

San Marino and Olympism

"In response to the message of peace and brotherhood inherent in the sporting ideals which animate the Olympic Games, the Republic of San Marino wishes to have a part in exalting these ideals which find their counterpart in our tradition throughout the centuries. The people of San Marino realise that they can make only a very small contribution but they are honoured to be included with the other nations taking part in this world-wide competition and therefore the National Olympic Committee of San Marino has been constituted to organise participation in the XVIIIth Olympiad in Rome."

Speech by Professor Federico Bigi,
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs,
on the occasion of the constitution of the C.O.N.S.
16th April 1959

REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

61 km².

19,621 inhabitants (on 31st December 1974).



COMITATO OLIMPICO NAZIONALE SAMMARINESE (C.O.N.S.)

Founded on 16th April 1959.

Recognised by the IOC in 1959.

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Role of the C.O.N.S.

As the first article of its Statutes states, the C.O.N.S. aims: "to organise and potentialise the practising of sport in San Marino and to operate and safeguard the operation of the regulations issued by the International Olympic Committee".

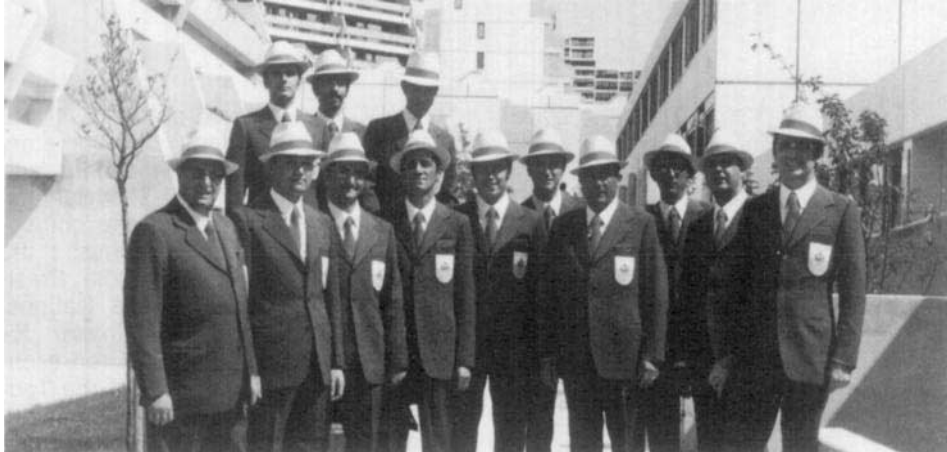
Article 6 sets out the NOC's duties:

1. to determine and organise the participation of San Marino in the Olympic Games;
2. to promote cultural and artistic activities in relation to the Olympics and to organise Olympic Day every year;
3. to ensure legal protection for the Olympic emblems;
4. to control the activity of all the sports federations in San Marino.

Creation

On 16th April 1959 a group of citizens of San Marino representing the sports federations of cycling, shooting, football, motorcycling, tennis, hunting and fishing, constituted the National Olympic Committee of San Marino, the Statutes of which were passed at a sitting of the National Assembly on 20th April 1959.

* See biographical notes.



Munich 1972 - The delegation of the San Marino NOC. From left to right: 1st row: Mr. Vittorio Carbonetto, Olympic attaché, Mr. Itallo Valli, President of the Automatic Shooting Arms Federation, Mr. Roberto Tamagnini, pistol shooter, Mr. Antonio Ceccoli, chef de mission, Mr. Bruno Morri, shooter, Dr. Adriano Reffi, doctor, Mr. Pilade Casali, President of the Flying Target Shooting Federation, Mr. Guglielmo Giusti, shooter, Mr. Silvano Raganini, shooter, Mr. Libero Casali, shooter. 2nd row: Mr. Salvatore Tonelli, gunsmith, Mr. Italo Casali, shooter, and Mr. Daniel Cesaretti, cyclist.

Prior to this date, no centralised sports organisation existed and the various sports federations used to programme their activities separately.

Successive Presidents of the C.O.N.S.

1959 - 1971: Federico Bigi *.

1971 - 1973: Giuseppe Micheloni.

Since 1973: Federico Bigi *.



*Mr. Federico Bigi.
President*



*Mr. Giovanni
Vito Marcucci,
Secretary General*

SAN MARINO AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- **Date of first participation: 1960**

Representation of San Marino at the Olympic Games

1960: 9 (3 cyclists, 1 gymnast, 1 wrestler, 4 marksmen).

1968: 4 (2 cyclists, 2 marksmen).

1972: 7 (1 cyclist, 6 marksmen).

1976: 10 (1 cyclist, 7 marksmen, and for the first time two women in athletics).

Representation of San Marino at the Winter Games

Two sportsmen took part in the Winter Games for the first time in 1976.

The members of this first Management Board, directly appointed by the Captains Regent of the Republic, were: Federico Bigi* (founder of the C.O.N.S.), President; Vittorio Rossini, Secretary General; Pietro Reffi, Alvaro Casali, Ferruccio Piva, Domenico Forcellini and Gian Luigi Berti, members. The federations affiliated to the C.O.N.S. were those which had founded it, but later other federations applied for affiliation.



