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Ämne: RE: Reply to your Urgent Notice of Investigation and Immediate Compliance Demand

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Good afternoon,

We have received your explanation regarding Ms. Madeleine Fagerlind's participation at the 2024 GAMMA European MMA Championship (U18). While we understand that Ms. Fagerlind attended this event in her "personal" capacity as a referee, the implications of such actions extend far beyond individual interests, impacting the broader perception of governance within the Swedish MMA Federation and the MMA community at large.

It is important to clarify that in this instance, the Vice President of the Swedish MMA Federation was serving in an official capacity as a referee at an opposing regulatory sporting body of MMA, in this case, GAMMA. This organization formally acknowledges her as a trained GAMMA Official / member. Her role was not associated with a Promoter's Event where officials are contracted by the National Federation with the Promoter to undertake duties.

Critical Examination of Governance and Ethical Responsibilities: The role of high-ranking federation officials in external MMA events, especially those not affiliated with IMMAF, raises significant concerns about the adherence to the core principles of governance and ethical conduct mandated by our statutes. Article 9, Section 8 of the IMMAF statutes clearly prohibits members from engaging in activities with non-affiliated organizations. This rule is foundational, ensuring that all member federations, and by extension their representatives, uphold the exclusivity and integrity crucial to our sport's global governance.

The actions of Ms. Fagerlind, irrespective of her personal or professional motivations, cast a shadow on the Swedish MMA Federation's commitment to these principles.

As a Vice President, her conduct should exemplify the federation's adherence to IMMAF standards. Failure to do so not only undermines her position but also reflects poorly on the entire SMMAF, suggesting a lax approach to critical governance principles.

Swedish Law vs. Federation Commitments: While Swedish law rightly protects an individual's right to practice their profession, this freedom does not absolve federation officials from their responsibilities to abide by the rules and regulations of their governing bodies. In this context, participation in a non-affiliated organization's event without clear communication and transparency compromises the trust placed in federation leadership.

Potential Repercussions and Need for Action: Given the gravity of these concerns, the IMMAF Disciplinary Committee is compelled to consider appropriate actions.

The response from SMMAF, as one holds the Federation and its membership equally responsible and accountable, will be crucial in guiding the subsequent steps of our disciplinary process, and in determining the necessity of any interim or long-term measures. We expect your comprehensive response which will be instrumental in our continued evaluation of this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this serious issue, and we await your prompt and detailed response.

Best regards,

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Jason Brown
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From: Swedish MMA Federation

To: Mr. Jason Brown, IMMAF Disciplinary Committee

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Dear Mr. Brown,

The Swedish MMA Federation (SMMAF) is not a member of any other international federation and therefore cannot be in breach of the mentioned article and section in the statutes. Furthermore, we have not sent any functionary to represent SMMAF at the mentioned event.

Ms. Fagerlind, a referee by profession, has, on her own initiative and as a private person, worked as a referee at the event in question. If you have any concerns or reservations regarding this matter, we suggest you raise the issue directly with Ms. Fagerlind.

According to Swedish law, SMMAF cannot prevent anyone from practicing their profession.

Sincerely,

The SMMAF Board

