



**Minutes, IWF Technical Committee Meeting
4 March 2019
West Gate Las Vegas, Las Vegas, USA**

< Joint Committee Meeting, 10:00 – 10:40 >

➤ **Welcome**

IWF President Dr. Tamás Aján welcomed all of the attending members, introduced Las Vegas as a unique city and praised USA Weightlifting (USAW) CEO Mr. Phil Andrews for recent activities of USAW not only hosting many IWF World Championships but also improving its performance level. Dr. Aján informed that three Committee Chairpersons and their members who are attending, IWF General Secretary Mr. Mohammed Hassan Jaloud is arriving on the night of the meeting, and introduced Dr. Zygmunt Nagy a lawyer who recently joined IWF Secretariat.

Mr. Andrews made a brief introduction of the Event which is a joint event of 2019 Youth World Championships (YWC) and Las Vegas Open which is a bronze level Qualification Event for Tokyo 2020, and that everything including meetings, weigh-in and both competitions will be carried out in the hotel facility.

Technical Committee (TC) Chairperson Mr. Nicu Vlad briefly informed the Committee meeting agenda is mostly coming from the previous meeting in Ashgabat. Coaching and Research Committee (CRC) Chairperson Mr. Mahmoud Mahgoub appreciated the six CRC Members and Deputy Chair Ms. Lundhal for their attendance.

➤ **Transgender - Update**

Medical Committee (MC) Chairperson Dr. Michael Irani informed that CAS will make a decision on Caster Semenya's case against IAAF by 26 March and said until that time IWF should not deal with anything on transgender matter, additionally explaining that testosterone level is not important but how its receptor works is more important.

➤ **Video Playback Technology (VPT)**

TC Secretary Ms. Reiko Kato Chinen informed slides for VPT are ready to be presented at Verification of the Final Entry Meeting for the Coaches and at TO Meeting for Technical Officials. She reminded CRC

Members and MC Members that video archives can be utilized after the event by each Committee.

IWF Director General Mr. Attila Ádámfi explained that 2019 YWC is the first IWF Event which applies "long list" for its preliminary entry not to lose too many athletes by late submission of Whereabouts. He also briefly informed on behalf of Dartfish representative what the system can do, which items will be useful for various IWF's activities in future. Dr. Irani commented that video archive will be also important for IOC Medical whereas CRC Member Mr. Lyn Jones raised his concern on Jury which should not be appealed, competition which could be prolonged and possible manipulation made by coaches through playback procedure. Dr. Aján commented that IWF is now in modern era. Mr. Ádámfi additionally explained that IWF TIS was first time introduced in 2002, blackboard had been used until that time, nobody would not rely on TIS at the beginning, and encourage the members for application of VPT.

Mr. Mahgoub raised a question if all "Challenge" must be accepted by the Jury. Ms. Chinen answered "Yes" unless Team possesses appropriate "Challenge Card".

➤ **Any other business**

Nothing was raised.

< **Technical Committee Meeting, 11:00 – 17:30** >

➤ **Welcome**

TC Chairperson Mr. Vlad welcomed all attending members.

➤ **Attendance / Apologies**

Attendance: Nicu Vlad (Chairperson), Reiko Kato Chinen, Karl Rimbock, Abdullah Al Jarmal, Italo Barattini, Sirilak Thatman

Also attended by: Dr. Dr. Tamás Aján, IWF President, Mr. Attila Ádámfi, IWF Director General, Mr. Matyas Lencser, IWF Competition Manager

Attendance (Skype): Milan Mihajlovic

Abstention: Mustafa Mahdi

Apologies: Jean-Alex Randriamanarivo (attending the event relevant NOC / IOC Solidarity), Pedro Torres (diplomatic relationship between USA and Venezuela)

TC confirmed the attendance reached majority.

Mr. Ádámfi informed that no US visa application was made by Mr. Mehdi and he didn't respond any email repeatedly sent from IWF Secretariat for participation of meeting, ITO confirmation and so on.

TC Members unanimously agreed to propose to Executive Board (EB) to expel two TC Members who have never attended any meeting (Mr. Randriamanarivo and Mr. Torres). Dr. Aján suggested Chairperson to discuss separately from the meeting.

➤ **Approval of the Minutes of the previous TC meeting in Ashgabat (TKM, 28.10.2018)**

Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

➤ **ITO Appointment Policy / Technical Officials' Guidebook**

Regarding Technical Officials' Guidebook, Mr. Ádámfi reported that there was no response from the TC Members despite the request for review was made in Tashkent and Ashgabat. He encouraged Members to work more not only attending the meeting. Chairman and Mr. Al Germal agreed to sit down together with Mr. Ádámfi during IWF YWC period, and any further comments to be sent to IWF Secretariat by the end of March.

As for ITO Appointment Policy, as most of the topic were coming from the previous meeting opportunity, Ms. Chinen presented a proposed new version, explaining that TC to encourage athletes' further participation into World Championships, prepare for athletes' pathway for being ITOs and enforce TC's more involvement into the process of TO Selection and allocation. TC agreed her presentation including below modified parts;

Nomination:

- ... Only MFs are eligible to nominate TO(s) of which athlete(s) participated in the IWF World Championships (Sr. Jr. Youth, Olympic Games / YOG) in the previous 2 years.

