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2nd FIG Parkour World Championship

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General Topics

It was a very important and exciting experience for me to take part in such a World Championship for the first time. The Local Organizing Committee was highly organized, solution-oriented, qualified and enthusiastic. The Japan Gymnastics Association, which I observed to be very serious and well prepared, prepared a beautiful organization that won everyone's appreciation. I would like to congratulate and thank them for their efforts and organizational success.

I think it was a very good choice to have the hotels close to the competition area and to have the competition area in a central location, so that the local people could easily come to watch the competitions. In order to spread the sport of gymnastics to the masses and increase its comprehensibility, providing all kinds of facilities that can attract spectators should be one of our focal points. The Japan Gymnastics Association has done a great job in this regard. Despite the rainy weather, it was impressive to see the FIG President, the members of the appeal jury, the secretary general and especially the federation presidents watching from start to finish.

Although there is no problem with the general functioning of the competition, I would like to share some of my observations below:

1- Explanation of Speed Track Check Points with Visuals at the Technical Committee Meeting

Detailed visual descriptions of each control point should be prepared in order to clearly and comprehensibly explain the check points on the speed course. These visuals should be easily understandable by both the technical team and the judges and should be shared at the meeting.

2- Adding Extra Warning Signal to Swiss Timing System

An extra warning signal should be added to the Swiss Timing system in order to minimize technical failures and to respond to emergencies faster. This signal will speed up the recognition of technical problems and ensure timely intervention of the relevant teams.

3- Using Extra Cameras to Record Blind Spots

More cameras should be installed on both the free track and the speedway to record blind spots that the judges cannot see. This would make the judges' decision-making process more objective and prevent mistakes.

4- Providing Staffs Close to the Competition Area in Case of Rain

In order to protect the competition site from adverse weather conditions, measures must be taken to protect the site in case of rain. This measure will ensure that the competition site is maintained in suitable conditions.

5- Duties of Judges and Judges Evaluation Meeting after the Competition

I think there is a need to update the judge system, the design of the judge's table, going backwards when they're scoring, and the number of judges. After the competition, the judges should gather to make an evaluation and identify the problems experienced during the competition.

6- The President of the Technical Committee is responsible for the Judges during the Competition

The president of the Technical Committee should be on the field with the judges and his duties should include, as in other disciplines, being among the judges from the beginning to the end of the competition and checking the scores given. This will contribute to a healthier decision-making process.

7- Creating Waiting Areas

I think it is necessary to create an office where Appeal Juries and FIG EC Members can rest and wait.

I would like to especially thank the President of FIG, Mr. Morinari Watanabe, for his hospitality and I would like to thank the Japan Gymnastics Association for this dedicated and professional organization.

Yours sincerely.

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