



IOC President's message on protest in Tokyo 2020/ IOC Rule 50.2

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Happy New Year!

In his message on New Year, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Thomas Bach reminded athletes against protest in Tokyo 2020. The excerpt of the message is shared herewith as follows:

"The Olympic Games are always a global platform for the athletes and their sporting performances. They are not, and must never be, a platform to advance political or any other potentially divisive ends. We stand firmly against the growing politicisation of sport because only in this way can we accomplish our mission to unite the world in peaceful competition. As history has shown, such politicisation of sport leads to no result and in the end just deepens existing divisions."

"Athletes have an essential role to play in respecting this political neutrality on the field of play. It is important to note in this regard that there is broad support and understanding among a great majority of athletes that the field of play and ceremonies should not become an arena for political statements or any kind of protests. Respecting one's fellow athletes also means respecting their unique Olympic moment and not distracting from it with one's own political views."

Olympic Charter Rule 50.2 states "No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any Olympic sites, venues or other areas".

We request National Sports Federations to please convey this communication to Team Officials, educate all participants about the rule and ensure compliance during their participation in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The link for the full message: <https://www.olympic.org/news/new-year-s-message-2020>

Thanks and regards,



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