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COMITATO OLIMPICO NAZIONALE SAMMARINESE

FOURTH LITERARY AND JOURNALISTIC COMPETITION ANNOUNCED BY THE SAN MARINO NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

“A fictional sports story set in San Marino”

Art. 1 – Subject of the competition

The San Marino National Olympic Committee (CONS) announces the fourth edition of the literary and journalistic competition titled “*A fictional sports story set in San Marino*”, with one of the following themes (chosen by the participant):

1. A general sports-themed story set in the Republic of San Marino
2. One or more Sammarinese athletes (real or fictional) at the Winter Olympic Games
3. One or more Sammarinese athletes (real or fictional) at the Mediterranean Games

The competition aims to encourage the creation of sports-related content and to support specialized studies related to sport in the Republic of San Marino. The competition is governed by the rules set out in this announcement.

Art. 2 – Organizing body and secretariat

The organizing body is the San Marino National Olympic Committee (CONS).

Secretariat:

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Contact person: Matteo Pascucci – Communication and External Relations Office (CONS)

Art. 3 – Participation requirements

Participation is free of charge.

The competition is open to individuals of any age, divided into three sections:

- **Section 1:** Citizens and residents of any country
- **Section 2:** Students enrolled in Upper Secondary School or Vocational Training Center in San Marino, and Sammarinese students enrolled in upper secondary schools abroad
- **Section 3:** Students enrolled in Middle School in San Marino, and Sammarinese students enrolled in middle schools abroad

Each participant may submit **one entry only**, in one of the following categories:

Narrative: Poetry, novel, historical-literary study, or original short story

(Maximum: 12,000 characters including spaces)

Journalism: Article for newspaper, magazine, or web publication (max. 6,000 characters including spaces); Audio or audiovisual piece (max. 5 minutes); Drawings and/or graphics

Works may be Unpublished, or Published between January 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026

Excluded: works already submitted to other competitions or published by sports federations recognized by CONS or its offices.



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All texts must be submitted in **Italian**. If written in another language, an Italian translation must be provided by the participant.

Each participant must submit:

- Application form (Annex A)
- Copy of valid ID

All works must be **anonymous**. Any identifying marks may lead to exclusion.

Art. 4 – Submission deadline and method

To ensure anonymity:

- Paper submissions: sealed, non-transparent envelope
- Digital submissions: anonymous file attachment (via PEC, certified delivery service, or email with receipt confirmation)

Deadline:

12:00 PM, Monday, August 31, 2026

Address:

CONS – San Marino National Olympic Committee
Communication and External Relations Office
Via Rancaglia 30, 47899 Serravalle (RSM)

The submission must:

- Include the subject/title:
“Literary and journalistic competition: A fictional sports story set in San Marino”
- Contain two envelopes/files:
 - A – Entry (anonymous work)
 - B – Administrative documents

Envelope B must include:

- Completed and signed application form (Annex A)
- Copy of ID

Submitted works will **not be returned**.

Art. 5 – Ineligibility

The following may not participate:

- Employees or collaborators of CONS
- Children and close relatives (up to second degree) of jury members

Art. 6 – Evaluation procedure

The jury consists of 6 members appointed by CONS and chaired by journalist Xavier Jacobelli.

The jury:

- Evaluates entries in dedicated sessions
- Makes decisions based on its own criteria



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- Issues final decisions that are **final and unquestionable**

Evaluation ends by **September 15, 2026**.

The jury may:

- Not award prizes
- Award them partially
- Give special mentions without monetary prizes

A winner may be selected even if only one valid entry is received.

Art. 7 – Prizes

Winners will be announced at a public event (attendance required unless justified).

Section 1:

- 1st: €1,200
- 2nd: €800
- 3rd: €400

Section 2:

- 1st: €800
- 2nd: €400
- 3rd: €250

Section 3:

- 1st: €400
- 2nd: €200
- 3rd: €100

Prizes will be paid by bank transfer (net amounts).

Winners may use the title:

“Winner of the fourth edition of the literary and journalistic competition ‘A fictional sports story set in San Marino’”

Art. 8 – Ownership and rights

Copyright remains with the author.

CONS reserves the right to:

- Reproduce, distribute, and publish works
- Without time or space limits
- Without additional payment

Participants are responsible for the originality and content of their works.

Art. 9 – Acceptance

Participation implies full acceptance of all rules and applicable laws, including permission for CONS to use the work.

Art. 10 – Personal data processing

Personal data will be processed only for purposes related to the competition, in compliance with San Marino Law No. 171/2018.



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Art. 11 – Attachments

- Annex A: Application form

The CONS reserves the right to cancel the competition at any time.

Republic of San Marino, 8 April 2026

Christian Forcellini
Presidente CONS