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# Tamás Faragó urges reforms in water polo

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„Unfortunately this is still a marginal sport. I have to say it is not entertaining and followable for the spectators and the TV viewers. We wouldn't be honest to ourselves, if we stated that the fans understand what is happening in the pool. The most important thing is to create rules that make water polo attractive for them” - 64-year-old former world class player said to Bp2017 Media.

Faragó is very sad that there have been only a couple of hundreds of fans on the stands in a lot of matches.

„I have been watching for example the trap shooting and badminton events, and I have to admit that these sports have been formed entertaining and exciting, I liked what I saw. The same should be done in water polo as well, but there are too many international never-dowells in this sport, and they will be very hard to convince about the needed reforms. There have been some attempts for changes, like smaller pitch and ball in the World League.”



Faragó is of course disappointed about the results of the Hungarian team.

„This is once again an unsuccessful Olympics for us. Four years ago we finished only fifth, and we hoped that it wouldn't happen again, but we lost in the quarter-final again. I expected a better result from the national team.”

Olympic, world and European champion Faragó has also seen some positive tendencies, though.

„The men's tournament is more balanced than ever, you can't say that you definitely beat for example Spain, Brazil or Japan. There are more tight, exciting and high-standard

matches. I find, however, disgusting that a couple of teams tried to avoid certain rivals by losing against weaker opponents” - Tamás Faragó added.