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Regarding the sport of Rugby League in Greece, we would like to inform you about the following:

- 1) Following the provisions of the law 2725/1999 (article 28, paragraph 5), the General Secretariat for Sports of the Ministry of Culture and Sports, assigned the authority and responsibility for the sport of rugby league, to the Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon (Decision ΤΑΦ/226152/16307/6384/989/June 7, 2016).
- 2) According to the same Law, the Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon is the highest organization of clubs or associations for the sport of rugby league in Greece and abroad.
- 3) The Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon, according to the official reports, runs domestic rugby league championships and operates the sport's national team.
- 4) The General Secretariat for Sports of the Ministry of Culture and Sports has already awarded Special Sport Recognition for rugby league, to clubs that are members of the Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon. Clubs that are not members of the Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon can't get that kind of Recognition.
- 5) The Greek Rugby League Association, is not recognized by our Ministry and could not be recognized as the sport is under the Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon authority.
- 6) According to law 4479/2017 it needs special licenses from the relative Prefecture, in order a match to take place. Any violation of the law results in legal consequences.
- 7) In case a Greek team has to travel abroad for matches, our Ministry has to approve the trip beforehand. Similarly, foreign teams have to be officially invited for matches in Greece, after our Ministry's approval.

It has come to our attention that a team that is presented as the Greek National Team, organized by the Greek Rugby League Association, plans to participate in international matches, representing Greek rugby league.

At this point and after all the above, we would like to clarify that:

- The only organization that has the right to form a National Team and to represent the sport of rugby league in Greece and abroad is the Hellenic Federation of Modern Pentathlon.

- No other sport organization has the right to represent the sport of rugby league inside or outside Greece, in any form (matches, congresses, meetings, media ect).

Finally, we would like to propose you to contact the Hellenic federation of Modern Pentathlon, regarding any issues about rugby league in Greece and the sport's representation abroad.

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