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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION CIGNUS: FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONS BETWEEN GYMNASTICS FOR ALL AND NGO

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Cignus is a Gymnastics For All (GFA) group who originated in 2010, and is linked as an extension project to the Goiás' State University, Campus ESEFFEGO. Since its conception and organization, one of the main difficulties discovered was about the financial organization once it did not receive funding or financial support from the University. Due to the external demands of the group, which not only served the internal community, acting with national and international presentations, the group felt the need to have a legal administration that would allow the opening of a current account in a banking institution as well as the possibility of funding of private and non-governmental resources being allocated directly to the group. Thus, in November 2017 the Cignus Non-Governmental Organization was created. The goals of this present study are to introduce the structuring of a social non-governmental organization that can contribute to sports for all, with a focus on gymnastics, that it is inserted in a community which already has associations and institutions engaged in the same cause. A documentary research was carried out with access to the official documents of the NGO Cygnus and the guiding axis: the registered and approved by-laws. We also used the official registration documents of the extension project of the Goiás' State University, as well as carrying out a bibliographic review on research bases such as Scielo, Annals of the International Forum of Gymnastics for All, Google Scholar and in the magazine *Conexões* the following keywords: Cignus, Financing, ISCA and Gymnastics for All. Cygnus. A Non-Governmental Organization is defined in its by-laws as "[...] a non-profit civil association, without distinction as to race, color, sex, sexuality or creed, nonpartisan, aiming human and social promotion, having as function to serve the society promoting the body culture of movement, [...]" (CIGNUS, 2018). Its description matches the NGO concept, where the



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interested seek a cause for which they must get better results and resources for a good development of the activities in which they are involved. After the consolidation of the Non-Governmental Organization, some actions became naturally less bureaucratic, since there was no need to go through the University's internal process. Examples of these actions were: the linking of the NGO to the Goiás' Gymnastics Federation (GGF) and consequently, the Brazilian Confederation of Gymnastics (BCG), which approached dialogues with the local Federation also allowing the inclusion of athletes in competitions and participation in events such as the World Gymnaestrada. The association of the NGO Cignus with International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA), whose principle is sport for all, has enabled the members of the NGO to have the opportunity to carry out an international interexchange in Denmark with a partial scholarship. By the end of July 2019, three members will have already participated in such interexchange. Developing sports activities with the scope of all of Brazil is a challenge because there is no incentive by the government, and investor companies have some restrictions. The intention when organizing an NGO and to associate with other more concrete organizations is to decrease bureaucracy from the access routes to financial and legal structuring, suitably allowing for greater agility in the processes and partnerships, as well as greater possibilities for attracting resources, which is still in an early stage in the NGO Cignus. This work contributes to the community understanding the process of organizing an NGO and its relations with other institutions.

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