victoire et la défaite sont inséparables : « gagnez ou perdez », font partie de sport et la vie.

La puissance d'imposer notre moralité étendue d'oxygénation, campagnes pour montrer la jeune génération, qui sont des héros vrais, qui sont des modèles dignes pour suivre. L'exemple est la seule certaine vertu.