
THE INTERNATIONAL ROWING FEDERATION RE-INSTATES THE ARGENTINAN AMATEUR ROWING FEDERATION

In our Bulletin No 56 of October 1956, we reported the severe penalties the F.I.S.A. was obliged to inflict on the Argentine Rowing Federation (Asociacion Argentina de Remeros Aficionados), owing to the fact that its Directive Council with full knowledge of the facts, had infringed the law ruling amateurism. At the time, the International Olympic Committee fully approved and sanctioned the measures imposed by the F.I.S.A., bearing on the suspension of the said Directive Council as well as the veto put upon the Argentinan rowers who were forbidden to take part in the Olympic rowing events in the Games of the XVIth Olympiad in Melbourne.

We are glad to be able to report the important decision taken on May 2nd which the F.I.S.A. fully granted the Argentine Federation full restitution of its rights and prerogatives. As a matter of fact, Mr. Gaston Mullegg, President of the F.I.S.A. informed the International Olympic Committee that the Directive Council of the Argentine

Federation has been renewed, and the latter declared that all rowing men who accepted or received payments other than the rewards provided for and allowed on the programme of rowing events, are to be considered *non-amateurs*. A member of the Administrative Board of the F.I.S.A. went to Argentina last April, and is able to guarantee that the Directive powers of the Asociacion Argentina de Remeros Aficionados are resolved to see that in future the rules of Amateurism will be strictly enforced.

Along with the F.I.S.A., the International Olympic Committee cannot but rejoice at hearing of the happy ending of this dispute as well as of the lifting of the serious measures which had had to be applied. Let us hope that this example will be beneficial to all. Let us also offer our sincere congratulations to the F.I.S.A., not only for its energetic intervention but also for showing such a deep understanding and confidence in the Managing Committee of the Argentinan Federation to whom we send our best wishes.