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Executive Foreword

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that youth participation in digital and technology-enabled competition is expanding globally. Governance must evolve to protect dignity, developmental wellbeing, and lawful participation while preserving innovation.

This Charter establishes a structured, risk-based doctrine to guide affiliated disciplines. It is designed to complement national law, not replace it, and to support sovereign regulatory objectives in protecting children and young participants.

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Article 0 - Definitions & Interpretive Notes

For the purposes of this Charter, the following definitions apply. These definitions are provided to reduce ambiguity and ensure interpretive consistency across jurisdictions.

0.1 Child / Minor / Youth

A *Child* or *Minor* refers to any individual under the age of 18. Where necessary, differentiated age bands are defined in Article 4.

Youth refers broadly to participants under 18, with age-tiered distinctions.

0.2 Guardian / Caregiver

A legally recognised parent, guardian, or authorised caregiver responsible for supervising and consenting to a child's participation in digital activities.

0.3 Age Assurance

A proportional method of estimating whether a participant falls within a defined age category, without necessarily collecting full identity data.

0.4 Age Verification

A higher-assurance process confirming a participant's age through documented or validated means, conducted using the least intrusive and data-minimising method appropriate to risk level.

0.5 Targeted Advertising

Advertising directed to a participant based on behavioural profiling, usage data, inferred preferences, or tracking across digital services.

0.6 Behavioural Profiling

Automated processing of personal data to evaluate or predict aspects of an individual's behaviour, preferences, economic status, health, or interests.

0.7 Gambling / Betting

Any activity involving staking money or items of monetary value on the outcome of an event with an element of chance.

0.8 Gambling-Like Mechanics

Digital systems that replicate elements of gambling, including paid randomised rewards, chance-based purchasing, wagering systems, speculative digital asset trading, or tokenised wagering.

0.9 Loot Boxes / Randomised Paid Rewards

Digital items acquired through payment where the outcome is determined by chance and the value of the reward is variable.

0.10 Dark Patterns

User interface or experience design strategies that manipulate, pressure, or mislead users into decisions contrary to their interests, including hidden fees, forced continuity, deceptive urgency, or obfuscated opt-out processes.

0.11 Biometric Data

Personal data derived from physiological or behavioural characteristics enabling identification, including facial recognition, voiceprints, fingerprint data, and behavioural biometrics.

0.12 User-Generated Content (UGC)

Content created and shared by users within a digital platform, including text, audio, video, and in-game communication.

0.13 Social Features

Digital communication functionalities including chat, voice communication, direct messaging, friend lists, and community channels.

0.14 AI / Algorithmic Systems

Automated systems, including recommender systems and engagement optimisation models, that influence content visibility, user interaction, matchmaking, moderation, or behavioural analysis.

0.15 Discipline Operator

An organisation responsible for administering an ESF-recognised competitive discipline.

0.16 Publisher

An entity responsible for distributing or commercially managing a digital product or competitive platform.

0.17 Platform

A digital service facilitating interaction, participation, competition, or content distribution.

Interpretive Note:

These definitions are provided for governance consistency and do not replace national legal definitions. Where jurisdictional definitions differ, national law prevails.

Article 1 - Preamble & Nature of Instrument

1.1 Institutional Commitment

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that digital, electronic, immersive, and technology-enabled disciplines form a significant and growing component of modern participation in sport and competition.

Children and youth are active participants in these environments. Their dignity, safety, health, and developmental wellbeing require structured governance.

This Charter establishes the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)'s doctrinal framework for responsible child and youth participation within the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-recognised disciplines.

1.2 Recognition of Sovereign Authority

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) acknowledges that national governments retain sovereign authority over child protection, digital regulation, and public health.

This Charter:

- Does not replace national legislation
- Does not supersede regulatory authority
- Does not constitute legal advice
- Does not certify compliance with national law

Affiliated entities remain solely responsible for compliance with all applicable laws within their jurisdictions.

1.3 Nature of Instrument

This Charter is a voluntary governance doctrine and compliance facilitation framework.

It provides:

- Institutional principles
- Structural guidance
- Safeguarding expectations
- Risk-based governance standards

It does not function as a regulatory statute, enforcement regime, or legal certification system.

1.4 Separation of Governance & Commercial Activity

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) operates as a governance body within the broader Elympia ecosystem.

