

UPF Ticino, Switzerland Youth Peace Cup Promotes Fair Play and Inclusion

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Ticino, Switzerland – On May 1, 2026, UPF-Switzerland held the 13th Peace Cup tournament in Ticino, promoting fair play and inclusion among young athletes. The event brought together ten Swiss and two Italian teams of 10- to 11-year-old football players.



In his opening remarks, regional UPF President **Mr. Giuseppe Termine**, a social educator, encouraged the participants to make the most out of their football experience. "Today we are not just opening a football tournament. We are beginning a journey of respect, fair play and friendship," he said, addressing the young players. "Being a champion means respecting your opponents, the referee, your coaches, adults and parents. It means knowing how to win with humility and lose with dignity."

Mr. Termine also addressed the theme of solidarity among peers: "Help one another, never leave anyone behind. Every gesture of loyalty, every outstretched hand, every smile can become a message of peace."



Indeed, all twelve participating teams upheld the tournament's principles, which emphasize respect, inclusion and fair play.

The tournament was won by Chiasso Base 10; the Peace Cup fair play trophy was awarded to Rapid Lugano for their conduct on the field; and a special prize went to the Insema team.



The event, which took place before a large audience of parents, grandparents, friends and family members of the young football players, received a very positive report in the local newspaper, Corriere del Ticino, on May 6, under the headline: "Peace Cup, fair play wins: Twelve teams compete in sport and inclusion."