



To: Executive Board members

World Skate Extraordinary Executive Board Meeting Recap 25th February 2025

Dear Executive Board members,

Please find below the main topics addressed during the World Skate Executive Board meeting held on 25th February 2025.

1. Governance & Leadership Appointments

- **New Board Members:** President Aracu officially welcomed several new Chairs, including Olympic athlete **Leticia Bufoni** (Skateboarding), **Huang Qiang** (Asia), **Marco Cardoso** (Speed), **Shelby Grimnes** (Scootering), and **Jana Hermle-Börsig** (Downhill).
- **Gender Equality:** The President highlighted that with five female chairs now on the board, World Skate is making significant strides in inclusive leadership.
- **Ratifications:** The appointments of **Roberto Marotta** (Secretary General), **Doris Gentile** (Vice Secretary General), and **Karen Doyle** (Commissioner of Oceania) were officially ratified.

2. Strategic & Financial Success

- **Olympic Impact:** Skateboarding was confirmed as a top-performing sport at **Paris 2024** in terms of social media engagement.
- **World Skate Games (WSG) Italia 2024:** The event was a massive success, generating **€439 million** for the host country against a €15 million investment.
- **2025 Budget:** Unanimously approved. The budget includes contingency and risk funds to ensure financial stability leading up to the **Los Angeles 2028** Olympics.

3. Future Events: World Skate Games 2026

- **Paraguay Bid:** The Board unanimously approved **Paraguay** as the host for the **2026 World Skate Games**, following a high-level meeting with Paraguayan President Santiago Peña. Technical inspections will follow to ensure facility suitability for all disciplines.

4. Technical Regulations & Medical Report

- **Regulations:** Eight sets of technical regulations were unanimously approved. The President urged Chairs to prioritize "simplicity and universality" to appeal to a broader public.
- **Medical & Anti-Doping:** The 2024 Medical Report was presented. A webinar for athletes/coaches was scheduled for March 12, and a proposal was made to allocate \$100,000 in risk capital for medical coverage in high-risk disciplines.

5. Key Initiatives & Safeguarding

- **Safeguarding:** Following a proposal from Luis Senica (WSK Europe), the Board discussed strengthening mechanisms to prevent abuse and discrimination. President Aracu encouraged all National Federations to establish Safeguarding Commissions.
- **Education:** Emphasis was placed on the **World Skate Academy** and an upcoming webinar (March 6) on skateboarding development strategies supported by Olympic Solidarity.

Best regards,



Roberto Marotta
Secretary General