This Charter applies exclusively to governance oversight of competitive disciplines and does not extend to commercial activities outside Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognised structures.

This separation preserves institutional clarity between governance architecture and commercial enterprise.

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1.5 Recognition of Shared Responsibility

Digital child safety is a shared responsibility among:

- Platforms and discipline operators
- Publishers
- Guardians
- Governments
- Service providers

This Charter establishes Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)'s role within that shared ecosystem.

Article 2 - Scope & Applicability

2.1 Applicability

This Charter applies to:

- ESF-recognised digital disciplines
- VR, AR, and immersive competition environments
- Tournament organisers under ESF sanction
- Affiliated discipline operators
- Publishers participating in ESF competitions
- International chapters operating under ESF governance

2.2 Ecosystem Responsibility Map

Primary Duty Holders (Within ESF Scope):

- Discipline operators
- Tournament organisers
- Participating publishers

Secondary Duty Holders (Shared Influence):

- Platform service providers
- Payment processors
- Streaming partners

Adjacent Actors (Outside ESF Control):

- Internet service providers
- App stores
- Hardware manufacturers

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) governance expectations apply to affiliated entities while recognising that certain actors operate beyond Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) authority.

2.3 Complementary Role to National Law

This Charter is designed to complement, not duplicate, national child digital safety frameworks. Where national law establishes stricter requirements, those requirements prevail.

Article 3 - Foundational Governance Principles

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Child & Youth Digital Participation Charter is guided by the following principles:

3.1 Risk-Based Design

Participation structures must reflect proportional risk assessment, particularly for younger age tiers. Governance decisions must consider psychological, social, and economic impact.

3.2 Privacy by Default

Default settings for minors must prioritise maximum privacy protection, minimal data exposure, and restricted discoverability.

3.3 Age Tier Segmentation

Children are not a uniform demographic. Governance structures must differentiate safeguards by defined developmental stages.

3.4 Balanced Digital Participation

Digital participation must coexist with physical wellbeing, education, and social development. The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) governance does not promote excessive engagement and recognises the importance of balance.

3.5 Transparency in Monetisation

Monetisation systems must be clear, non-deceptive, and proportionate. Minors must not be exposed to exploitative or gambling-equivalent mechanics.

3.6 Non-Exploitation

No system should intentionally exploit behavioural vulnerabilities, cognitive immaturity, or impulsivity in minors.

3.7 Dignity & Psychological Safety

Participants must be protected from harassment, humiliation, coercion, and exposure to harmful content.

3.8 Data Minimisation

Only data strictly necessary for participation should be collected. Excessive or speculative data harvesting is inconsistent with Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) governance standards.

3.9 Inclusion & Accessibility

Participation must be inclusive, non-discriminatory, and accessible to individuals with disabilities or neurodiverse conditions.

3.10 Shared Accountability

Guardians, operators, and governance bodies share responsibility for safe participation. Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) governance supports this shared model without displacing legal parental authority.

Article 4 - Age Tier Governance Model

Recognising developmental differences among minors, the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) establishes a structured age-tier governance model to guide discipline operators and affiliated entities.

This model is intended as a governance framework. It does not replace national legal age thresholds.

4.1 Age Tier Classifications

For governance purposes, the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises the following age tiers:

- **Tier A:** Under 7
- **Tier B:** 7–12
- **Tier C:** 13–15
- **Tier D:** 16–17
- **Tier E:** 18+ (Adult Governance Standard)

4.2 Tier A – Under 7

Participation in competitive digital disciplines is generally discouraged except in structured, supervised educational contexts.

Governance expectations:

- No open social features
- No direct messaging or public communication channels
- No behavioural advertising
- No monetisation mechanisms
- Strict guardian-controlled access
- No public ranking exposure
- No biometric data collection

Participation, where permitted, must be low-intensity and educational in nature.

4.3 Tier B – 7–12

Participation may be permitted within structured safeguards.

Governance expectations:

- Privacy-by-default profiles
- No open DMs or public chat channels
- Restricted friend lists, guardian-managed
- No targeted advertising
- No gambling or gambling-like mechanics
- No randomised paid rewards
- Monetisation limited to transparent, fixed-price purchases (where permitted by law)
- Guardian consent required for account activation
- Limited session durations encouraged
- Competition formats designed to avoid psychological pressure or public humiliation

4.4 Tier C – 13–15

Participation may expand with graduated safeguards.

