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**Re: Late Athlete Replacement Policy**

Dear Makis,

The IOC has modified the 'Emergency Medical Replacement Policy' in order to establish a policy base for late replacements due to other exceptional reasons that might occur, other than medical reasons.

The new policy, namely 'Late Athlete Replacement Policy' will replace the existing 'Emergency Medical Replacement Policy'.

As this is a very important matter, it is necessary that 'Late Athlete Replacement Policy' is communicated to all NOCs and IFs as soon as possible, informing them that it replaces the 'Emergency Medical Replacement Policy' published in the ATHOC SEQ Manual.

The policy is being sent to you by e-mail together with the modified 'Athlete Replacement Form'.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With best regards,

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## **LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT POLICY FOR 2004 ATHENS OLYMPIC GAMES**

The deadline for the final lists of athletes for each sport to participate in the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens in 2004 (the "Athens Olympic Games") is 21 July 2004. However, in exceptional circumstances (- e.g. medical or otherwise) and on a case-by-case basis, the IOC, after consultation with the relevant International Federation, may permit permanent replacement of an athlete by another athlete after the above-noted date provided that:

- (i) the replacement athlete is entitled, and qualified, to take part in the Athens Olympic Games as stipulated in the "*Games of the XXVIII Olympiad, Athens 2004 Participation and Qualification Criteria*" document published in 2002, and regularly updated by the IOC; and
- (ii) the National Olympic Committee ("NOC") of the replacement athlete had applied for accreditation for such athlete prior to the application for accreditation deadline, namely, 28 April 2004.

In addition, the following procedures must be carried out in order for an athlete to be replaced by another athlete:

- (a) the "*Official Athlete Replacement Form*" must be duly filled out by the relevant NOC, for the athlete being replaced and the replacement athlete;
- (b) the "*Sport Entry Form*" and "*Entry Form - Eligibility Conditions*" must be duly filled out by the relevant NOC, for the replacement athlete; and
- (c) the accreditation card of the athlete being replaced must be withdrawn and handed over to the Athletes' Accreditation Center in the Olympic Village, in order to allow for accreditation entitlements to be transferred to the replacement athlete (subject to the permission of the IOC, as referred to above).

As a general rule, it is possible to make athlete replacements only up to the time of the Technical Delegates Meeting for the relevant sport, with the exception of the discipline of Canoe/Kayak Flat-Water Racing and the sports of Equestrian, Fencing (P accreditations) Rowing (P accreditations) and Football (P accreditations).

All documentation and queries regarding this matter should be directed to:

- the Sports Entries Department located at:

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The Sports Entries Department will forward a copy of such documentation accordingly to the Athletes' Accreditation Center and to the IOC Sports Department.

The above-noted policy is subject to further change by the IOC for exceptional circumstances.