



MULTIPARTY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
FAIR PLAY: MUTUAL EFFORT FOR MUTUAL SUCCESS



The OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs, under the patronage of the Embassy of the United States of America in Republic of Macedonia organized Multiparty football tournament titled - Fair Play: “Mutual effort for mutual success”.

The tournament was held on 25th and 26th June 2011 at the “Boris Trajkovski” Sport Centre. 40 young politicians from 18 political parties in randomly mixed formation played in 8 teams. The main purpose of this tournament was to promote collaboration, unity and interaction among the young political leadership in Republic of Macedonia.

On 25th of June (Saturday) the players from the Brown, Orange, Green, Dark Blue, Blue, Light Blue, Pink and the Black team were more than ready for play and social interaction, namely they put their best efforts in the games in which they participated. The atmosphere was positive, the matches were in the spirit of fair play and the players were lead by the slogan: “May the best team win.” The young participants in the football tournament shoed extraordinary cooperation and great interaction among themselves and during the whole tournament they behaved in a very good manner and they fully accepted the concept of fair play. The tournament was opened by representative of the Embassy if the United States of America in Macedonia Mr. Scott B. Winton. At the first day the politicians played 6 matches, after which the finalists were know. At the finale, which was held on Sunday, 26th of June, the Orange and the Brown team were competing for the first place in the tournament. The Orange team was composed by members of: VMRO – DPMNE, SDMM, United for Macedonia, DPA and DPTM, and the Brown team was composed by members of: SPM, LIDEM, VMRO-DPMNE, United for Macedonia and NDP. The finale was very exciting, with a lot of turning points and attractive goals, and the result were tight up until the last minute. The Brown team left the tournament as a winner, with 4:3 in their advantage.

After the exciting finale, the Ambassador of the United States of America in Republic of Macedonia, H.E. Mr. Phillip Reeker, addressed the public and presented the awards to the



winners and the runners up, and also presented the certificates to all players included in the tournament. At the finale of the multiparty tournament some of the senior politicians and party leaders were present to support the youth organization of their parties. The young politicians showed maturity and readiness to play together and ability to forget about their political, ideological and ethnical differences. Through this informal event, they proved that with mutual effort, they can succeed. At this tournament there wasn't only one winner, because all of the players won by proving that they have the spirit of unity and collaboration, the spirit of healthy and fair competition and correct behavior. The OHRID Institute is sincerely grateful and appreciative to all young politicians from: VMRO-DPMNE, SDMM, DUI, DPA, VMRO-NP, United for Macedonia, LIDEM, OPE, DOM, NSDP, SPM, NDP, New Democracy, DLBM, DPTM, DPSM and the Democratic Union which participated and supported the all party football tournament. Furthermore, the Ohrid Institute is more than pleased and thankful to the Embassy for supporting the overall initiative and idea.

We sincerely hope that this tournament will become a tradition and that the young politicians will transfer the maturity from the field into the political scene. This fair play tournament will be an example for the fair play which they are supposed to show in future in the Parliament.



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