Governance expectations:

- Age assurance mechanisms required
- Privacy-by-default settings
- Restricted public discoverability
- Limited behavioural advertising subject to national law
- No gambling or gambling-like mechanics
- No speculative digital asset trading
- Moderated chat environments
- Clear reporting channels
- Transparent monetisation disclosures
- Structured tournament intensity

4.5 Tier D – 16–17

Participation permitted with near-adult governance structures, subject to enhanced safeguarding.

Governance expectations:

- Age assurance or verification proportionate to risk
- Transparent monetisation
- Clear disclosure of in-game purchases
- Anti-harassment enforcement
- No gambling access where prohibited by law
- Safeguards for high-performance tournament environments

4.6 Cross-Tier Safeguard

Where uncertainty exists regarding age classification, the stricter safeguard tier should apply until age is reasonably established.

Article 5 - Age Assurance & Verification Principles

Age governance must balance safety, proportionality, and data minimisation.

5.1 Least Intrusive Principle

Age determination methods must use the least intrusive mechanism proportionate to the risk of the activity.

Higher-risk features (monetisation, communication exposure, competitive prize pools) may justify stronger verification measures.

5.2 Data Minimisation

Age assurance processes must:

- Avoid excessive identity data collection
- Avoid permanent storage of identity documentation where unnecessary
- Implement secure deletion policies
- Prevent repurposing of age verification data

5.3 Proportional Escalation

A tiered approach should be applied:

1. Self-declaration (low-risk environments)
2. Age estimation technologies
3. Verified guardian consent
4. Documentary age verification (higher-risk environments)

5.4 Retention Limits

Data collected for age verification must not be retained beyond what is strictly necessary for compliance and safeguarding.

5.5 Third-Party Providers

Where third-party age verification vendors are used, discipline operators must ensure:

- Privacy compliance
- Data security safeguards
- Clear contractual boundaries

Article 6 - Digital Health & Wellbeing Doctrine

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that digital participation can provide social, cognitive, and competitive benefits when structured responsibly.

At the same time, excessive or poorly designed engagement systems may negatively affect physical, psychological, and developmental wellbeing.

This Charter adopts a balanced approach.

6.1 Balanced Participation Principle

Digital competition must coexist with:

- Education
- Physical activity
- Social interaction
- Rest

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) governance does not promote continuous or excessive engagement.

6.2 Session Structure & Duration

For youth tiers, operators are encouraged to:

- Implement natural session breaks
- Avoid extended continuous tournament blocks
- Encourage rest intervals
- Design youth tournaments with developmentally appropriate durations

6.3 Anti-Addictive Design Expectations

Platforms participating in the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) disciplines should avoid:

- Artificial urgency loops
- Endless reward cycles
- Manipulative scarcity mechanics
- Psychological pressure triggers

Particularly in environments accessible to minors.

6.4 Psychological Wellbeing Safeguards

Governance structures should mitigate:

- Public humiliation
- Persistent ranking exposure for young participants
- Harassment amplification
- Toxic communication patterns

Moderation mechanisms must be active and proportionate.

6.5 Educational & Developmental Considerations

Where possible, digital participation environments should:

- Promote skill development
- Encourage teamwork and respect
- Avoid undermining educational commitments

6.6 No Normalisation of Harmful Financial Risk

Minors must not be exposed to financial risk mechanisms that resemble speculative trading, wagering, or high-risk economic behaviour.

Article 7 – Safeguarding & Online Harm Prevention

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that digital environments present both opportunities and risks for minors. Effective safeguarding requires structural design, operational oversight, and clear reporting pathways.

This Article establishes governance expectations for affiliated entities to mitigate harm while respecting jurisdictional authority.

7.1 Safeguarding by Design

Discipline operators and affiliated platforms must incorporate safeguarding considerations into:

- Account creation processes
- Communication features
- Competition formats
- Moderation systems
- Reporting tools

Safeguarding must not be solely reactive but integrated at the design stage.

