



THE CHARTER OF FORMIGINE

WOMEN, SPORT AND RESPECT

Sport as a Means of Preventing and Combating Gender-Based Violence

Declaration of Commitment and Endorsement

Formigine (Modena), October 30, 2026

Halloween Bowl 2026
October 30 – November 1, 2026

PREAMBLE

The Charter of Formigine – Women, Sport and Respect was established within the framework of Halloween Bowl 2026, an international American football event held in Formigine, with the aim of affirming and promoting the value of sport as a space for education, personal development, inclusion, and the creation of a culture based on respect for every individual.

The participation of female and male athletes, officials, associations, and delegations from different countries makes Halloween Bowl a valuable opportunity for bringing together different cultures and perspectives. In this context, the Charter seeks to transform the sporting dimension of the event into a shared commitment against all forms of discrimination and violence, with particular attention to gender-based violence.

The Charter is a voluntary, public document and is not legally binding. By endorsing it, individuals and organizations express their ethical and cultural commitment to promoting the principles set out herein within their respective areas of activity.

The Charter of Formigine is also intended to become a lasting legacy of Halloween Bowl, to be renewed over time and shared with future delegations, sports organizations, and local communities participating in the event.

THE PRINCIPLES

Article 1 – Human Dignity

Every person who participates in, organizes, promotes, or supports sport has the right to be respected in their dignity, integrity, and freedom. No personal, physical, cultural, or social characteristic may constitute grounds for exclusion, humiliation, or discrimination.

Article 2 – Equality and Equal Opportunities

Sport must guarantee equal dignity and equal opportunities for women and men, promoting participation, personal development, and access to positions of responsibility without discrimination.

Article 3 – Zero Tolerance for Violence

The organizations and individuals endorsing this Charter reject all forms of physical, psychological, verbal, sexual, or economic violence, as well as any intimidating, harassing, offensive, or discriminatory behavior. Particular attention shall be given to preventing and combating gender-based violence.

Article 4 – Sport as an Educational Community

Sport is an environment in which individuals learn rules, responsibility, respect for opponents, cooperation, and the ability to participate constructively in community life.

The endorsing organizations commit themselves to recognizing and strengthening this educational role, particularly for younger generations.

Article 5 – Promoting Women's Participation and Leadership

The endorsing organizations recognize the value of women's participation in every area of sport, including competitive activities, education and training, refereeing, management, leadership, organization, and institutional representation.

They commit themselves to encouraging conditions that enable women to fully express their abilities, skills, and leadership potential.

Article 6 – Education and Awareness

Preventing violence and discrimination requires awareness, education, and training.

The endorsing organizations are encouraged to promote initiatives, meetings, and educational activities addressing respect, equality, and the prevention of gender-based violence.

Article 7 – Cooperation with Local Communities

Sport must maintain an active dialogue with institutions, public services, associations, and local community organizations.

The Charter promotes cooperation with organizations supporting survivors of violence, associations working to protect human rights, and all those contributing to the development of safer and more inclusive communities.

Article 8 – International Cooperation

Delegations and sports organizations from different countries recognize sport as a means of dialogue, mutual understanding, and cooperation.

The Charter aims to encourage the international promotion and dissemination of the values of respect, equality, and inclusion.

Article 9 – Responsibilities of Endorsing Organizations

Organizations endorsing the Charter commit themselves, according to their respective capacities and responsibilities, to promoting respectful sporting environments, combating discriminatory and violent behavior, and encouraging a culture of listening, awareness, and prevention.

Article 10 – The Charter of Formigine

The Charter of Formigine represents a shared commitment established in Formigine within the framework of Halloween Bowl 2026.

The organizations and individuals endorsing the Charter recognize the importance of its principles and commit themselves to carrying these values into their sporting communities, local environments, and international relationships.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHARTER

Endorsement of the Charter of Formigine is free and voluntary.

The Charter may be endorsed by sports organizations, associations, public and private entities, institutions, clubs, international delegations, teams, female and male athletes, officials, coaches, referees, volunteers, and individuals who share its principles.

By signing the Charter, signatories declare that they understand and support its principles and intend to promote them, within their respective areas of responsibility, through their sporting, organizational, and social activities.

ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE

- Endorsement may be made individually or on behalf of an organization.
- In the case of organizations, the Charter must be signed by the legal representative or by a formally authorized delegate.
- The Charter may be signed during the International Workshop “Women, Sport and Respect” on October 30, 2026, or subsequently, according to the procedures established by the organizers.
- Endorsements may be collected in a dedicated Register of the Charter of Formigine and acknowledged through the initiative's communication activities, subject to any necessary authorizations.
- The Charter may also be endorsed by future delegations and organizations wishing to support its principles.

DECLARATION OF ENDORSEMENT

“I hereby endorse the Charter of Formigine – Women, Sport and Respect, affirm my support for its principles, and commit myself to promoting its values of dignity, equality, respect, inclusion, and the prevention and rejection of all forms of violence and discrimination.”

ENDORSEMENT BY AN ORGANIZATION / DELEGATION

Organization / Delegation

Country / City

Full Name of Representative

Position / Title

Email / Contact Information

Date

Signature

INDIVIDUAL ENDORSEMENT

Full Name

Position / Title

Organization / Team

Country

Email

Date

Signature

Signing the Charter constitutes a voluntary endorsement of its principles and does not, in itself, create any additional legal or financial obligations beyond those that may arise from specific agreements or applicable laws and regulations.

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