

Ethics4Sports - An ERASMUS+ co-funded project surrounding perceptions of fairness in grassroots sport.

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Progress since our last newsletter

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Since we last published a report the E4S group have met once more in Germany. The meeting was hosted by ERG Iserlon.

In this newsletter we want to talk about the publishing of the projects electronic handbook and the launching of the Ethcs4Sports App as well as some of the activities that have been undertaken by the partners in the period since our last newsletter.

1. Electronic handbook

Handbook on Fairness and Ethical Behaviour

Academic colleagues from the UK (Leicester) and France (Nantes) involved in the E4S project produced a HANDBOOK ON FAIRNESS & ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR BEST PRACTICE IN SPORT IN EUROPE 2017. The aim of the handbook is to review recent European legislation and protocols in this area, while also dealing with some complex definitional issues around our understanding of what 'fair play' actually means in sport.

We did not deal directly with questions of drug abuse or corruption in sport: those matters have been dealt with extensively elsewhere. Instead, here we focus on important moral and ethical questions faced by athletes on the sporting playing field or in the arena. But we also argue that 'fairness' in sport

participate in sport as players, fans, coaches and administrators.



Figure 4: Olympics 2016, women's 5000 metres heat. D'Agostino and Hamblin settle into the field before the latter stumbled and the former lent a sporting hand.

As well as offering examples of exemplary fairness from professional sport – as in the women's 5000 metres at the 2016 Olympic Games – the Handbook also raises some critical questions about holding athletes in elite level or professional sport as potential role models for young people at a moment when 'bending' or breaking the rules, and deception and cheating in some elite levels of sport seems to have become an institutionalised part of the competitive sporting ethic, something which is widely accepted by players, coaches and even by partisan fans.

But what also seems clear from the little reliable empirical research which has been conducted on public perceptions of sport and fairness is that fans of different sports may have very different approaches and different responses to ethical questions, including in terms of respect for officials and strategic forms of cheating in their own sports (see Table 1 taken from a UK study of sports fans by McNamee et al, 2007).

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Sport	N	Agree (%)	Neither (%)	Disagree (%)	Don't know (%)	η	\bar{R}^*	
Football	216	59	13	28	0	2.0000	548.7	
Tennis	213	92	4	4	0	2.0000	389.1	
Cricket	212	72	14	14	0	2.0000	483.5	
Golf	207	100	0	0	0	2.0000	270.9	

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The Handbook ends with a more detailed discussion of recent developments in sports fairness campaigns and policy in two of the E4S partners – the UK and France – and with a description of the work underway in Sant Cugat in Spain and the E4S development of the ‘Big Six’ strategy, which might be a way forward for sports clubs across Europe, particularly in working with young people on the promotion of the ethos of fairness in sport and why it needs to be defended.

2. Grassroots Football Building on the BIG SIX strategy in the UK

United Kingdom contributors AFC Barwell have been busy building on and developing the Big Six schema within the football club. Over the last year the make up of the football club has changed with the greater numbers of players being much younger. With this in mind flash cards containing the main big six point broken down into sub points have been produced and are in use. The flash cards contain photographs of much younger players and are visually more appealing and eye catching.

The football club were also involved in local radio interviews about ethical issues and the education of young children in sporting fairness.

The club have also been running events in order to promote the project. two of the events, an ethics fixture day and a big six tournament received great feedback from the other clubs that attended.





1. Help team mates, respect opponents.
2. Follow the rules and laws.
3. Play fair. Don't cheat.
4. Only hear the coach.
5. No Referee, no game.
6. Have fun and try to win !



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The partners have been working hard to publicise the project we have provided links below to articles about some of the activity.

Local activities in Italy

<http://www.scuoladipallavolo.it/progetti-2/ethics4sports/attivita-locali/>

Italian dissemination material

<http://www.scuoladipallavolo.it/progetti-2/ethics4sports/comunicazione/>

Activity has also been high in Germany

As the planned New Year **E4S-Cup Kids against Parents** was unfortunately indisposed at short notice, this event is now postponed to Summer 2018. At the end of this event the „Ethics4Sports Fair Play Trophy“ will be awarded to the team with the highest number of positive fair play situations collected in the e4s app during this event.

The First **Kids4Kids E4S Rollerhockey Event** has taken place from March 26th - 29th, 2018 where children from the Kindergarten have been invited together with their parents and their kindergarten teacher. 65 children participated and have been trained in the first lessons of Rollerhockey as well in getting a good impression of team spirit, solidarity and fairness. Based on the basic idea of „if you are able to explain you have understood“. It was a great experience for all.

The 2nd **E4S Fair Play Roller Hockey Tournament ERG Iserlohn** will take place on April 15th, 2018. 5 clubs plus the U15 of ERG Iserlohn will take part on this event. Games are played according to the rules of our Big Six Ethical Code. We would like to take this special occasion to promote our E4S Project and to honor people for their engagement in the implementation of the E4S Projekt. The new E4S app will be promoted, too and the participation of supporters, athletes, trainers and spectators are expected to use it during the tournament.

3. Ethics App released

Since our last newsletter the E4S App has been released and has started to gather data about behaviour at grassroots sporting events.

A manual has been produced so that APP administrators can view the information and modify the App in certain ways. The App is available for Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded from the following locations

Android devices

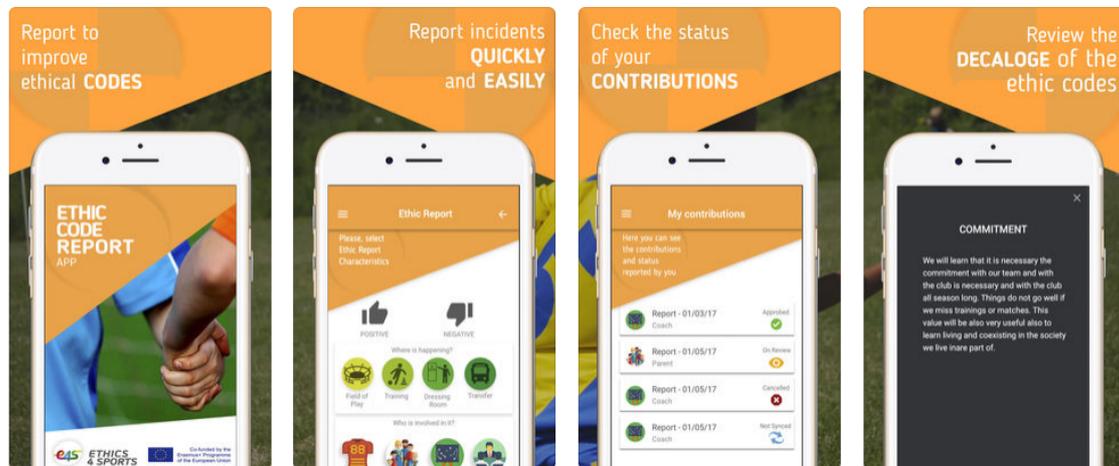
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=eu.project.ethics4sports&hl=en_GB

Apple devices

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ethics4sports/id1224489806?mt=8http://>

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sport to report incidences of both good and bad practice. The data provided, coupled with the research already undertaken by the project partners, will provide a valuable insight into the way that we as individuals perceive fairness.



4. Going forward

The work of the group continues. The deployment of the App provides more opportunity to gain insight into what happens at grassroots sporting events every week. The concept of sporting fairness and inclusion will continue to be promoted at events across Europe including an Ethics Weekend in the UK in April. Our 2 year journey around sporting ethics is nearly over but the work will continue.

We look forward to writing to you soon about our final conference.

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