

The Governance of the International Olympic Committee

The issue of governance appeared in Olympic circles in the aftermath of the Salt Lake City scandal in 1999 and has been a key theme of Jacques Rogge IOC presidency since his election in 2001. This presentation analyses the IOC's current practice of governance on the basis of a five-level model proposed by Perez, from IOC management led by an executive president (level 1) to IOC metagovernance imposed by Swiss and international laws (level 5). The role of new institutions, like the IOC Ethics Commission, the World Anti-Doping Agency and the Court of Arbitration for Sport are described, as well as the renewed responsibilities of the IOC Executive Board, Session and various commissions in the pursuit of good governance by this central actor of the Olympic System. Recommendations are made to improve the IOC's governance.