

# Athlete Career Transition Course in Sport Ethics and Integrity (ACTSI) - edition 2026

## What?

KU Leuven's Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, Regulation and Integrity in Sport ([iCERIS](#)) is collaborating with Olympic Solidarity (a department of the IOC) to offer the third edition of the educational short course **Athlete Career Transition Course in Sport Ethics and Integrity (ACTSI)**.

Following the world leading [MAiSI](#) and [DAiSI](#) programmes, this course is designed for Olympians who wish to deepen their understanding of ethics and integrity in sport. It will explore key topics such as anti-doping, equality, inclusion, diversity, good governance, safe sport, and sport integrity.

Upon successful completion, participants will receive a certificate of attendance from KU Leuven, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world!



## **Cost?**

For successful applicants, the course fee will be covered by Olympic Solidarity through the IOC Olympic Solidarity programme 'Athlete Career Transition'. This will include tuition fees, accommodation, and board in Leuven (Belgium).

Applicants and/or their organisations/NOCs will only be responsible for covering the cost of travel to and from Leuven. NOCs can be reimbursed for these travel costs by Olympic Solidarity.

## **When and where?**

This four-week hybrid course, running from **17 August to 11 September 2026**, will consist of both online and in-person components. Week 1 will be held online, while weeks 2, 3 and 4 will take place at the Faculty of Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences at KU Leuven, Belgium.

The city of Leuven is conveniently located just one train stop from Brussels Airport (also known as Brussels-Zaventem Airport), situated between Brussels and Leuven.

## **Who?**

The course is open for up to a maximum of 20 Olympians who at least hold a high school graduation certificate (but most will also have finished a university education), have a good knowledge of the English language, and possess a strong interest in ethics and integrity policies and practices in sport.

## **! IMPORTANT !**

You **must have participated in at least one Olympic Games as an athlete** to be able to apply for participation in the course. **All applicants must obtain the endorsement of their respective National Olympic Committee (NOC)** to be eligible for participation in the course.

Please **ensure this endorsement before applying** and include the contact person at your NOC in your motivation letter and in the registration form.

## **How to apply?**

Athletes who have participated in at least one Olympic Games and want to apply for the course can send a one-page CV and a one-page motivation letter outlining their suitability to participate in ACTSI 2026 in English to [actsi@kuleuven.be](mailto:actsi@kuleuven.be)

Only one participant per NOC will be selected, with a maximum of 20 participants, so early applications are strongly encouraged.

After initial review of the applications, suitable applicants will be contacted for an online interview.

**The application deadline is 11 March 2026.**

In case of questions you may contact: [actsi@kuleuven.be](mailto:actsi@kuleuven.be).

We are looking forward to receiving your application and would be very happy to welcome you as participant of the ACTSI 2026 edition!

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