

## FICS/NCSC

For an international games event, what are the roles of the international sponsor (e.g. IOC, Masters Games Association) and the Organizing Committee in the country involved?

➤ You always need to have both sides (Organizing Committee and the Games Association) to agree on the procedure.

This varies depending on the event and the level of organization. Typically, the International Federation (sponsor) outlines the minimum requirements for the event. This includes all aspects of the event from the sports, facilities, transportation, housing, officiating and medical. These requirements are distributed to the organizing committee of the local country, discussed and negotiated. The International Federation has total control and final say on all matters during this time. They will review all venues, facilities and proposals and must approve all matters for the organizing committee. However, once the games start, they relinquish control of the games over to the organizing committee.

What is FICS' role?

FICS is doing the politics on the international level – with the Games Association. So everyone needs to realize that FICS is trying to help and lay the ground to make things easier for the NCSC to approach the OC.

The first priority for FICS is to be included in the games. This can be organized one of 2 ways. The best is through the International Federation. FICS has invested many years in developing relationships and educating the various Federations of the services and benefits of Chiropractic and what FICS Doctors have to offer. Once the International Federation includes FICS Doctors as a necessary part of the games package and requirements it guarantees FICS doctors at all future events. FICS also works with the local NCSC at the event to organize the FICS delegation for the games.

The other way is through the local organizing committee. This is risky as it can be overturned by the International Federation prior to the start of the games. It is also a once off for the event as it is only with the local organizing committee. There is no guarantee that the Chiropractors will be used in any other future events. It is very good for the local Chiropractors and for that event but could be a once off event.

What is the NCSC's role?

The NCSC is the contact on the ground. If there is no Agreement for a particular Game with the Association – the NCSC needs to work together with FICS to again bring both parties together in a “pilot-project” to sure a similar setup for the next games to come.

If there is an Agreement – like for the World Games the NCSC will be the major organization force for the Event in that country.

The NCSC is vital to the success of the games. Once FICS has secured accreditation and organized the level of involvement, the NCSC is organized to start developing the FICS delegation. The FICS respects the country of the games and the majority of the delegation if from that country if possible. However, the FICS delegation needs to represent an International delegation in order to represent FICS internationally to the other Federations.

Often the NCSC has opportunities to gain inclusion into a local international event. This is fantastic as FICS cannot communicate with all games organizers and Federations. If the NCSC can notify FICS as soon as possible, they can communicate with the International Federation to assist in securing support for their inclusion in the games.

If the OC agrees to include chiropractic services, can the Games Association prevent that?

If you have everything sorted out with the OC and the GA does not agree - it won't happen! The same way holds thru if you go in negotiation with the GA after the hosting city has signed the contract, since than the OC can stop it, because it wasn't in the initial contract for the Games.

Yes they can as described above.

If the Games Association says that there should be chiropractic services, can the OC prevent that?

No they cannot if it is official as this is all organized well in advance. If the Games commission or International Federation adds FICS at the last minute or after the games start the OC can refuse their inclusion.

Who governs this for the polyclinic, satellite treatment centers, venues, other?

This needs all to be agreed on in a formal way with the Games Association before the Host City applies or together with the Host City if the contract has been signed before chiropractic services had been included.

The medical proposal from the OC must include all of the requirements of the IF and be approved by the IF. This is all negotiated prior to the start of the games and will vary on the games.