7.2 Protection Against Grooming & Exploitation

Governance expectations include:

- Restricted communication pathways for younger tiers
- Monitoring systems proportionate to risk
- Escalation mechanisms for suspicious behaviour
- Immediate reporting procedures aligned with national legal requirements

Operators must ensure that mechanisms exist to respond to suspected exploitation without delay.

7.3 Harassment, Bullying & Toxic Conduct

Affiliated entities must maintain:

- Clear codes of conduct
- Proportionate moderation systems
- Escalation protocols
- Transparent disciplinary pathways

Particular care must be taken in ranked or competitive environments where emotional intensity may increase harmful conduct.

7.4 Doxxing & Privacy Abuse Prevention

Platforms must mitigate risks associated with:

- Exposure of personal identifying information
- Coercive sharing of private data
- Location disclosure
- Persistent tracking

Privacy-by-default settings for minors must limit public discoverability.

7.5 User-Generated Content (UGC) Governance

Where UGC is permitted:

- Moderation systems must be active and proportionate

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- Clear reporting channels must be accessible
- Content escalation processes must exist
- Youth tiers must have restricted exposure to public content streams

7.6 Communication Controls by Age Tier

For Tier A and Tier B participants:

- Open DMs are prohibited
- Public chat channels must be disabled or strictly moderated
- Guardian-managed friend lists are required

For Tier C participants:

- Moderated communication channels permitted
- Reporting tools prominently accessible

For Tier D participants:

- Graduated permissions with active moderation

7.7 Incident Reporting & Escalation

Affiliated entities must establish:

- Internal reporting workflows
- Time-bound response expectations
- Clear escalation to appropriate authorities where legally required
- Documentation processes proportionate to risk

This Charter does not replace national reporting obligations.

7.8 Cooperation with Authorities

Where serious harm, exploitation, or illegal content is identified, affiliated entities must cooperate with relevant national authorities consistent with applicable law.

Article 8 - AI & Algorithmic Systems Governance

Digital competition increasingly relies on automated systems. The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that algorithmic systems can amplify both positive engagement and harmful exposure.

This Article establishes governance expectations for AI-influenced environments involving minors.

8.1 Engagement Optimisation Limits

For minor-accessible environments, affiliated entities should avoid:

- Algorithmic amplification of emotionally extreme content
- Systems designed to maximise continuous engagement through behavioural manipulation
- Persistent reward triggers engineered to override self-regulation

8.2 Human Oversight

Automated moderation or content systems must include meaningful human review pathways, particularly where:

- Disciplinary action is taken
- Account restrictions are imposed
- Harassment reports are escalated

8.3 Fairness & Bias Mitigation

Algorithmic systems affecting minors must consider:

- Non-discrimination
- Fair matchmaking systems
- Avoidance of biased moderation practices
- Transparent ranking methodologies

8.4 Behavioural Prediction Limitations

Affiliated entities must not deploy predictive systems that:

- Profile minors for psychological vulnerability
- Exploit behavioural impulsivity
- Encourage financially risky decisions

8.5 Transparency Expectations

Operators should provide:

- Clear explanation of ranking systems
- Disclosure of automated moderation processes
- Accessible user explanations of AI-driven outcomes

Transparency strengthens trust and reduces confusion.

Article 9 - Commercial & Financial Safeguards

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that monetisation structures must be proportionate and transparent when minors are involved.

This Article establishes governance expectations to prevent exploitative or gambling-equivalent exposure.

9.1 Prohibition of Gambling & Betting for Minors

Minors must not be exposed to:

- Real-money wagering
- Prize pools funded by participant stakes
- Betting on match outcomes

Where national law prohibits such activities, those prohibitions prevail.

9.2 Gambling-Like Mechanics

Affiliated entities must not implement for minors:

- Paid randomised reward systems
- Chance-based purchasing mechanisms
- Tokenised wagering systems
- Financialised digital asset speculation

9.3 Loot Boxes & Randomised Paid Rewards

For minor-accessible environments:

- Randomised paid rewards should be avoided
- If permitted under national law for older tiers, full probability disclosure must be transparent
- Younger tiers must not have access

9.4 Digital Asset & Token Restrictions

Minors must not participate in:

- Speculative digital asset trading
- Financialised token ecosystems
- High-volatility digital reward structures

Governance structures must prevent financial risk exposure beyond developmentally appropriate levels.

