

## Recommendations from the IOC Congress 2009

At the IOC Congress held in Copenhagen in the beginning of October 2009, the Olympic Movement ended up with 66 new recommendations for all the constituents and stakeholders of the Olympic Movement.

As mentioned before, it is in the IRF interests in the long term to join the Olympic Movement. In relation to the above, one of the 66 new recommendations decided at the IOC Congress was following:

*”The fight against doping is an absolute priority for the entire Olympic Movement. While all constituents of the Olympic Movement should relentlessly participate in the fight against doping and should embrace the concept of zero tolerance, equally the athletes and their representatives should actively contribute to ensuring that cheating has no place in Olympic sport and that the utmost importance is attached to the pursuit of the Olympic principle of fair play.”<sup>1</sup>*

We can use the above statement to guide the rafting sport in the right direction towards the Olympics and towards a more professional sport. If we can meet the specific requirements of the international associations we will be able to develop the sport. One of the clear requirements toward this is to introduce doping tests in the sport.

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<sup>1</sup> Report from the IOC Congress, October 2009 Copenhagen. *”The Olympic Movement in Society”*, Recommendation step 3.