



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

June 20th, 2024

Prague, Czech Republic

FISAF International Sport Aerobics and Fitness Worlds 2024 in Brasil

Dear Members,

It is with great regret that we must inform you of the cancellation of the Sport Aerobics and Fitness World Championships scheduled to take place in Brazil. On June 19th, we received an official letter from the Government of Capão da Canoa, outlining the reasons behind this decision (see attachment below).

Reasons for Cancellation:

Climatic Conditions:

After a thorough assessment of the climatic conditions in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, it has become evident that hosting the event would pose significant challenges. The use of Salgado Filho International Airport is not feasible, making access to Capão da Canoa difficult or not possible at all.

Safety Concerns:

The safety of our delegations is our top priority. With the need for multiple stopovers at airports or extensive road travel, coupled with the climate instability affecting the state, proceeding with the event would be very risky.

We deeply regret any inconvenience this cancellation may cause and appreciate your understanding. We had hoped to organize a successful championship in South America, but unfortunately, circumstances beyond our control have led to this decision, thus the Government of Capão da Canoa has decided to cancel the event.

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Attracting New Members:

Our primary goal was to attract new members to our federation. Over the years, Sport Aerobics and Fitness have seen steady participation, but we haven't experienced significant growth. By hosting the championships in South America, we would have a unique opportunity to promote our sports in a continent where we currently have no members. This exposure would be undoubtedly contributed to market coverage and potentially lead to membership growth.

Interest from Participating Countries:

We're thrilled to announce that Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, and Chile already confirmed their participation in the World Championships. Their enthusiasm demonstrates a keen interest in FISAF International. By fostering connections with these countries, we open doors for collaboration, exchange of ideas, and potential membership expansion.

Broadening the Medalist Landscape:

Historically, medalists have emerged predominantly from a handful of countries. By involving South America, we aim to level the playing field. The infusion of talent from this region will elevate the competition, ensuring a broader pool of athletes vying for top honors. Our commitment to fairness and inclusivity drives this decision.

Global Coverage and Member Satisfaction:

Our members have consistently expressed the desire for world events beyond Europe. We recognize the importance of catering to our diverse community. By choosing Brazil as the host country, we honor this request and expand our coverage to satisfy members located outside Europe. It's a step toward fostering a truly global federation.

In conclusion, the World Championships in Brazil would represent an exciting chapter in our federation's history.

Once again, we regret to inform you about this cancellation.

In light of the recent cancellation, we understand that you may have questions and concerns. Rest assured that we are actively evaluating the situation and exploring various solutions. Once we finalize our next steps, we will promptly communicate with you.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Vice-President, Musta Elbahi, or Executive Director, Diana Minaříková.

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Ofício nº 018/2024 - STDE

Capão da Canoa, 19 de junho de 2024.

À A Sra. Stella Diblick, Presidente da FISAF Internacional Assunto: Cancelamento do mundial de Aeróbica

Prezada Presidente,

A Secretaria de Turismo e Desenvolvimento Econômico do município de Capão da Canoa, juntamente com a LIBRAF após uma longa avaliação sobre as condições climáticas que enfrenta o Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, e considerando a impossibilidade do uso do Aeroporto Internacional Salgado Filho, o que dificultaria demais o acesso a Capão da Canoa, decidiram cancelar a etapa do Mundial de Aeróbica que seria realizado no período de 19 a 21 de outubro do corrente ano. Urge ressaltar que o principal motivo do cancelamento seria a segurança das delegações que teria que passar por várias escalas em Aeroportos ou percorrer um extenso deslocamento por estradas, tudo isso associado à instabilidade climática que assola nosso Estado.

Neste contexto, informamos que a Cidade de Capão da Canoa estará sempre disponível para realizarmos este evento de grandeza impar em nosso município.

Atenciosamente,

Marcelo Ramos Soares Secretário de Turizmo e Desenvolvimento Econômico Ato de Nomeação nº 2576/2021, de 09 de novembro de 2021.