



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**between**

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
(hereinafter referred to as MPI)**

**and**

**ITALIAN BRIDGE GAME FEDERATION  
(hereinafter referred to as F.I.G.B.)**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH** Directive no. 133 of 3 April 1996 with which aims, organisational methods and sources of financing to which the individual schools, within their own autonomy, can refer to promote activities complementary to and in addition to the educational curriculum of the students to create opportunities and spaces to be set aside for them, to encourage opening the school to educational and cultural requests coming from the territory consistent with the educational goals of the schools;

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH** Italian Presidential Decree no. 567 of 10 October 1996, as modified and supplemented by Italian Presidential Decree no. 165 of 9 April 1999 and Italian Presidential Decree no. 105 of 13 February 2001, with which the regulations governing complementary activities and additional activities in schools were enacted;

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH** Italian Law no. 59 of 15 March 1997, and art. 21 in particular, which provides the school with the autonomy to interact as a protagonist with local Autonomies, Public Bodies and Associations of the territory and to pursue utmost flexibility by way of autonomy;

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH** Italian Legislative Dcree no. 112 of 31 March 1998 with which the State transferred several important competences to the Local Bodies, including those concerning educational dispersion, educational and professional guidance, health education, etc.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH Italian Presidential Decree no. 275 of 8 March 1999, with which the regulations bearing rules on educational and organisational autonomy of schools pursuant to art. 21 of the cited Law no. 59/97 were enacted;**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH Italian Legislative Decree no. 300 of 30 July 1999 and subsequent modifications and supplements;**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH Italian Framework Law no. 3 of 18 October 2001;**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH Italian Law Decree no. 181 of 18 May 2006, which institutes the Ministry of Education;**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH Paragraph 16 of art. 1 of the cited Italian Law no. 233 of 17 July 2006, which establishes that the name Ministry of Public Education replaces, to all effects and purposes, the name Ministry of Education, Universities and Research;**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Italian Law no. 233 of 17 July 2006 that converts Italian Law Decree no. 181 of 18 May 2006 instituting the Ministry of Education and specifically paragraph 7 of art. 1, which transfers the functions already of competence of the abolished Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, as defined by art. 50, paragraph 1, letter a) of the cited Italian Legislative Decree no. 300/1999;

*CONSIDERING THAT*

- the F.I.G.B., Associate Sports Discipline of CONI, is a non-profit association with the legal status of private law, founded in 1937 and made up of clubs, associations and sports bodies affiliated with it.
- the aim of the F.I.G.B is to promote, organise, govern and spread the Sport of Bridge and can carry out all other activities aimed at the same aims and its purposes are institutional:
  - a) The development, advertising, organisation and discipline of the Sport of Bridge, in all its forms and manifestations, in the national territory.
  - b) The promotion of the Bridge activity meant as an element of moral, cultural and social education of the Bridge player.
  - c) The protection and safeguarding of the athlete's health, also in order to ensure proper carrying out of the competitions.
  - d) Development of the sports activity, whether it is competitive or amateur.
  - e) Promotion of the school activity, the youth activity and the teaching of Bridge.
  
- The F.I.G.B. carries on its sports activity in keeping with the resolutions and guidelines of the C.I.O., the International Federations and C.O.N.I., also in consideration of the public law aspect of specific types of activities identified in the Charter of CONI (Italian Legislative Decree no. 15 of 8 January 2004: "Modifications and supplements to Italian Legislative Decree 242 of 23 July 1999, bearing

"Reorganisation of the Italian National Olympic Committee - CONI, pursuant to article 1 of Italian Law no. 137 of 6 July 2002", published in the Official Gazette no. 21 of 27 January 2004);

- Affiliated with the W.B.F. (World Bridge Federation) and the E.B.L. (European Bridge League), the F.I.G.B. builds relations with foreign federations directed at entering into and governing agreements of reciprocity in the area of sports, promotional and educational activities.

#### *WHEREAS*

It is the intent of the signatories to work together in synergy with the goal of spreading and building the sport culture as an educational and formative tool for healthy competition and to promote behaviours of collaboration and non-violence amongst the young generations, creating an educational continuum amidst the various fields and supporting activities aimed at:

- Fostering the propagation of values such as: observance of the rules, the environment, friends and adversaries, the awareness of a healthy use of leisure time, the culture of communication aimed at enhancing social consciousness and developing logical, deductive, mnemonic and statistical processes.
- Contribute to the student's education via learning rules and behaviours that develop socialization, concentration, a critical sense, an ability to analyse and rational discussions with the awareness and the ability to argue them, giving the right value to the emotional dimension.
- Get back and develop the values of citizenship and solidarity, encouraging the social growth of young people, their families and the local communities; promote and create incentives for experiences of student sports voluntary work and social voluntary work, also in collaboration with the provincial student councils.

#### *THE PARTIES AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING*

#### **ARTICLE 1** *(AIMS)*

**In observance of their specific competences and institutional roles, the MPI and the F.I.G.B. undertake to:**

- test ways of collaboration with school associations by way of provincial, regional and national agreements that provide for the involvement of students, parents and teachers;

- foster the development of activities, programmes and projects defined on the territorial level by school offices in collaboration with local bodies and the F.I.G.B.;
- support teachers and school administrations in their course of teaching and education with courses, conferences and internships by contributing, for their competences, to defining a school sports model that increasingly meets the needs of students, families and teachers;
- in full observance of school autonomy, support actions that promote and spread Bridge activities that combine training, educational and intellectual competences which develop logical-scientific, set theory, analysis and mnemonic processes directed at the cause-effect concatenation with the benefits sports offer.
- promote personalised training courses and education for students and athletes who are representatives of the Italian national teams and engaged in persevering training.

**ARTICLE 2**  
(*EDUCATION CREDITS*)

- Within the framework of the agreements presented above, the MPI and the F.I.G.B. declare their common will and commitment to agree upon a system for training teachers of all school subjects in order to start a school, educational and sports plan in the various educational cycles and specifically, by collaborating on the organisation of the various phases of the Student Sport Games;
- initiatives, events, courses, conferences and internships can be organised for information - training activities in the schools aimed at students, parents and administrative staff;
- Taking part in the above-listed activities can be recognised as educational credits for the students.

**ARTICLE 3**  
(*COMMISSION*)

For the purposes set forth under article 1, and for defining and executing initiatives and events of common interest, a mixed work team chaired by the General Director of students and made up of three members appointed by the Ministry and three members appointed by the Italian Bridge Game Federation is instituted.

The work team supervises proper application of this memorandum of understanding, examines the problems associated with it and proposes their solutions, identifies the methods for circulating information, and promotes monitoring of the arranged actions. Participating in the work group is free of charge.

**ARTICLE 4**  
*(COMING INTO FORCE AND TERM)*

This Memorandum of Understanding has a term of three years from the date it is signed and can be modified at any time and renewed upon its expiration in agreement of the parties.

14 April 2008

MPI - G.D. of Students, Integration,  
Participation and Communication  
The General Director  
Signed: Roberto Uboldi

Italian Bridge Game Federation  
The President  
Signed: Gianarrigo Rona