



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE ROLLER SPORTS

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Armando and Carlos Orlando

Regarding your mail of yesterday I inform you that I absolutely do not agree with what you have written and in fact I regret that two important FIRS representatives demonstrate their inability to control and govern the activities of the affiliated Federations in their Continent.

In order for my answers and my statements to be more clear, I will comment on point by point what you wrote.

Dear Sabatino:

Greetings to you.

The reason for this communication is to inform you about how bothered and unhappy we are with the dividing attitude you are using as you handle the FIRS interests, especially towards the Confederation Pan-American de Roller Sports - CPRS. The two of us whose signatures are in this letter, are also FIRS Vice Presidents, demanding from you as President, to be respectful to the rules and proper channels.

I remind you that for years, on the Continent that you should rule an unbridgeable gap among some of the most important Federations affiliated to FIRS had occurred because of your foolish policy. The dividing policy is therefore yours and the attitude shown in this letter highlights it once again. For example, about the Congress of the South American Confederation, on whose correctness of implementation I have received numerous letters of protest, I wish to remind Carlos Orlando that I have asked three times for and never received a report. So do not talk of disrespect, because you were the first to behave in this and in other circumstances in a highly disrespectful way toward the whole FIRS Executive Board.

In reminding the FIRS Vice President Armando Quintanilla that he has no title to sign a letter on CPRS letterhead, I would like to clarify the meaning of *"to be respectful of the rules and the proper channels"* that you accuse me not to follow; provided that I'm trying to re-establish respect for the rules and the institutions, asking everyone to follow literally the articles of the new Statute approved at the 2013 Congress, I would like to point out that the" art. 24.7 c) and Art. 25 of the Statute legitimize the actions of the FIRS and indirectly criticize your behavior.

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You authorized the Brazilian Skating Federation to have an event in the month of August organized by 4 federations from the Americas forming an association in violation to CPRS Statutes. You authorized them without prior discussion with the Pan American Confederation. This shows the way you want to handle our worldwide sport.

The request to organize the III International Tournament of Artistic Skating in the city of Santos was made to me by the Brazilian Federation of Roller Sports, on its own letterhead and not by any other association in South America and therefore a National Federation regularly affiliated to FIRS has every right to request the organization of an international event and FIRS has the duty to approve it on the basis of the philosophy of international development of the Roller Sports that has always characterized our Federation.

- No article of the Statute, or other document enforce FIRS to consult the Continental Confederation before granting such authorizations.

- Not I but FIRS, which I am the legal representative of, has the duty and the right to manage the Roller Sports worldwide.

As you are well aware, the Confederación Panamericana de Roller Sports is the only Roller Skating entity in the world recognized by the Olympic movement organizations such as: PASO, ODECABE, ODESUR, ODERBOL, PAN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, ACODEPA, and others. Therefore, this Confederation is the only pillar supporting this sport with the Olympic movement worldwide.

For Roller Sports to continue in the Games of Olympic Cycle in the Americas, it is important to handle our Sport properly and with honesty. For this reason, a few days ago we informed all American Olympic Committees about the no authorization from CPRS for the event in Brazil, and we informed them that whoever take part in such event may be sanctioned.

With your behavior and by sending a letter to the Olympic Committees, prohibiting the participation and threatening sanctions for the Federations wishing to attend the event organized by the Brazilian Federation, you have largely demonstrated to be not “the only pillar supporting this sport with the Olympic movement worldwide” but officials who, with their behavior, damage in a very serious way the image of the Roller Sports within the International Olympic movement at a time when FIRS is fighting tooth and nail together with its Federations for the coveted Olympic recognition.

I hope you realize the extreme gravity of your actions that show how the need to control the local power brings you to perform undemocratic and repressive actions disrespectful of the institutions.

This event was also planned close to the Cup of Clubs and Nations to be held in the City of Cuenca, and organized by CPRS with the support of the Ecuador Olympic Committee and the National Federation of Roller Sports.

The Pan American Confederation is required to hold together the Federations affiliated with FIRS in its own Continent and to facilitate the carrying out of any kind of competition that does not coincide with the Pan American Games and World Championships.