Selection:

- TOs may only be selected to two (2) consecutive Events listed on the Nomination Form except IWF Technical Committee Members. ...
- ... The TC/MC members will select the required number of TOs from the list of nominees, return it to the IWF Secretariat and copy to TC/MC Chairpersons. The IWF Secretariat provides a summary of the TC/MC selections to the TC/MC Chairpersons and copy to TC/MC Members for initial consideration and recommendation of additional TO appointments if required. ...
- Whenever possible, younger TOs should be selected as follows: IWF Youth World Championships: 50 % of the TOs should be younger than 40 years, IWF Junior World Championships: 50 % of the TOs should be younger than 50 years

Allocation (new):

- IWF Secretariat prepares draft allocation, send to TC/MC Chairpersons for comments and copy to TC/MC Members.
- The final allocation of the TOs will be done after IWF Secretariat and/or Organizing Committee checks the presence of the appointed TOs and in consultation between IWF President and TC/MC Chairpersons and IWF Director General.

Timelines:

- ...
- TOs/MFs confirmation: within 7 days upon receipt of appointment
- IWF drafts allocation for TC/MC Chairpersons: 20 days before the Event

- TC/MC Chairpersons comment to IWF: 10 days before the Event

TC agreed also to request Continental Federations (CFs) to follow the IWF Guideline to develop TOs in each Continent, especially encouraging younger ITOs for Youth and Junior events.

Ms. Chinen also presented about how Technical Delegate (TD) must work and compromised plan to satisfy TC's demand and actual situation below:

Preamble:

- All Multisport Games are organized under the supervision of the IWF
- 99% of the duties are made before the event
- " Full time job" but not paid
- In order to ensure knowledge transfer and wider experience for more Officials, Deputy TD could be appointed

IWF appoints:

- IWF TD(s) is/are appointed from the IWF Secretariat
- Deputy TD could be appointed from / in consultation with the respective Continental, Regional Federation with the same role and responsibility as the IWF TD
- If there is only one TD position provided by the OC, the Deputy TD shall be registered as an ITO with the same role and responsibility

Ms. Thatman introduced the past Regional Federation case that Organizing Committee wanted TD to be selected from the regional countries not to spend too much budget for his/her flight ticket. On the other hand, Dr. Aján stated that only IWF will choose TD, introducing the past example when IWF received a lot of critics when TD was an EB Member without any experience with inappropriate behavior. Mr. Al Germal requested Dr. Aján to coordinate with TC Chairperson whenever IWF selects TD.

➤ **Remaining items of the Ashgabat meeting**

- IWF TCRR – Modification

TC understood that it is too late to modify IWF TCRR for Tokyo 2020 and agreed to collect modification proposals for after Tokyo. For the degree of weight to be applied for automatic increment (1kg, 2kg, 3kg, etc.) TC agreed to study from the past actual increment between the 1st and 2nd attempts or 2nd and 3rd attempts, which may be drawn by IWF TIS's past logs.

- Technical Officials'

- Training

TC will consider creating the opportunity on the occasion of IWF Events spending 2-3 hours in prior to the start of the event. Mr. Ádámfi suggested to create TO refresher course through the internet, issuing certificate with validity period as such seen in #iLiftClean anti-doping platform to reduce number of registered ITOs (6,466) to the number of who serve more actively and more regularly. TC also agreed to encourage TC Chairpersons of CFs to participate in IWF TC meeting (not limited to

TC but also for their CRCs and MCs) and proposed to Dr. Aján to include this in the application of the IWF CF contribution.

- Examination

Mr. Rimbock suggested that examination shouldn't publish the answer, set time limit and create several sets of 100 questions every year so that candidates may not cheat in answering. TC agreed to create examination platform through the internet taking Mr. Rimbock's suggestions into consideration to improve quality of ITOs more than quantity and also allowing education to be done in National or Continental level. Also, TC also agreed to create a special working group to create new Q&As, to consider appropriate duration for TO promotion (from 2 years to 4 years from Category 2 to Category 1 or having Category 3 under Category 2). Mr. Al Germal and Mr. Rimbock offered their volunteering.

- Selection and Allocation

This agenda item has done in above section.

- Special Consideration

This agenda item to be further discussed according to TC Four Year Plan.

- Evaluation

TC agreed that IWF to create TO Database to integrate officiating history of each TO, evaluation done by Jury, and so that TC Members can refer when they are asked to select ITOs for an Event. Practically, TC will use two types of evaluation / report form, i.e., (1) Competition report per group (ex. For M73kg Group B) and (2) TO evaluation through the event (discipline, decision, etc.).

- Technical Delegate

This agenda item has been done above section.

- Yellow / Red Card to Teams

This agenda item to be further discussed according to TC Four Year Plan.

- Four-Year Plan

See attached.

➤ **Video Playback Technology (VPT)**

Ms. Chinen explained to TC Members about detailed relevant IWF TCRR and application procedure of VPT by using PowerPoint slides which to be used at Verification of Final Entry meeting and TO meeting in Las Vegas. She answered to various questions raised by Members.

➤ **Any other business (as raised)**

TC agreed to modify the details of Athlete Card format (modify to "Start Number" instead of "Bib" and to "Automatic Weight" instead of "Automatic Increment."

In case of lack of nominated TOs for 2019 IWF Junior World Championships, a special financial

assistance will be considered.

TC reviewed the draft TO allocation for 2019 IWF Youth World Championships made by IWF Secretariat and reached final agreement.

➤ **Closure**

Chairman declared the closure of the meeting at 17:30.

Nicu Vlad

IWF Technical Committee Chairman

Reiko Kato Chinen

IWF Technical Committee Secretary