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Dear all Rope Skipping families and enthusiasts,

This is my second letter to you, roughly five months since my last message. A lot has happened since then and I am still very thankful for your positive feedback and suggestions for our beloved sport.

I am writing to explain the importance to support **International Jump Rope Union** and its development in the international sporting world.

Since IJRU was developed in 2018 and it obtained the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) observer status, we received an overwhelming amount of positive support from all over the world. Not only from the Rope Skipping communities but also from other international sporting organisations.

Fortunately we had a lot of opportunities to communicate and learn from a variety of International Federations such as FINA (swimming federation), FIBA (basketball), WFDF (flying disc) and World Lacrosse just to name a few. We were able to send some European skippers to FIBA 3x3 premier basketball event to showcase our sport as a result of such conversations. We are also having conversations for the opportunity to showcase Rope Skipping in the 2020 Olympic Games (Tokyo) as half-time entertainment.

I understand that some of our Rope Skipping community may have doubts about IJRU and may have been observing its progress. I understand the change is not easy, maybe difficult to some. However, I would like to remind you that this is our best opportunity we have ever experienced. In our history, Rope Skipping has never had a chance to be recognised as an international sport. This is the time to mature our sport.

IJRU has an established a mantra, "For the sport and for the athletes" which enables it to determine all process and decisions against. If the idea or activity does not benefit the sport; or does not benefit the athlete, then it is not supported by IJRU. There is no doubt that pursuing sport recognition is the best way for Rope Skipping/ Jump Rope to grow as a sport as it supports our current and future athletes.

To achieve our important goal, everyone can help IJRU.

For National Governing Bodies (NGB)/ Organisations of Rope Skipping: please be part of IJRU and voice your opinions. The IJRU Constitution, essentially the rule book and framework for our sport,

has been revised 5 – 6 times after seeking and receiving your feedback. IJRU is trying to accommodate and support NGBs with its Constitution, not to dictate to rope skipping communities. If you have two or more national organisations within your country, please start working together as we exist for our athletes. IJRU is always prepared to support your communication between organisations.

For Coaches and Officials: please understand the benefit of recognition of our sport in your country. We love our athletes and we would like them to have a better stage and deserve recognition. This will advance our sport enormously not only in your country but also internationally. I would like you to support your national organisations with gaining such status.

For Athletes: I want you to work hard as usual. You always demonstrate how great our sport is by showing your skills to your friends, family members and those unknowns. You display your freestyle routines and speed skills to awe the people who have never eye-witnessed Rope Skipping before. You doing the best is a tremendous support to IJRU. Remember, seeing your passion and dedication is our biggest motivation.

I would like to say it again. This is our chance, the biggest chance as a sport. This is our time to work as a joint force.

FISAC-IRSF has made mistakes in its history. I cannot speak for them, but I am sure World Jump Rope Federation has made mistakes as well. Developing International Jump Rope Union as a joint force was not a mistake, it had to happen for our sport to progress. Every single international sporting federation knows and suggested to us that it is the only way to advance Rope Skipping in the international arena.

As I said, change is hard. But don't just watch the change. Please be part of the change. I would love to hear your thoughts, please make contact with me, or any of the FISAC-IRSF Committee to discuss your ideas.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Thank you,



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