



*To: Executive Board members*

## World Skate Executive Board Meeting Recap 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Executive Board members,

Please find below the main topics addressed during the World Skate Executive Board meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### 1. Centennial Year & Strategic Outlook

- **100th Anniversary:** President Aracu opened the meeting celebrating World Skate's centenary (founded April 21, 1924).
- **World Skate Games (WSG) 2024:** A major study estimates the economic impact of the Italy edition at **\$200 million** in revenue against **\$15-20 million** in expenses.
- **Olympic Pathway:** Key updates included the relocation of the Skateboarding Tour to Dubai due to Middle East conflicts and the upcoming Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS) in Shanghai and Budapest.

### 2. Russia and Belarus Status

- **IOC Alignment:** World Skate will follow IOC directives, allowing athletes from Russia and Belarus to compete only as **individuals** (Neutral Athletes).
- **Certification:** Athletes must obtain third-party certification (via Sport Radar). Relations with Russian/Belarusian National Olympic Committees remain suspended.

### 3. "One Country, One Governing Body" Policy

This was a central focus, aiming to unify multiple national federations under a single entity for each country.

- **The Brazil (CBSK) Case:** The Board voted (15 in favor, 1 abstention) to **disaffiliate CBSK** due to its refusal to merge. Governance of Brazilian skateboarding was temporarily entrusted to the **Brazilian Olympic Committee (COB)** to protect athletes' pathways to Paris 2024.
- **Global Progress:** Resolutions were passed to finalize unification processes in:
  - **USA:** Merging into "USA Skate."
  - **Canada:** Unifying under a name to be determined (avoiding "Skate Canada").

- **Others:** Finland, Georgia, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Latvia, and Turkey.

#### 4. Amendments & Anti-Doping

- **Bylaws Update (Protecting the Brand):** The Board approved amendments to discourage athletes from participating in private events (e.g., SLS) that label themselves "World Championships" without WSK certification or WADA-compliant doping controls.
- **Medical Report:** Patricia Wallace reported **300 tests** in 2023 with **zero violations**.
  - **New Mandate:** WADA will soon require **blood testing** (Growth Hormone) for 10% of tests, which federations must include in their budgets.
  - **Transgender Policy:** The Medical Commission is currently drafting an inclusive policy for athlete health.

#### 5. Financial & Technical Approvals

- **Regulation Approvals:** New rulebooks for **Speed Skating, Downhill, and the Marathon Tour** were approved.
- **Organization Fees:** The fee for hosting World Championships was increased from **\$45,000 to \$50,000** to ensure better compensation for international judges.
- **New Affiliation:** The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** was granted provisional recognition.

Best regards,



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