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SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PSS SYSTEM!

Dear Athletes and Coaches:

I have made a decision to return to the KPnP E-Hogu system at this year's Team Trials competition to be hosted at the Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center the weekend of September 8-10, 2017

I was told to expect 'push back' for this and wanted to write each of you personally so that you may better understand why that call was made. As you know, we had employed the use of the KPnP system at our National Championship for the previous three years. And we did so with no technical difficulties whatsoever.

When we broke our contract with Vision this past year, the last year of our agreement, for more reasons than I care to go into here I truly believed we could obtain our PSS needs elsewhere without much of problem. That proved entirely false.

We could have maintained our connection with the KPnP system—but at a cost of nearly \$15,000.00 (remember it cost us nothing for the prior three years). And so I entertained the idea of switching to the DaeDo PSS system. An offer was made to provide the Gen 1 system at a cost of \$3,000.00. I agreed to give it a shot. All with the idea that through DaeDo we could also obtain E-Headgear for Team Trials and next year's National Championship.

But there were problems with this system at Nationals. Ring 12 was down for an hour on Wednesday, as was Ring 6. We have NEVER had an interruption in the management of the National Championship of this magnitude. And one which I find totally unacceptable. We were informed that 'yeah, this system can be funky at times but, no such problems exist with the Gen 2 system'. But that system (Gen2) was now going to cost \$800/ring/day—or \$6,400.00 for four rings VS the \$3,000.00 we paid for twelve rings at Nationals! AND Corporate DaeDo only had maybe seven rings to send to Nationals next year with the rest of our ring needs being fulfilled with the Gen 1 system which failed us so miserably.

I will not jeopardize the management of the National Championship working with such a problematic system. I simply won't. And so, we are returning to the use of the KPnP PSS system immediately. Hopefully we'll find a way to eventually have the use of KPnP E-Headgear. There is also a rumor floating around the WT(F) will announcing yet another PSS system acceptable to them and that this new system may become the ONLY system approved and everyone will be scrambling to obtain accessibility.

Anyway, I wanted each of you to know—this immediate switch back to KPnP is/was my call entirely. IF you want to voice your discontent with this decision, please bring it to me personally. Please do not fault, criticize, or whatever the rest of the fantastic volunteer staff, Executive Committee Members, Officials, or District Directors who work so hard and so tirelessly on behalf of the AAU Taekwondo Program.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Michael D. Friello
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