Munich 1972 - Silvano Raganini

The NOC is composed of: the National Council, the President, the Secretary General, the Management Board and the College of Auditors. The National Council, the most important component of the C.O.N.S., comprises: the President of the C.O.N.S., the President and Secretaries of the National Sports Federations, the Minister for Tourism and Sports or his representative, the Director General of the Tourist and Sports Board, five members appointed by the government, when applicable the IOC member for San Marino, and honorary members nominated in acknowledgement of their work for sport in San Marino. The Secretary General also acts as Secretary of the National Council. The C.O.N.S. National Council holds its regular meetings twice a year but extraordinary meetings are called when the President or the Management Board consider it necessary, or on request of a third of the National Council.

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE C.O.N.S.

- *The present Statutes of the C.O.N.S. were passed and immediately put into force on 10th May 1975.*

● Financing of the C.O.N.S.

The C.O.N.S. is financed partly by the State and partly by contributions from the affiliated sports federations.

● Federations affiliated to the C.O.N.S.

Olympic Federations	Foundation	Affiliation	Members
Athletics	1964	1964	200
Football	1954	1959	400
Cycling	1952	1959	107
Gymnastics	1966	1966	350
Basketball and volleyball	1968	1968	250
Weightlifting and wrestling	1970	1970	50
Winter sports	1970	1971	200
Shooting	1930	1959	175
Target shooting	1966	1966	150

The following sports federations which are non-Olympic are also affiliated to the C.O.N.S.: aeromodelling, automobile, motorcycling, baseball, game hunting, time-keepers, karaté, sports medicine, and fishing.

THE C.O.N.S. AND OLYMPISM



July 1972: Olympic Day.

● Olympic Day

Olympic Day has only been celebrated in July 1972. However, every year "The Great Festival of Sport for Young People" is held with over 400 young boys and girls taking part.

● Protection of the Olympic Emblems

Regulations for the protection of the Olympic Emblems are laid down in paragraph "H" of article 6 of the Olympic Rules, which is legally valid.

● Publications of the C.O.N.S.

The Tourist and Sports Board publishes, under the auspices of the C.O.N.S., a monthly bulletin in Italian dealing with sporting activities taking place within the Republic and competitions abroad in which San Marino athletes participate. The C.O.N.S. will shortly be publishing an official bulletin.

SPORT IN SAN MARINO

● Sports governing bodies

The C.O.N.S. is the only official body responsible for the organisation and activity of the sports federations in San Marino.

● State aid

The C.O.N.S. is subsidised in part by the State whilst the rest of the funds come from the sports federations. Furthermore, the State makes an annual financial allowance to each sports federation, which is administered by them. At the end of the year, each federation presents a balance-sheet for the past twelve months and the estimated budget for the next year.

The State also helps the federations in other ways: free use of sports installations, free transportation, insurance of most sportsmen and compulsory medical controls.

● Formation of sports leaders

The formation of sports leaders is guaranteed and financed by the State in collaboration with the sports federations.

● Sport at school

In all San Marino schools, from primary to grammar school, physical education is compulsory and the teaching of other sports is optional. Instruction is given by specialised teachers twice a week for two consecutive hours. Furthermore, each year there are athletics and football championships for school-children.

● Percentage of practising sportsmen

Approximately 12%.



In the National Sports Centre, the Serravalle Stadium, the most important in San Marino.

● **Sports installations**

6 football fields; 1 stadium with an 8-lane track; 6 gymnasia for basketball, volleyball and training; 2 shooting ranges; 1 rifle target range; 1 outdoor 15 metre swimming pool; 1 indoor 25 metre swimming pool; 6 tennis courts; 1 roller-skating rink; 1 cross-country motorcycle track; 2 artificial lakes.

● **Sports which draw the biggest crowds**

Football, basketball, shooting, motor-cycling, gymnastics, athletics, tennis.

● **Sports experiencing the greatest development**

Gymnastics, athletics, tennis, karaté, winter sports.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Federico Bigi, President of the C.O.N.S.

Born at Reggio Emilia on 20th March 1920, he obtained arts and law degrees at the Universities of Bologna and Urbino.

During his mandate as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, he was promoter and founder of the National Olympic Committee of San Marino and acted as its President from 1959 to 1971. Since 1973 he has been holding this position again.

He is a great sports enthusiast—having played both football and tennis in his student days—and has contributed considerably to the promotion of sports activities in San Marino.

Giovanni Vito Marcucci, Secretary General of the C.O.N.S.

Born at San Marino on 15th June 1927, he is a teacher. He played football and athletics as a student and now encourages young people to practise them. Since 1962 he has been Director General of Tourism and Sport and has improved the structure of its organisation in collaboration with the various federations for a gradual but steady development of sport in San Marino. In his role as President of the Football Federation he obtained the participation of a San Marino team in the Italian Championship. He has been and still is President of various sports societies.

Since 1971 he has been Secretary General of the C.O.N.S.