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IMMAA wishes to address its position with regards to recent developments and rumours concerning the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF).

In early April, IMMAA was made aware of alleged irregularities in IMMAF's child protection protocols for IMMAF youth tournaments which may have resulted in insufficient vetting of participants at youth tournaments.

IMMAA's Child Protection Officer Kevin Moran addressed this report promptly and with the attention it deserved. IMMAA sent an in-depth letter asking IMMAF to clarify our concerns regarding the allegations of serious safeguarding breaches.

IMMAF responded promptly to the letter drafted from IMMAA indicating they had received a similar report and an investigation had commenced with a view to addressing child protection concerns raised in our letter. IMMAA is not privy to the findings of this ongoing investigation.

IMMAF did not address the totality of our concerns in their reply pending the outcome of the investigation. IMMAF has indicated that they will provide in-depth answers to IMMAA. IMMAA intends to review this response and IMMAA will make an informed decision on future IMMAF tournament participation based on IMMAF's response and the results of the IMMAF investigation. IMMAA will not be willing to send athletes to IMMAF Youth Tournaments where we are not satisfied with the quality of the safeguarding in place.

