

## **INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION Honours and Awards Policy**

**Approved by the Executive Board on 1 November 2021**

### **A Background**

This Honours and Awards Policy (**Policy**) of the International Weightlifting Federation (**Federation** and the **IWF**) is made by the Executive Board of the Federation, in accordance with the Executive Board's powers specified in **rule 30.1** of the **Constitution and Rules** of the Federation in force from 31 August 2021.

These Terms of Reference are to be read subject to the Constitution and Rules. The Constitution and Rules shall prevail over this Policy to the extent of any inconsistency, between the Constitution and Rules on the first part, and this Policy on the second part.

Capitalised terms appearing in these Terms of Reference do, where relevant, have the meanings given to those same terms in the Constitution and Rules.

### **B Purpose**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a system through which the Federation confers specific distinctions, awards and other honours on individuals, National Federation Members and other organisations that are duly determined to have:

1. Rendered outstanding service to the Sport;
2. Rendered outstanding service to the Federation; or
3. Made a significant contribution to the promotion and development of the Sport.

### **C Federation Awards and Honours**

There are three (3) different **IWF Awards** established by this Policy:

1. The **IWF Order**, which is then awarded by the Federation in three (3) categories, those categories being:
  - (a) The **IWF Order - Gold**.
  - (b) The **IWF Order – Silver**.
  - (c) The **IWF Order – Bronze**.
2. The **IWF Award of Merit**.
3. The **IWF National Award**, which is then awarded by the Federation in three (3) categories, those categories being:
  - (a) The **IWF National Award – Gold**.
  - (b) The **IWF National Award – Silver**.

- (c) The **IWF National Award – Bronze**.

## **D Disqualification and Qualification Criteria**

### ***Disqualification Criteria – IWF Order, IWF Order of Merit and IWF National Award***

Notwithstanding that a person may satisfy the following eligibility criteria for the award of the IWF Order (in any gradation), the IWF Order of Merit or the IWF National Award, a person is ineligible to be awarded any of those IWF Awards at any time on or after the date that this Policy commences in force, if the person has at any time (either before or after the date that this Policy commenced in force) been determined by the CAS or any other court, tribunal or other body with jurisdiction, as being guilty of or otherwise having committed any Anti-Doping Rule Violation, regardless as to whether the Anti-Doping Rule Violation relates to the Sport, and regardless also as to whether or not the person has already served part of or the whole of the whole of the sanction imposed on the person as a consequence of the person having being found to have committed the Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

### ***Qualification Criteria - The IWF Order***

The IWF Order may be conferred by the Federation in its three gradations of IWF Order – Gold, IWF Order – Silver and IWF Order – Bronze (with the IWF Order – Gold being the most prestigious).

The IWF Order (in its three gradations) may be awarded by the Federation to IWF officers, other individuals and organisations who, in the opinion of the Executive Board, have:

1. Rendered outstanding service to the Sport;
2. Rendered outstanding service to the Federation; or
3. Made a significant contribution to the promotion and development of the Sport.

The process for the conferral of the IWF Order (in any of the gradations) is that the President, General Secretary Treasurer or First Vice President may make a recommendation to the Executive Board that a person or organisation be conferred with an IWF Order, and if so then in what gradation. That recommendation shall include all necessary information and details about the nominee, and their service and contribution to the Federation and the Sport, which is necessary so that the Executive Board is able to make a determination about the nomination.

An IWF Order may be awarded by the Federation upon the Executive Board determining by Special Resolution to confer an IWF Order on an eligible person or organisation, and if so then in which gradation of IWF Order.

### ***Qualification Criteria - IWF Award of Merit***

The IWF Award of Merit is awarded by the Federation to those individuals who, in the opinion of the President, have rendered outstanding service in the development of the Sport.

The process for the conferral of the IWF Order of Merit is that a National Federation Member or Continential Federation may make a recommendation to the President that a person be conferred with the IWF Award of Merit. That recommendation shall include all necessary information and details about the nominee, and their service in the development of the Sport, which is necessary so that the President is able to make a determination about the nomination.