9.5 Advertising & Behavioural Targeting

For Tier A and Tier B:

- Behavioural advertising is prohibited
- Targeted advertising based on profiling is prohibited

For Tier C and D:

- Advertising must be transparent
- Profiling must comply with applicable law
- No exploitative targeting practices

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9.6 Dark Pattern Prohibition

Affiliated entities must not deploy:

- Deceptive urgency
- Hidden subscription traps
- Manipulative purchase prompts
- Coercive in-game design mechanisms

Particularly in environments accessible to minors.

Article 10 - Data Governance Framework

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that personal data relating to minors requires heightened safeguards. Data governance must be proportionate, transparent, and aligned with national legal frameworks.

10.1 Data Minimisation Principle

Affiliated entities must collect only data that is:

- Strictly necessary for participation
- Proportionate to the risk level of the activity
- Clearly explained in accessible language

Excessive or speculative data collection is inconsistent with the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) governance expectations.

10.2 Guardian Consent

Where required by applicable law:

- Verified guardian consent must be obtained prior to account activation or participation
- Consent mechanisms must be transparent and revocable
- Withdrawal of consent must be respected without punitive consequences

10.3 Anonymised Analytics

Performance analytics involving minors should:

- Use anonymised or aggregated data where possible
- Avoid unnecessary identification
- Prevent external data resale or profiling

10.4 Biometric Data Restrictions

Biometric data involving minors must:

- Only be collected where strictly necessary
- Be subject to enhanced safeguards
- Not be used for commercial profiling
- Not be retained beyond legitimate necessity

10.5 Data Security & Retention

Affiliated entities must:

- Implement reasonable technical and organisational safeguards
- Maintain proportionate retention limits
- Prevent unauthorised access
- Establish breach response procedures

10.6 Cross-Border Data Considerations

Where data relating to minors is transferred across jurisdictions:

- Transfers must comply with applicable law
- Safeguards must be proportionate
- Stricter child protection standards should prevail where conflicts arise

Article 11 - Youth Safeguarding in Physical ESF Events

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that safeguarding extends beyond digital environments into physical tournaments, training sessions, and sanctioned events.

11.1 Codes of Conduct

Event organisers must maintain:

- Clear behavioural codes
- Anti-harassment policies
- Professional boundaries between staff and minors

11.2 Supervision & Access Control

Youth events must ensure:

- Controlled venue access
- Restricted backstage areas
- Appropriate supervision ratios
- Clear identification protocols

11.3 Travel Safeguards

Where youth travel is involved:

- Guardian consent documentation must be secured
- Safe accommodation arrangements must be verified
- Appropriate adult supervision must be designated

11.4 Photography & Media Exposure

Minors must not be:

- Photographed or filmed without consent
- Publicly exposed in ways that compromise dignity
- Subjected to exploitative media practices

11.5 Reporting at Events

Clear safeguarding reporting channels must be accessible at all sanctioned youth events.

Article 12 - Inclusion, Accessibility & Non-Discrimination

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) affirms that child and youth participation must be inclusive and respectful of diversity.

12.1 Accessibility

Affiliated entities should consider:

- Interface accessibility
- Adaptive competition formats
- Accommodations for physical or cognitive differences

12.2 Neurodiversity Considerations

Competition structures should:

- Avoid punitive responses to communication differences
- Allow structured accommodation
- Promote supportive participation environments

12.3 Non-Discrimination

Participation must not be denied or restricted based on:

- Disability
- Race
- Gender
- Religion
- Socioeconomic status

Consistent with applicable law.

Article 13 - Accountability, Transparency & Assurance

Governance credibility requires structured oversight.

13.1 Affiliate Self-Certification

Affiliated entities are expected to:

- Periodically declare alignment with this Charter
- Maintain internal documentation demonstrating governance processes

13.2 Transparency Statements

Where appropriate, affiliated entities should publish:

- High-level safety commitments
- Reporting statistics in anonymised form
- Governance updates

13.3 Risk-Based Review

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) may conduct proportionate governance reviews consistent with its non-regulatory role.

Reviews do not constitute legal certification.

Such reviews are advisory in nature and do not constitute regulatory inspection, audit certification, or legal compliance verification.

