

**Board of Directors Meeting
Manchester, GBR
22nd till 25th March 2017**

Name of the BOD Member: LLUIS RABANEDA CASELLES

Function: CHAIR ICF FREESTYLE COMMITTEE

1. Meetings since last Board Meeting

- February'17. Meeting In Barcelona (ESP) committee meeting to prepare the working programa 2017/2020
- March'17. Skype meeting. Freestyle committee. Monthly meeting every first Saturday per month.
- March'17. Meeting in Buenos Aires (ARG) with the organizing committee for the 27 World Championships in San Juan (ARG)
- March'17. Meeting in Buenos Aires (ARG) with the Argentinian Tourism Ministry to define coration for the coming World Championships in an Juan.

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- Contacts with Bids host cities to get all the information need it in terms to do a proper evaluation. World Cups 2018. World Championships 2017, 2019, 2021
- Approval of the ICF FREESTYLE BOX and first decisions around this project.
- Committee meeting in Barcelona to define the key works for the period 2017/2020.
- Cooperation with the organizers of the YOG 2018 Wold qualification event in Barcelona.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- ICF FREESTYLE BOX will be the key focus for this new committee and the development of the Freestyle events.
- To evaluate possibilities in terms to cooperate with the coming organizers on standardizing Freestyle events.
- Allocation of tasks to each committee member has been done

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- Meetings with Organizers for possible World Cups 2018 to define the circuit for 2018. Also start finding organizers for 2020 World Cups.
- Create a group of paddlers to develop a YouTube Channel to showcase the freestyle discipline as one of the new TREND disciplines in the outdoor sports.
- Push for the recognition of freestyle on the countries where the activity already exists.
- Keep developing the rules and appendixes to be as much closer as possible to the evolution of the discipline.
- Work for the creation of regional events on the continents where those didn't exist.
- Develop the concept of Freestyle can be the new trend discipline of the ICF.
- Work on the idea to include the Freestyle into the multisport games, as Regional games, World Games,....
- Preparation of the 2 year period judges seminars for 2017.
- Preparation of a Youth Freestyle Camp in San Juan (ARG) April 2017

5. Recommendations

- a. We ask the BoD to support the Judges seminars 2017, to follow the ICF Freestyle rules and get Class A Judges to run the next World Championships. Semars to be happening in Plattling (GER), San Juan(ARG) , and maybe a 3rd one in USA.
- b. We inform the BoD about the ICF FREESTYLE BOX pject and ask for as many support as possible to develop this concept that in the future can be crossover for other disciplines
- c. Our recommendations to the BoD and its members are going on the direction of what the IOC has been telling the ICF since the last congress:
 - The future of the games belongs to everybody
 - Evolve the sports to ensure is it relevant to modern society. Take in to consideration new trends in sport participation and spectating.
 - Sport presentation is Key.
 - Universality non-negotiable.
 - Gender equity must happen.
 - Leverage the recreational component of our sport.
 - Innovate to ensure sustainable/inexpensive Olympic venues and develop associated business case/legacy models.

IOC President *Thomas Bach* said, "We want to take sport to the youth. With the many options that young people have, we cannot expect any more that they will come automatically to us. We have to go to them. Tokyo 2020's balanced proposal fulfils all of the goals of the Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendation that allowed it. Taken together, the five sports are an innovative combination of established and emerging, youth-focused events that are popular in Japan and will add to the legacy of the Tokyo Games."

Through this words the IOC president is creating the path where the IOC want the IFs conducting their decisions related to evolution of their disciplines.