

## The #Sport4Recovery Manifesto

### An international initiative to safely re-open organised sports

The COVID-19 lockdown has caused a total cessation of organised sport including major sporting events around the globe. **As we open up again, we believe that organised sport should start as quickly as is safely possible, given the substantial physical and mental health, as well as economic benefits sport provides society at large.**

With the cessation of organised sport also comes tremendous organisational and personal uncertainties about the future of a sector – including the grassroots and youth development level – which has been shaped and grown over decades and provides a key societal function as well as providing an important economic impact contribution globally, nationally and in local communities. **Organised sport and physical exercise significantly contribute to overall wellbeing and health which has been shown to be critical to individuals avoiding the most severe reactions to COVID-19.**

**That is why we created #Sport4Recovery. To work with policymakers to open up organised sports safely and quickly.** We believe that sport can also serve as a role model for other sectors of society demonstrating and promoting the organisation of safe and disciplined activities. Organised sport is – and must continue to be – carried out under defined rules and regulations through controlled procedures with strict medical and safety protocols to ensure the health and welfare of the athletes and participants.

#### Therefore: we the undersigned, are asking governments to...

1. Recognise the importance of organised sport given its societal, physical and mental health benefits, especially as we emerge from months of lockdown that has restricted the ability of athletes to participate in their livelihoods and fans the opportunity to watch sport.
  2. Work with sports governing bodies and other stakeholders to develop and approve detailed protocols to enable the timely re-opening of venues, training and competition.
  3. Protect the sports sector from further massive economic and structural damage by actively supporting the development of a sustainable pathway to re-open when it is safe for everyone involved.
  4. Ease national and international travel and accommodation regulations for top athletes, teams and officials, in line with health and safety protocols.
  5. Consider the needs of each individual sport; support for women's sports both at the grassroots and top level; and the importance of sport for the disabled.
- And in line with the safety principles that have been established for other sectors:
6. Enable spectators to attend live sporting events.
  7. Allow amateur sports clubs and facilities to open.
  8. Begin to ease national and international travel and accommodation regulations for spectators and fans.

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**#Sport4Recovery** is fully committed to working with governments and health authorities to ensure this is done safely - in accordance with necessary measures such as frequent testing for top athletes, social distancing, defined hygiene measures, as well as monitoring and tracking protocols sanctioned by government authorities.

[www.Sport4Recovery.org](http://www.Sport4Recovery.org)

The founding underwriters of the #Sport4Recovery manifesto are (in alphabetical order):



**#Sport4Recovery** welcomes additional supporters from across our sector to join the campaign.

## Sign-up Form

Organisation  
Authorised Representative  
Delegate for day-to-day work  
Postal Address  
URL  
E-Mail  
Mobile Phone  
Social Media Handles

With our signature we confirm our commitment to actively support and endorse the #Sport4Recovery Campaign. We agree to provide the following concrete support measure(s):

We lend our name to the campaign and agree to our organisational logo on all campaign collaterals and channels.

We agree to help recruit additional campaign members.

We agree to become an active member of one or several of the following campaign working groups:

- Campaign Steering Committee
- Public Relations / Media Outreach Working Group
- Lobbying / Political Outreach Working Group
- Fan Engagement

We agree to help share the following contact assets and help activate those:

- Media distribution lists
- Lists of political contacts
- Access to influencers incl. athletes
- Access to 3rd party endorsers (scientists)

We agree to promote the campaign on our organisational website and social media platforms as well as through orchestrated PR activities.

We are prepared to support the campaign with the following:

- Cash contribution
- Free-of-charge advertising / promotional space
- Administrative and/or editorial resources
- Other – Please specify:

Date

Signature