



24 April 2023

H. Delroy Murray

President,

CIAA

Grand Cayman

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Dear Mr Murray

NACAC Athletics is the Area Association of World Athletics, the international governing body of the sport of athletics. The CARIFTA Games has been placed under the authority of NACAC Athletics since 2003, in order to ensure full compliance with the international governing body's mandate in respect of the administration of athletics globally.

In competitions organized under the ambit of NACAC Athletics, only national associations (member federations) that are recognized by World Athletics and us, and associate members of NACAC Athletics have the legitimate right to submit teams to participate in the CARIFTA Games and any of our approved Championships. It follows therefore that the only persons that can be duly accredited as representatives of any participating team at the CARIFTA Games are those submitted in the member federation's Final Entry. This includes Ministers of Government, Permanent Secretaries, and officials of agencies in the country of any of the member federations. The Local Organising

Committee does not have the right to approve accreditations for anyone from a country of a member without the specific approval of that organization.

In the incident which took place in The Bahamas at the CARIFTA Games, our understanding is that on 6 April 2023, the Accreditation official, Ms Kirsti Johnson Held on to the badges that were printed for the Rileys pending financial authorization for release and pick-up by a Team Leader/Manager. Ms. Pauline Davis entered the accreditation centre and requested badges for Barnes and Riley. Ms. Davis was told that the official was unable to release the badges at this time because she could not confirm whether or not the team had paid their levy. Ms Davis proceeded to slam her hand on top of the badges that were on the side of the official's computer, and said, "I will be responsible", and took the badges and walked out of the accreditation centre.

The leadership of the LOC did not authorize Ms Davis to engage in the action she undertook.

NACAC Athletics remains very clear that the lone authority for the granting of access to accreditation for persons from any country that has registered a representative team to compete at the event, remains the national federation, in this case, the CIAA. That authority was never surrendered at any point that NACAC Athletics was aware of, at any point during the Carifta Games of 2023.

Yours in Athletics



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Keith Joseph