



IWF

INTERNATIONAL
WEIGHTLIFTING
FEDERATION

**IWF CONSTITUTION
CONGRESS**

RULES OF PROCEDURE



INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION (IWF)
PROCEDURE FOR THE IWF CONSTITUTION CONGRESS
JUNE 30TH, 2021

PREAMBLE

The IWF is currently undertaking a major governance reform process, which shall include, in particular, a Constitutional Congress to be held virtually on June 30th, 2021, to be followed, in the fall of 2021, by an Electoral Congress. The aim of the Constitutional Congress shall be to consider and vote on a new IWF Constitution, based on a draft Constitution and Rules of the IWF, as prepared by members of the IWF Reform and Governance Commission, dated February 25th, 2021, as well as proposals received by the IWF Secretariat from a number of IWF Member Federations as well as from the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Testing Agency (ITA) and the IWF Ethics and Disciplinary Commission. The above-mentioned material is voluminous. The objective of the IWF is that the upcoming Constitutional Congress approves the new Constitution. According to article 4.1.10 of the IWF Constitution currently in force ("the IWF Constitution"), a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast is required to approve any modifications. Accordingly, the adoption of a new Constitution shall require such majority. Abstentions shall not be taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority (cf. article 4.1.11 IWF Constitution). As the objective of the Constitutional Congress is that it adopts a new Constitution, it is essential, taking into account the abundance of material to be considered, to establish an adequate procedure in order to ensure that the Constitutional Congress runs smoothly while respecting the members' rights. Consequently, the IWF Executive Board has decided on June 24 2021, to propose for approval by the Constitutional Congress at its beginning the present Procedure("The Procedure").

Article 1

This Procedure will be applicable throughout IWF Constitutional Congress ("The Congress") beginning on June 30th, 2021.

Article 2

This Procedure shall enter into force upon its approval by the Constitutional Congress on June 30th, 2021 and shall remain in force until the end of the Congress.

APPLICABLE PROCEDURE

Article 3

This Procedure is based on the IWF Constitution currently in force and Swiss law. In case of any discrepancy between any provision of the IWF Constitution or any other text and this Procedure, the text of the latter shall prevail as *lex specialis*.

PARTICIPATION AT THE IWF CONGRESS

Article 4

According to Article 3.2 of the IWF Constitution there are three (3) categories of Members within the IWF: Full Member (Art. 3.2.1), Provisional Member (Art. 3.2.2), Associate Member (Art. 3.2.3).

Article 5

According to Article 3.5 of the IWF Constitution, only Full Members have the right to submit proposals for the modification of the IWF Constitution and By-Laws.

Pursuant to Article 4.1.4 of the IWF Constitution only those Full Members that have paid their Membership Fees for the current year and have no arrears may participate and vote at the Congress. Each delegate must produce a proof of his/her appointment by the respective Member. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

CONDUCT OF THE CONGRESS PROCEDURE

Article 6

According to article 4.2.1.1 of the IWF Constitution, the IWF Interim President, Dr. Michael Irani, shall preside over the debate and keep order at the Congress. To that effect, he may decide to be assisted for the chair, the running of the Congress and voting procedures by an outside IWF's counsel acting as moderator. Subject to the IWF Interim President's approval, such moderator shall be empowered to chair the meeting on behalf of the IWF Interim President, to organize deliberations and votes, to define the time allocated to members for questions or interventions and, in general, to preserve the order of the Congress with a view to achieving the latter's objective which is to vote on the new IWF Constitution. The moderator shall be entitled to call for partial votes on specific amendments and/or issues prior to a final vote which, in any event, shall require for adoption a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast. Abstentions shall not be taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.

Article 7

Prior to the Congress, all IWF members shall have received the following documents:

- i. A sample of the original draft Constitution and Rules of the IWF, as prepared by members of the IWF Reform and Governance Commission, dated February 25th, 2021.
- ii. Booklet of all proposals received by the IWF Secretariat from a number of IWF Member Federations as well as from the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), International Testing Agency (ITA) and the IWF Ethics and Disciplinary Commission.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Article 8

The order of taking into consideration the draft Constitution shall in principle follow the order of the articles of the said draft, together with the proposed amendments submitted by the IWF members. In order to facilitate the procedure, the moderator may merge some salient themes for consideration such as, for instance, athlete representation, elections or eligibility rules, etc.

INTERVENTIONS

Article 9

The order of interventions at the Congress will be determined by the IWF Interim President or the moderator who shall endeavour to give priority to those Member Federations or Stakeholders that have submitted their requests in writing prior to the Congress.

Due to the voluminous material to be considered, the duration of any intervention should in principle not exceed three minutes. Speakers exceeding such a limit may be interrupted.

Article 10

The independent members of the IWF Reform and Governance Commission have been invited to virtually attend the Constitutional Congress. At the request of the IWF Interim President or the moderator, they may be invited to offer their comments on the draft Constitution.

RECORDING AND MINUTES OF THE CONGRESS

Article 11

The proceedings of the Congress shall be recorded in their integrality.

In order to ensure their full accuracy and absolute neutrality, the Minutes of the IWF Constitutional Congress will be established by an independent recognized Swiss notary public, who shall be assisted by the IWF Secretariat. The notary public shall in particular record and verify the following facts:

- i. Exact text of any change or amendment submitted to any vote by the Congress.
- ii. Recording of the result of each vote taken during the Congress, specifying
 - The number of votes cast;
 - The majority required;
 - The result of the vote.
- iii. The Minutes as prepared by the notary public shall be posted on the IWF's website, including the results of the votes, and accessible to all IWF Members and Stakeholders by July 5, 2021.

ADOPTION OF THE NEW IWF CONSTITUTION

Article 12

The new IWF Constitution which will be submitted for approval to the Congress shall be based on the original draft Constitution submitted as amended or modified in writing, as recorded in the Minutes, during the Congress. The final approval shall require two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.