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即時發佈

港協暨奧委會下周一就冰協事件向政府提交報告

中國香港體育協會暨奧林匹克委員會（港協暨奧委會）今天（2023年3月24日）召開董事局會議，審視香港冰球協會（冰協）於3月20日就早前世界冰球錦標賽播放國歌出錯事件提交的補充報告，並就昨天（3月23日）港協暨奧委會與冰協代表會面的內容作綜合討論。董事局經商討後認為：

- (1) 對於是否有遵從相關《指引》規定處理國歌，冰協在補充報告的回應仍屬片面之詞，知悉冰協已就未有以嚴謹的態度處理國歌致歉，但若冰協有遵從《指引》規定，則事件可以避免發生；
- (2) 事件發生後，港協暨奧委會多次聯絡冰協管理層，即其執行委員會，要求交代詳情及會面，惟除冰協領隊回應傳媒查詢外，冰協執行委員會並沒有向港協暨奧委會作出正面答覆，直至在3月20日提交補充報告後，才答應出席會面。冰協執行委員會一直採取迴避的態度，反映其對於國歌和處理事件的重視程度嚴重不足；
- (3) 港協暨奧委會從與冰協的會面中了解，冰協執行委員會在企業管治方面亟待改善。冰協執行委員會對於委員之間的職責明顯缺乏分工和監察，主要依賴同時兼任領隊的秘書處理會務和運作，執行委員會內部甚至有欠溝通，以至冰協主席在領隊未完成海外賽事回港前，對於播放國歌出錯事件的資訊掌握甚少，從而無法回應港協暨奧委會查詢，此情況極不理想。冰協執行委員會責無旁貸，必須馬上檢討其運作及企業管治方式；
- (4) 港協暨奧委會絕對肯定冰協領隊和相關運動員的努力，以及在播放國歌出錯事件上適時作出的行動。港協暨奧委會強調，冰協執行委員會主席及委員均有其角色和責任，包括與身在海外的領隊保持密切溝通並提供支援，今次事件絕對不應只由領隊獨力承擔。



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港協暨奧委會有責任檢視並提升屬下體育總會的管治水平。經董事局商討後，港協暨奧委會將於下星期一（3月27日）向特區政府就事件及董事局的意見提交詳細報告，再與政府共同商討懲處方法。

港協暨奧委會重申，相關決定是以整個冰球運動項目和運動員的發展為大前提，檢視冰協的企業管治絕不影響運動員及團隊，冰協必須加強管理層的角色和責任，才能長遠帶領冰協健康發展。同時，港協暨奧委會期望各體育總會同心合作，遵從相關《指引》的規定，並維持良好的企業管治，讓運動員的努力不會因為可避免的失誤而蒙上污點。

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SF&OC to Submit Report on HKIHA Incident to the Government

Board members of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) today (24 March 2023) held a meeting to review the supplementary report submitted on 20 March by the Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association (HKIHA) on the incident relating to a wrong music played as the national anthem at the Ice Hockey World Championship. The Board also discussed the consolidated findings from the relevant meeting yesterday (23 March) between SF&OC and HKIHA. The Board is of the view that:-

- (1) On whether HKIHA had abided by the relevant Guidelines with regard to the handling of the national anthem, the supplementary report provided merely a one-sided story. HKIHA apologized for failing to handle the national anthem in a serious and prudent manner, which the incident could otherwise be avoided;
- (2) After the incident, SF&OC had persistently contacted HKIHA's management, i.e., the Executive Committee, to ask for details and a meeting to discuss. HKIHA did not give positive response to the request, except that their team manager responded to media enquiries. It was not until HKIHA submitted the supplementary report on 20 March that a meeting with SF&OC could be confirmed. Such evasive attitude reflects that the attention given by HKIHA's Executive Committee to the handling of the national anthem and the incident is seriously insufficient;
- (3) In the meeting between SF&OC and HKIHA, it was found that corporate governance of HKIHA's Executive Committee is in dire need of improvement. The Executive Committee obviously lacks division of responsibilities and control among committee members. HKIHA heavily relies on the General Secretary of the Executive Committee, who also serves as the team manager, to handle all matters relating to HKIHA and its operation. The Executive Committee even lacks communication internally. This explained that Chairman of HKIHA was unable to address SF&OC's questions as he had very limited information on the incident at hand before the team manager returned to Hong Kong from overseas competitions. The



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situation was extremely unsatisfactory. In this regard, the Executive Committee of HKIHA has undeniable responsibility to review its operations and corporate governance;

- (4) SF&OC commends and recognizes the efforts made by the team manager and athletes of HKIHA, and their appropriate and timely reaction during the incident when a wrong music was played as the national anthem. In addition, SF&OC emphasizes that the Chairman and members of the Executive Committee of HKIHA each have their own roles and accountabilities, including maintaining close communication with and providing support to the team manager performing duties overseas. This incident should not be solely borne by the team manager.

SF&OC has the responsibility to review and enhance the governance level of its member associations. Therefore, after discussion, the Board decided that SF&OC shall submit a detailed report on the incident and the views of the Board to the HKSAR Government next Monday (27 March), and jointly discuss the possible disciplinary action in this case.

SF&OC reiterates that in the interest of the development of the ice hockey sport and athletes, the relevant action aims at strengthening the role and obligations of HKIHA's management as a necessary action to facilitate leadership and a healthy development of HKIHA in the long term. Athletes and teams would not be affected. Meanwhile, SF&OC hopes that all member associations would work together to comply with the relevant Guidelines, and maintain good corporate governance, with a common goal to ensure that efforts made by athletes would not be tarnished by avoidable mistakes.

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