

FIG ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION WEBSITES BY FIG.

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Requesting an accreditation is subject to full fill the following conditions.

1. A website can apply for recognition and acceptance by AIPS with the identity and statute of
 - i. an independent “stand alone” website, or
 - ii. an extension within an existing multimedia-company (newspaper, magazine, TV).
2. The website must have the position and structure of an independent (unit of a) company with legal liability for the editor.
3. The website should be recognized and registered as a real and full journalistic medium by its official national general journalist’s organization and/or their legal authorities ruling media affairs.
4. A MULTISPORT or MONOSPORT specialist website must be recognized by his national / international sports federations.
5. The website should be fully operational and online following the regulations for at least two years. Newcomers can apply for exception trough their National Sports journalists Association.
6. In his production the website has to offer by far the most proper content at professional level. All not proper produced content - even edited- must mention the original source.
7. The website should only use officially paid news-sources (agencies, professional freelancers, trainees) as legal providers for their content (text and photos). Other sources can only be used if official recognized ones are not available. In that case the alternative source must clearly be identified as such.
8. Sites which function mainly as a pass- through-site for edited copy/paste-content **cannot** be recognized as a press medium.
9. Fan-sites, sponsor-sites, promotional sites and event-linked sites **cannot** be recognized as a press medium.
10. Blogs are accepted as public journalism when they function integrated within a recognized journalistic media.
11. The editors, who exercise final control on all copy before screen access, must be recognized professional journalists.
12. The website should have the input of officially recognized professional journalists as determined for each continent/country by AIPS (or an AIPS- continental section). Newcomers can apply for exception trough their National Sports journalists Association.
13. The visible commercial/promotional support surrounding news items should not disturb/dominate optically and/or volume-wise the related journalistic content.

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