



**Somali Rowing & Canoe Federation**  
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**Official Statement**

Somali Rowing and Canoe Federation (SRCF)

The Somali Rowing and Canoe Federation (SRCF) takes great pride in its continued service to the development of sport in Somalia throughout the various stages of our nation's journey.

SRCF is a full and active member of the Somali National Olympic Committee (SNOC) and is duly recognized by the relevant international governing bodies for rowing and canoeing. The Federation remains committed to promoting these sports and providing training, competition, and development opportunities for Somali youth.

However, we are concerned by recent actions and statements originating from the Ministry of Youth and Sports that appear to work against active and recognized federations, rather than supporting and cooperating with them. Such developments risk creating confusion, weakening institutional trust, and negatively affecting the future of Somali athletes.

The principles of the Olympic Movement clearly affirm the autonomy of sports organizations and the necessary distinction between governmental administration and sports governance.

SRCF believes in cooperation, dialogue, and mutual respect as the foundation for strengthening Somali sport and protecting our country's standing within the international sporting community.

We call upon the Ministry and all stakeholders in Somali sport to reinforce collaboration and to support legally recognized federations in the best interest of Somali youth.

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