I would like to remind you that for the past 20 years this Confederation has not received any financial support or assistance from FIRS to develop the different programs that we have been doing in the Americas. In this matter we have been totally autonomous.

For the past 6 years CPRS has have the constant opposition of two affiliated countries: Colombia and Argentina, for reasons well known by you. they have tried all kind of negative strategies to cripple the advance of this Confederation's programs; but when we have elections during our Congresses, we have received the majority of the votes from the affiliated federations. Nevertheless, they insist in no supporting CPRS. It has been difficult to organize Clubs competitions due to their constant opposition; but thanks to the great effort of several federations, we have an organized agenda full of events for 2014, for the 21 countries members of CPRS. Some of them are:

- *II Pan American Artistic Clubs Championship, held in Orlando, Florida, USA, in January 2014, with the participation of 280 skaters from 15 countries.*
- *I Pan American Speed Clubs Championship, held in Miami, Florida, USA, in January 2014, with 350 skaters from 17 countries.*
- *Qualifiers for the Pan American Games Toronto 2015 in Speed and Artistic, in Florida, USA, with the participation of 17 countries.*
- *Pan American Olympic Festival in Speed and Artistic, organized by PASO, in the City of Puebla, Mexico, on July 11 - 19, 2014. Twenty-one (21) countries with 12 athletes per country.*
- *Skating seminars for officials in Speed and Artistic, from July 13 - 16, in Puebla, Mexico, for 21 countries and 42 officials, organized by Pan American Olympic Solidarity - PASO.*
- *Last March CPRS gave to the City of Cuenca, Ecuador, the organization of the following events to take place on August 20 - 30, 2014:*
 1. *IX American Speed Cup for Federations, Speed Clubs, and Schools.*
 2. *The First Open Artistic Pan American for Federations, Artistic Clubs and Schools.*
 3. *The Speed and Artistic South American Competition.*
- *During the 4th week of November we will organize the Pan American Traditional and Inline Hockey in the City of Iquique, Chile.*

As you can see, we have several important championships taking place, but now many clubs are worried and concerned because they may be sanctioned by their national federations if they compete in CPRS events.

In relation to all the events of which you speak I remind you that the CPRS has never sent, as is his duty, as per article 24 (5) of the Statute, an annual report to FIRS with attached the calendar of events, and that it is required by art. 24 (7) "letter c" to provide any possible support for the development of Member Federations within their area, then to support any of the Federation of your Continent in organizing events.

I also want to remind you of an urgent meeting we requested to you, as President, to discuss the problems that were rising. But you ignored us, and you were indifferent and disrespectful to our written request and phone call.

I do not allow you to judge disrespectful my behavior because following a phone call of Carlos Orlando, I have made myself immediately available inviting him to come to the FIRS offices to discuss the problems of the CPRS, but my call fell on deaf ears and has not received any feedback. Anyone who had the need to talk to me was by me received in short time and with the respect it deserves, both a FIRS representative and a member of a National Federation.

FIRS is in need of a President and board members who are even-tempered and impartial, watching and following the rules, being respectful to their affiliated committees.

We demand, as FIRS Vice Presidents, not to recognize the event in Brazil because they are not authorized by CPRS, the only entity in charge to study those requests.

Reaffirming that it is not the task of the Pan American Confederation to authorize international events, I take the opportunity of these your last few lines to let you know the following:

- I remember Armando that I had repeatedly stated my dissent to him holding two elective offices. Armando, when you have presented yourself as a candidate for the FIRS Vice Presidency you have bound yourself to resign as President of the South American Confederation; not only you have not resigned, but your last candidature was the cause of this division and I honestly do not understand how you do not realize how serious this was, because done by the second institutional FIRS office.
- I abstain from writing to all Olympic Committees, denouncing the irregularities of your behavior and the falsity of your claims only because of a great sense of responsibility that you lacked and not to spoil even more our image.
- I restate the authorization to the Federation of Brazil to organize the event in which all the Federations in the world are invited to participate.

Armando, Carlos Orlando,

I think I was clear enough, and I hope, as a matter of urgency, for every possible attempt by you to restore harmony and legality in the Pan-American Federations and I do not exclude to come in South America for this aim.

The persisting of this situation would force me to serious decisions.

Kind regards



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President