The IWF Order of Merit may be awarded to a person so recommended, at the discretion of the President.

### **Qualification Criteria - IWF National Award**

The IWF National Award is awarded to members of National Member Federations, upon proposals by National Member Federations and by allocation by the President, under the following conditions:

1. **IWF National Award – Gold:** Awarded to eligible recipients who have given not less than twenty-five (25) years' of continuous membership and service to their National Federation Member.
2. **IWF National Award – Silver:** Awarded to eligible recipients who have given not less than fifteen (15) years' of continuous membership and service to their National Federation Member.
3. **IWF National Award – Bronze:** Awarded to eligible recipients who have given not less than ten (10) years' of continuous membership and service to their National Federation Member.

A proposal that the IWF National Award be conferred on a member of a National Federation Member shall include all necessary information and details about the nominee, and their service in the development of the Sport and the National Federation Member, which is necessary so that the President is able to make a determination about the nomination.

### **E Weightlifting Hall of Fame**

The Federation's **Weightlifting Hall of Fame** was established by the Federation on 12th January 1992.

The mission of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame is to pay due tribute to the Sport's most prominent representatives.

The Weightlifting Hall of Fame is located in Paris, France.

The Federation, by enacting this Policy, hereby establishes and confirms the Weightlifting Hall of Fame Board of Trustees (**Board of Trustees**), which shall be comprised of:

1. A Chairperson appointed by the Executive Board; and
2. Such number of other persons as determined and appointed by the Executive Board from time to time.

The Board of Trustees shall be the sole appointing body, in respect of the induction of members of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame.

The Board of Trustees must ensure that not more than ten (10) new members of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame are admitted to membership in any single calendar year.

A person may be nominated for consideration to admission to membership of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame, if the person meets the eligibility criteria set out in this Policy, and if the Board of Trustees resolves to admit that person as a member of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame. In respect thereof, the following eligibility and disqualification criteria applies:

#### **Eligibility Criteria – Weightlifting Hall of Fame**

1. An internationally-ranked former athlete in the Sport may be admitted to membership of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame, provided that the athlete must have been retired from competition for at least five (5) years up to the date of nomination by the Board of Trustees.

2. A coaches who has been involved in the Sport at an international level for for at least twenty-five (25) years may be nominated for admission to membership of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame.
3. An official who has been involved in the Sport at an international level for for at least twenty-five (25) years may be nominated for admission to membership of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame.
4. An individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the Sport at the international level may be nominated for admission to membership of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame.

#### ***Disqualification Criteria – Weightlifting Hall of Fame***

Notwithstanding that a person may satisfy the above eligibility criteria for admission to the Weightlifting Hall of Fame, a person is ineligible to be admitted to the Weightlifting Hall of Fame at any time on or after the date that this Policy commences in force, if the person has at any time (either before or after the date that this Policy commenced in force) been determined by the CAS or any other court, tribunal or other body with jurisdiction, as being guilty of or otherwise having committed any Anti-Doping Rule Violation, regardless as to whether the Anti-Doping Rule Violation relates to the Sport, and regardless also as to whether or not the person has already served part of or the whole of the whole of the sanction imposed on the person as a consequence of the person having being found to have committed the Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

#### ***Procedural Matters – Admission to Weightlifting Hall of Fame***

A nomination submitted to the Board of Trustees shall include all necessary information and details about the nominee, and their service in the development of the Sport, which is necessary so that the Board of Trustees is able to make a determination about the nomination, and the admission of the person to the Weightlifting Hall of Fame.

An inductee to membership of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame shall be presented with a diploma, plaque or other commemorative award of due significance, which shall be presented to the person by the Chairperson or the President, at a ceremony determined by the Board of Trustees and the Federation.

The Federation shall maintain and publish on its Website and in other forums a list of the members of the Weightlifting Hall of Fame.