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FairSport Athletes' Survey Results reveals an appetite for justice, transparency, and tougher rules in sport

FairSport is an independent foundation striving to eradicate cheating in sport. We support confidential sources who speak up to unmask doping, and educate the global public on the value of honesty and integrity in sport.

The FairSport Survey on the Charter of Athletes' Rights (COAR) was conducted over a six week span to determine athletes' opinion on their current rights and the environment of cheating within sport. These rights ranged from the right to clean/fair sport, equality, transparency, justice, compensation, freedom of expression, etc.

The survey had a significant amount of responses, with over 2100 athletes participating. The athletes who participated provided a diverse demographic, representing over 60 countries, 50 sports, 270 Paralympians, nearly an equal male/female split, ages ranging from 14-73 with an average age of 27, and over 85% of these athletes performing at the International Competition Level, Olympics, and Paralympics.

Key Findings

Current Sport Environment:

- **55%** are unsure/feel they do not have the right to sport free of corruption, coercion, and manipulation.
- **54%** are unsure/feel they do not have they do not have leadership free from conflict of interest.
- **50%** are unsure/feel they do not have the right to participate in the creation of rules for sport and the governance of sport.
- **71%** are unsure/feel they do not have the right to be compensated by those that cheat at their expense.

Repsondents believe a Charter of Athletes' Rights should include the following:

- **97%** believe it is desirable/essential to have the right to clean sport, free of corruption, coercion, and manipulation.
- **95%** believe it is desirable/essential to have the right to equality.
- **95%** believe it is desirable/essential to have the right to justice (including a fair hearing, swift, consistent, and transparent enforcement of all rules).
- **94%** believe it is desirable/essential to have transparency both in governance and anti-doing applications.
- **92%** believe it is desirable/essential to have freedom of expression.
- **83%** believe it is desirable/essential to have the right to be compensated by those that cheat at their expense.

The results demonstrate the attitude for clean sport reform:

- **92%** want the right to representation and participation in the fight against doping.
- **90%** want the right to participate in the creation of rules for sport and the governance of sport.
- **93%** believe there is a need for an organization like FairSport, to provide an independent platform to advocate for all athletes.
- **92%** believe that whistleblowers who report doping infractions should be supported.
- **84%** would be willing to assist FairSport in their mission to eradicate cheating in sport.
- **80%** believe there is not another organization that currently meets the mission to support whistleblowers in sport.

The results from the survey demonstrate the need for much higher engagement of athletes in decision process and that current representation is not covering their rights, they are asking for much more transparent process in sport, from doping, to protection, to compensation and equality, and its need for a charter of athletes' rights

FairSport is committed to provide the opportunity for athletes to confidentially report doping infractions, knowing they will be supported in the effort to eradicate cheating in sport.