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OFFICIAL STATEMENT: OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SETS RECORD STRAIGHT REGARDING UNSETTLED SUIT WITH U.S. ALL STAR FEDERATION

The Open Championship Series and Deep South Spirit have been working hard to create more opportunities, more choices, and real positive change for athletes, gyms, and event producers in our industry. We cannot wait to tell our journey to a jury of our peers.

That said, the record needs to be set straight. The recent appellate ruling in the trademark lawsuit did not change a thing. The court did not say USASF owns the word "Worlds," and it did not say USASF even has a valid claim. In fact, the court rejected most of what USASF argued. It agreed that "Worlds" is just a common, everyday way of describing a championship event the same kind of shorthand as "Regionals" or "Nationals." The bottom line is that USASF still has a long, uphill road ahead if it wants to continue with this lawsuit.

But here is what really matters. USASF is spending its members' fees fighting over a word "Worlds" which The Open Championship Series does not even use.

This trademark lawsuit is a fight nobody outside of USASF wants and a distraction from the real challenges facing our sport. We have already reached amicable settlements with the ICU, the IASF, and Varsity. USASF is the only one still choosing to fight.

We believe no organization should use lawsuits, threats, rules, or restrictions to scare off competition or shut doors on athletes, gyms, families, and event producers. The whole industry is stronger when people can make choices without having to worry about retaliation for making them. So we will keep building, keep competing, and keep standing up for an open, fair market.

We will see you all at The Open Championship Series events and The Allstar World Championship.

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