



To: Executive Board members

World Skate Executive Board Meeting Recap 26th June 2024

Dear Executive Board members,

Please find below the main topics addressed during the World Skate Executive Board meeting held on 26th June 2024.

1. Olympic & Event Strategy

- **Paris 2024 & OQS:** The President celebrated the success of the Olympic Qualifier Series in Shanghai and Budapest. With 88 qualified athletes, skateboarding's performance was highly praised by IOC leadership.
- **World Skate Games (WSG) 2024:** Scheduled to start September 5 in Rome. It will mark World Skate's 100th Anniversary. An agreement with Media Pro will ensure broadcast in over 100 countries.
- **Olympic Future:** President Aracu is negotiating to receive Olympic TV rights revenue earlier (post-Paris) rather than waiting for Los Angeles 2028.
- **Unauthorized Events:** The Board discussed legal actions against private organizations (like SLS) that host "World Championships" without official anti-doping controls or certified judges.

2. Financial Approvals

- **2023 Financial Statement:** Unanimously approved. While technically showing a deficit due to cash-based accounting, the gap was covered by \$1.7M in revenue received in early 2024. Revenues have grown significantly from \$2M in 2018 to roughly **\$7M in 2023**.
- **2024 Budget:** Unanimously approved. World Skate anticipates a positive balance of over **\$5M**, bolstered by **\$6M in funding from the IOC**.
- **Legal Note:** A provision for a legal dispute in Peru was noted, though WSK intends to appeal the ruling.

3. Governance: "One Country, One Federation" Policy

- **The Brazil/CBSK Case:** This remains the most complex governance issue. While Canada and the US are moving toward unified bodies, the Brazilian Skateboarding Federation (CBSK) has appealed to the **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**.
- **CAS Mandate:** CAS has ordered World Skate to maintain both Brazilian federations until the September 26 hearing. World Skate officially recognizes **CBHP** as the main governing body, but must comply with the court's interim ruling.
- **Branding:** The President requested that Continental Presidents encourage National Federations to rename themselves as "**Skate + [Country Name]**" for global brand consistency.

4. Continental & Leadership Updates

- **Re-election:** President Aracu announced he will run for re-election at the September 7 Congress alongside 1st VP Karen Doyle.
- **Continental Reports:** Reports were noted from Europe, Asia, and Africa. Oceania (via Karen Doyle) reported that activity is currently concentrated in Australia and New Zealand, with difficulties in the Fiji Islands.
- **New Rome Office:** The Board unanimously approved the establishment of a representative office in Rome.

Best regards,



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Secretary General