

# THE FAIR PLAY ACADEMIC CIRCLE

*A Philosophical Advisory Body of the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP)*

---

## WHAT IS F-PAC?

The Fair Play Academic Circle (F-PAC) is a high-level philosophical advisory body created by the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) to deepen the intellectual foundations of Fair Play in sport. Composed of internationally recognized scholars in sport philosophy and ethics, F-PAC provides CIFP with conceptual rigor, normative consistency, and forward-thinking intellectual leadership, ensuring that Fair Play is not only celebrated, but philosophically grounded and future-oriented.

---

## WHY NOW?

In an era defined by Artificial Intelligence, commercial pressures, and growing ethical complexity in sport, Fair Play must be understood as a structured ethical framework, beyond exemplary gestures. F-PAC represents CIFP's commitment to deepening its philosophical foundations and ensuring its mission remains intellectually robust and globally relevant in the 21st century.

---

## SCOPE OF WORK

**Conceptual Advisory Input** — Philosophical guidance on the interpretation of Fair Play across contemporary sport challenges.

**Framework Development** — Refinement of evaluative tools that help CIFP apply consistent ethical standards in award deliberations and measurement of the ethical dimension of sports.

**Strategic Reflection** — Periodic virtual roundtables on emerging ethical questions in sport.

---

## FOUNDING MEMBERS & FELLOWS

**Dr. Sigmund Loland**  
Academic Chair · Founding  
Member · Norway

Professor at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences and one of the world's foremost authorities on sport philosophy and ethics. Author of *Fair Play: A Moral Norm System*, the seminal work underpinning F-PAC's academic foundation. Former Rector of NSSS and past President of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport.

**Dr. César R. Torres**  
Founding Member · Argentina /  
USA

Professor at SUNY Brockport and a leading scholar in the philosophy of sport, Olympic studies, and sport ethics. A prolific author and editor whose work bridges normative theory and the lived realities of international sport, with particular attention to inclusion, fairness, and Olympism.

**Dr. Nina Windgätter**  
Founding Member · USA

Sport philosopher and ethicist whose research addresses moral agency, integrity, and the ethical dimensions of competitive sport. Her work contributes a rigorous analytical perspective to F-PAC's conceptual framework and award evaluation processes.

**Cheche Vidal**  
CIFP-FPAC Chair · Founding  
Member · Venezuela / Spain

CIFP Council Member, Former Pro and Olympic soccer player, Engineer and sports Technologist, author of *Fair Competition*, Cheche will take the overall lead of F-PAC to ensure its integration with CIFP's institutional mission.

---

## GUEST FELLOWS

**Dr. Heather Reid**  
Inaugural Guest Fellow · USA

Professor of Philosophy at Morningside University and renowned scholar of ancient Greek sport and philosophy. Her work on the philosophical roots of athletic virtue and Olympic ideals brings essential historical and classical depth to F-PAC's deliberations.

**Dr. Lamartine DaCosta**  
Distinguished Guest Scholar · Brazil

Pioneering scholar in sport science and Olympic studies, and one of Latin America's most distinguished academic voices in sport ethics. His extensive international research career and encyclopedic contributions to sport knowledge inform F-PAC with a global and inclusive perspective.

---

## RESEARCH FELLOW

**Izabella Sabharwal de Besseney**  
Founding Research Fellow ·  
Cambridge University - United  
Kingdom

Research Fellow supporting F-PAC's analytical and documentary work, contributing to the development of the CIFP Fair Play Philosophical Framework and the Circle's evaluative processes.

---

*F-PAC represents CIFP's commitment to ensuring that Fair Play is not only celebrated — but philosophically grounded, intellectually rigorous, and built to endure.*