



### **The Italian Football Federation - Who we are, what we do, why we do it**

The Italian Football Federation (FIGC), founded in 1898, recognized by FIFA in 1905, and founding member of UEFA in 1954, is the association of sports clubs and sports organizations pursuing the aim of practicing the game of football in Italy.

The Federation is constituted by: the Leagues, which are responsible for the organization of the professional (Lega Serie A, Lega Serie B, and Lega Pro) and amateur championships (National Amateur League); the Italian Referees Association, which designates the referees and their assistants for FIGC matches; the Technical Components (Italian Footballers' Association and the Association of the Italian Football Coaches); the Technical Sector and the Youth and School Sector. Within the framework of the Italian Football Federation, the “Women's Football Division” and the “Paralympic and Experimental Football Division” are established.

The FIGC, an association with legal personality under private law, is federated with the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) and has the aim of:

- Promoting the maximum diffusion of the practice of football in every age and population group;
- Promoting and regulating the activity of football and the aspects connected to it, reconciling the professional and amateur dimensions through a central structure;
- Excluding from the game of football all forms of social discrimination, racism, xenophobia, and violence.

The FIGC system is inspired by the principle of internal democracy and guarantees the participation of athletes and professional coaches in federal activities, in compliance with the Fundamental Principles of the national sports federation statutes approved by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI).