



International  
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**International Olympic Committee and  
World Olympians Association  
Joint Declaration  
January 2026**

The IOC and WOA have signed a new Agreement that furthers the joint mission of the IOC and WOA to support Olympians and promote Olympism in line with the Olympic Charter.

**Key points of the Agreement**

- The IOC continues to recognise the WOA, which remains an independent, non-profit association.
- The IOC commits to complying with the terms of the Agreement and will provide WOA with support including communications and other related tools, information, and annual financial support. The financial support is to be determined on a rolling basis that shall be based on clear deliverables and key performance indicators.
- WOA commits to complying with the terms of the Agreement, the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics, including the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance within the Olympic Movement.
- WOA will continue to use and manage the OLY title.
- The Agreement confirms that the IOC owns all intellectual property related to the Olympic Properties (including "OLY" and the WOA Emblem).
- WOA may use certain IOC intellectual property for non-commercial, administrative purposes only, unless otherwise agreed in advance in writing.

**What the Agreement means for NOAs**

- NOAs will be allowed to use the WOA emblem within their own emblem for non-commercial purposes subject to entering into a written agreement with their NOC and WOA and relevant guidelines, which must reflect terms specified by the IOC and WOA including compliance with the Olympic Charter and relevant WOA rules.
- The IOC will help foster close working relationships between NOCs and NOAs for the benefit of the Olympic Movement and working with WOA will endeavour to resolve any issues that may arise between NOCs and NOAs.
- WOA will provide NOAs guidance and drafts for emblem agreements and will seek approval from the IOC for the finalised agreements.
- IOC and WOA will work closely together to support NOAs and help them engage and empower Olympians to foster Olympism in their communities.