13.4 Training Expectations

Affiliated organisations should provide:

- Staff safeguarding awareness training
- Moderation protocol education
- Youth protection guidance

13.5 Record-Keeping

Documentation of safeguarding processes must be:

- Proportionate
- Secure
- Retained for appropriate periods

Article 14 - International Compatibility Statement

This Charter is designed to align with internationally recognised child digital safety principles and national regulatory frameworks, including but not limited to:

- UAE Federal Decree Law No. 26 of 2025 on Child Digital Safety
- European Union Digital Services Act
- United Kingdom Online Safety Act
- Public health guidance relating to youth digital participation
- International child rights principles

This Charter does not replace national law.

Affiliated entities remain responsible for compliance with all applicable legislation.

This Charter is intended to operate as a governance reference framework within sovereign legal environments.

Article 15 - Community & Social Platform Integration Governance

15.1 Recognition of Hybrid Digital Environments

ESF recognises that modern digital disciplines may operate within or alongside community-oriented digital environments that include:

- Persistent user profiles
- Content feeds
- User-generated content (UGC)
- Direct messaging and voice communication
- Follower or subscriber metrics
- Creator monetisation systems
- Algorithmic content discovery

Such environments may function as gaming platforms, communication systems, or social ecosystems.

Where Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-recognised disciplines operate within or integrate such features, additional governance safeguards apply.

15.2 Scope of Governance

This Article applies to:

1. **First-Party Environments**
Social and community features operated directly within Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-affiliated platforms or ecosystems.
2. **Third-Party Platforms**
External communication or digital environments utilised for Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-sanctioned activities, including competition communication, training, streaming, or community management.

This Article does not assert regulatory authority over external platforms. It establishes governance expectations for affiliated entities using such platforms.

15.3 Age-Tier Governance Within Community Features

Where community or social features are accessible to minors, discipline operators must apply the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Age Tier Governance Model (Article 4).

Tier A (Under 7)

- No public content feeds
- No open communication channels
- No follower metrics
- No content publishing capabilities

Tier B (7–12)

- No open public feed exposure
- No algorithmic trending or viral amplification
- Restricted friend lists managed with guardian oversight
- No public follower or subscriber metrics
- No monetised creator functions

Tier C (13–15)

- Moderated community access
- Restricted discoverability
- Transparent content reporting mechanisms
- No behavioural advertising targeting
- Monetisation features, if permitted by law, subject to enhanced disclosure

Tier D (16–17)

- Graduated access with moderation safeguards
- Clear reporting tools
- Transparent monetisation disclosure
- Protection from exploitative sponsorship arrangements

15.4 Algorithmic Feed & Amplification Controls

Where algorithmic systems determine content visibility within youth-accessible environments:

- Emotionally extreme content must not be artificially amplified.
- Engagement-optimisation systems must not exploit behavioural vulnerability.
- Virality pressure loops must not be deployed for younger tiers.
- Public ranking metrics tied to social approval (e.g., follower counts) should be limited or disabled for Tier A and Tier B participants.

Algorithmic systems must be proportionate to participant age and risk exposure.

15.5 Creator & Influencer Safeguards for Minors

Where minors participate as content creators within Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-recognised environments:

- Monetisation must be transparent and developmentally appropriate.
- Guardian consent must be secured where legally required.
- Revenue-sharing models must not exploit cognitive immaturity.
- Sponsorship arrangements involving minors must comply with applicable child protection and advertising standards.
- Public exposure must not compromise dignity or privacy.

Younger tiers must not be incentivised through follower-based status systems that create undue psychological pressure.

15.6 Communication & Cross-Age Interaction Controls

Where social or communication platforms are used in connection with Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-sanctioned disciplines:

- Cross-age private messaging between minors and unknown adults must be restricted.
- Youth-accessible channels must be actively moderated.
- Clear reporting tools must be prominently accessible.
- Persistent anonymous communication for younger tiers should be avoided.

For third-party platforms used for event coordination or team management, discipline operators must implement structured moderation oversight within their managed spaces.

15.7 Third-Party Platform Governance Responsibility

Where Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-sanctioned activities utilise third-party platforms:

- Discipline operators remain responsible for safeguarding within their managed communities.
- Clear codes of conduct must apply within those environments.
- Moderation responsibilities must be assigned to designated personnel.
- Safeguarding procedures must be documented.

