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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT: OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RAISES CONCERNS
OVER POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT VIOLATIONS**

This past year, the International All Star Federation (“IASF”) and International Cheer Union (“ICU”) entered into a settlement agreement with the Open Championship Series (“Open”). Under this settlement, they committed to permanently eliminating all restrictions on participation in non-IASF divisions and to refrain from retaliating against any athlete, team, or gym that chose to compete in the Open’s Allstar World Championship. Since then, IASF and ICU have publicly represented to the Open and a Federal District Court that they complied with that agreement.

The Open has now received information that raises serious concerns about whether those commitments are being honored. Recent messages sent by the IASF suggest that the athletes and teams are facing retaliation tied to their participation in the Open’s Allstar World Championship. This is precisely the conduct the settlement was designed to prevent.

We recognize there has been recent leadership change, nevertheless this conduct is unacceptable and violates the settlement agreement. The Open will not tolerate the use of scare tactics against athletes, teams, and gyms. Nor will the Open allow any retaliation by the IASF against athletes, teams, or gyms merely because they chose to compete at a different event. We are actively exploring all available legal remedies to ensure this violation is addressed and the agreement is fully enforced. The bullying and intimidation must stop.

The future of this sport will be built on opportunity, not control.

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