



To: Executive Board members

World Skate Executive Board Meeting Recap 13th September 2023

Dear Executive Board members,

Please find below the main topics addressed during the World Skate Executive Board meeting held on 13th September 2023.

1. IOC President Address & Olympic Updates

- **Thomas Bach's Visit:** The IOC President praised World Skate for the success of skateboarding in Tokyo, highlighting its digital reach and appeal to youth. He urged the board to continue focusing on **e-sports**, urban centers, and **gender equality** within the Executive Board.
- **Paris 2024 Outlook:** IOC Sport Director Kit McConnell reported record-breaking viewership for skateboarding. Preparations for the Paris 2024 venue at Place de la Concorde are underway.
- **Russian/Belarusian Athletes:** The IOC position is to allow participation as **Individual Neutral Athletes (AINs)**. World Skate agreed to draft specific eligibility and vetting rules, aiming for an effective start date of **January 1, 2024**.

2. Legal & Governance Issues

- **CAS Decision (Brazil):** Lawyer Michele Bernasconi briefed the board on the legal dispute with the Brazilian Skate Confederation (CBSK). While the Court of Arbitration for Sport reduced the initial sanctions against CBSK's president, it confirmed that World Skate's procedures were correct and ethical violations had occurred.
- **Single Governing Body Per Country:** The board reaffirmed the mandate for each nation to have one unified governing body. A final deadline for compliance was set for **December 31, 2023**.

3. Anti-Doping & Medical Compliance

- **WADA Standards:** Medical Chair Patricia Wallace emphasized that National Federations must meet international standards. Concerns were raised regarding inconsistent testing in the Americas and Asia.
- **Continental Responsibility:** President Aracu stressed that Continental Presidents must ensure anti-doping enforcement during their respective championships to avoid WADA sanctions.

4. Continental Reports & New Affiliations

- **Financial Reporting:** The board reviewed 2022 budgets and financial reports for the five continents.
- **New Members:** Provisional recognition was granted to the national federations of **Greece, the Maldives, and Botswana**. A new federation is also being established in **Chile**.

5. Event Scheduling & Future Strategy

- **World Skate Games (WSG) Frequency:** The board discussed whether the WSG should be held every two or four years. Saudi Arabia is being considered for the 2026 edition.
- **Continental Mandatory Participation:** Discussions were held on requiring participation in Continental Championships as a prerequisite for World Championships, though financial exceptions for amateur teams (e.g., Oceania) were considered.
- **100th Anniversary:** Plans are being developed for 2024 to celebrate a century of the federation, including a potential "Skate Day."

Best regards,



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