This Charter does not extend regulatory authority over external platforms but establishes governance expectations for affiliated usage.

15.8 Advertising & Commercial Integration Within Social Environments

Within youth-accessible community features:

- Behavioural advertising for Tier A and Tier B participants is prohibited.
- Sponsored content must be clearly labelled.
- Influencer-based marketing involving minors must comply with national advertising standards.
- No monetisation systems should create financial pressure on younger participants to produce content for economic gain.

15.9 Content Reporting & Escalation

All community-enabled environments must include:

- Accessible reporting mechanisms
- Clear escalation pathways
- Time-bound response expectations
- Documentation of resolution processes

Where legally required, serious incidents must be escalated to relevant national authorities.

15.10 Preservation of Dignity & Developmental Integrity

Community and social participation must not:

- Encourage public humiliation
- Incentivise risky behavioural exposure
- Normalise harassment or exploitative interaction
- Create environments where popularity metrics override wellbeing

Governance expectations must prioritise developmental integrity over engagement growth.

15.11 Institutional Boundary

Nothing in this Article shall be interpreted as:

- Establishing the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) as a regulator of third-party platforms
- Imposing statutory obligations beyond those required by law
- Certifying the legal compliance of external social media providers

This Article establishes governance standards applicable to Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)-affiliated discipline operators and sanctioned activities.

15.12 Limitation of Governance Scope

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) provides governance guidance in good faith. Responsibility for operational implementation, regulatory compliance, and enforcement remains with affiliated entities and relevant national authorities. Nothing in this Charter shall be construed as creating statutory liability for the Federation.

UAE Alignment Addendum

Alignment with Federal Decree Law No. 26 of 2025 on Child Digital Safety

1. Recognition of Sovereign Authority

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) acknowledges and respects the sovereign regulatory authority of the United Arab Emirates in establishing Federal Decree Law No. 26 of 2025 on Child Digital Safety.

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Child & Youth Digital Participation Charter is designed to operate in harmony with national regulatory frameworks and does not replace, override, or reinterpret UAE law.

Affiliated entities operating within the UAE remain solely responsible for full compliance with all applicable federal and emirate-level regulations.

2. Structural Compatibility

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Charter aligns structurally with the principles reflected in Federal Decree Law No. 26 of 2025, including:

- Risk-based digital platform classification
- Privacy-by-default safeguards
- Age-tier segmentation
- Enhanced protections for children under 13
- Restrictions on gambling and gambling-like mechanisms
- Parental responsibility integration
- Platform accountability for safeguarding

The Charter's governance architecture is designed to complement these principles within the specific context of competitive digital disciplines.

3. Shared Responsibility Model

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises that UAE law formalises parental responsibility as a central pillar of child digital safety.

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Charter reinforces this shared accountability model by:

- Integrating guardian consent structures
- Requiring parental control integration where appropriate
- Encouraging educational and developmental balance
- Providing structured reporting mechanisms

This alignment respects the cultural and legal foundations of the UAE's approach to child digital governance.

4. Governance Role Clarification

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) operates as a voluntary international governance body for emerging digital and technology-enabled sports.

Within the UAE:

- The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) does not function as a regulator
- The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) does not issue statutory approvals
- The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) does not certify legal compliance

Its role is to provide governance architecture that assists affiliated disciplines in structuring responsible participation.

5. Cooperative Posture

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) expresses its readiness to:

- Engage constructively with UAE authorities
- Adapt governance expectations where national law evolves
- Participate in dialogue concerning youth digital participation standards
- Support harmonisation between competitive digital disciplines and national child safety objectives

Such cooperation would be conducted in full respect of UAE regulatory processes and institutional leadership.

6. Non-Exclusivity & International Scalability

While aligned with UAE Federal Decree Law No. 26 of 2025, this Charter remains internationally scalable.

Where regulatory frameworks differ across jurisdictions, affiliates must comply with the applicable national legal standard.

7. Concluding Statement

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Child & Youth Digital Participation Charter reflects the Federation's commitment to responsible governance of digital sport and youth participation.

In recognising the UAE's leadership in formalising digital child safety through Federal Decree Law No. 26 of 2025, the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) affirms its intention to align governance structures with sovereign frameworks while preserving its independent, non-regulatory role.

Australia Alignment Addendum

Alignment with Australian Online Safety and Social Media Governance Frameworks

1. Recognition of Australian Sovereign Authority

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) recognises and respects the sovereign authority of the Commonwealth of Australia in establishing and enforcing national frameworks governing online safety, social media participation, digital platform accountability, and child protection.

This Addendum affirms that the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Child & Youth Digital Participation Charter is designed to operate in harmony with Australian law and regulatory oversight.

Nothing in this Charter replaces, overrides, or reinterprets Australian legislation. Affiliated entities operating within Australia remain solely responsible for compliance with all applicable federal and state laws.

2. Structural Compatibility with Australian Online Safety Frameworks

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Charter is structurally compatible with the principles embedded in Australian online safety governance, including:

- Risk-based platform responsibility
- Protection of children from harmful online practices
- Safeguarding against cyberbullying and exploitation
- Clear reporting and complaint escalation mechanisms
- Platform duty-of-care expectations
- Parental empowerment and supervisory responsibility
- Proportionate regulation of digital and social media environments

The Charter's age-tier governance model, safeguarding provisions, algorithmic oversight standards, and commercial restrictions are consistent with Australia's evolving regulatory posture toward youth digital participation.

3. Alignment with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) acknowledges the leadership role of the eSafety Commissioner in promoting safer online environments for Australian children.

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Charter aligns with key eSafety priorities, including:

- Prevention of online abuse and harassment
- Rapid reporting and removal pathways
- Protection against grooming and exploitation
- Education and awareness for guardians and young participants
- Accountability structures for digital service providers

Elympic Sports Federation (ESF)'s safeguarding and reporting framework complements, but does not substitute for, national regulatory mechanisms administered by Australian authorities.

4. Social Media & Age-Based Participation Considerations

Australia's ongoing reforms relating to youth access to social media platforms reflect heightened attention to:

- Developmentally appropriate access
- Platform accountability
- Age verification and assurance systems
- Minimisation of algorithm-driven harm
- Mental health impacts of online engagement

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Charter incorporates comparable principles through:

- Structured age-tier segmentation
- Restrictions on algorithmic amplification for minors
- Prohibition of exploitative monetisation
- Limitations on behavioural advertising for younger tiers
- Safeguards within community-enabled digital environments

These measures are designed to ensure that competitive digital disciplines operating in Australia maintain a governance posture consistent with national expectations.

5. Parental Responsibility & Shared Accountability

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Charter reinforces the principle that digital child safety is a shared responsibility between:

- Platforms and discipline operators
- Guardians and caregivers
- Governance bodies
- Regulatory authorities

This shared model reflects Australia's approach to strengthening parental awareness and oversight in digital participation environments.

6. Mental Health & Developmental Considerations

Australia's policy discussions around youth digital participation frequently reference psychological wellbeing, cyberbullying, and developmental risk.

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Digital Health & Wellbeing Doctrine aligns with these priorities by:

- Encouraging balanced digital engagement
- Avoiding engagement-maximising design patterns for minors
- Mitigating public humiliation and social pressure metrics
- Restricting monetisation systems that may create financial stress for youth participants

The Charter recognises the importance of supporting healthy developmental outcomes alongside competitive participation.

7. Cooperative Posture

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) expresses its willingness to engage constructively with Australian authorities and stakeholders to:

- Share governance best practices
- Align safeguarding methodologies
- Support youth protection initiatives within digital sport

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- Contribute to dialogue on safe participation standards

Any such engagement would be conducted with full respect for Australian legislative processes and regulatory leadership.

8. Jurisdictional Clarification

This Addendum does not:

- Establish the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) as a regulatory authority in Australia
- Certify compliance of affiliated entities with Australian law
- Create statutory obligations beyond those required by legislation

Affiliated entities operating in Australia remain independently responsible for compliance with applicable Commonwealth and state legal frameworks.

9. Concluding Statement

The Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) Child & Youth Digital Participation Charter reflects the Federation's commitment to responsible governance of youth participation in digital and technology-enabled competitive disciplines.

In recognising Australia's leadership in advancing online safety and social media accountability, the Elympic Sports Federation (ESF) affirms its intention to align governance structures with national standards while preserving its independent, non-regulatory role as a global sports governance body.