



**Minutes, IWF Technical Committee Meeting
18 September 2020 (12:00 CET, 10:00 GMT)
Online, Zoom 997 3271 5581**

< Attendance >

- Nicu Vlad (Chairperson)
- Reiko Kato Chinen (Secretary)
- Milan Mihajlovic
- Karl Rimbock
- Abdullah Al Jarmal
- Italo Barattini
- Mustafa Mahdi
- Sirilak Thatman
- Pedro Sanchez

Also attended by:

- Sam Coffa (Advisor to IWF EB)
- Matyas Lencser (IWF Competition Manager)

< Opening remarks >

Chairman Vlad welcomed all attendees. He used the opportunity to congratulate Sam Coffa for his being appointed as the Technical Delegate of 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG) and appreciated TC Members who positively voted on his appointment. Mr. Coffa thanked in his reply, explained that appointment for CWG must be from Commonwealth nations but will share his experience to TC Members with pleasure.

< Agenda >

1. Update on IWF Executive Board recent decisions

Chairman Vlad informed that:

- Previous EB meeting was held on the previous Sunday (13 Sep) and the next EB meeting will be held on the next Sunday (20 Sep).

- Chairman Vlad and Mr. Coffa, as IF Delegates, made Tokyo 2020 Progress Report and Sole Supplier issue was explained.
- EB approved 7 Anti-Doping Commission Members including 3 nominated by ITA.
- Regarding Constitution modification Congress, majority of EB did not agree to modify the Constitution online.

Mr. Coffa additionally informed that:

- EB realized that it would be impossible to complete scheduled Qualification Events, therefore, EB requested Chairman Vlad and Mr. Coffa to draft new Qualification System. Once new system is drafted, it will be circulated among IWF TC Members then EB to approve for submission to the IOC.
- Regarding Anti-Doping, EB has not been happy with Independent Monitoring Group and Anti-Doping Commission.
- According to the IOC's strategy, IWF has been encouraged to establish Safeguarding Policy which prevents athletes from harassment and abuse in Sport. Ms. Lundahl drafted and presented to EB during the previous EB Meeting.

2. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification

Chairman Vlad said that a lot of competitions have been cancelled and more competitions are expected to be cancelled in future, therefore we must find a fair solution for athletes. For this purpose, IWF is going to invite several persons for help.

Mr. Al Jarmal inquired why all the events were cancelled, introduced that international events in Athletics will be held in Doha, a Handball Event will be in Egypt. He offered that planned Qatar Cup to be a Qualification Event.

Mr. Coffa replied, explained that there are many nations which ban travel abroad and set restriction of activities; in Pan America, there are only 4 nations which can travel but zero in Oceania, in Europe, quarantine is needed when people enter and when people have come back, in China any sport federations cannot organize their competition within this year - therefore, holding Events under such situation will not create fair ground. He also introduced Anti-Doping statistics: ITA tested 416 samples during the 1st quarter of 2020, however only 44 was tested during the 2nd quarter of 2020 which included 19 samples from China.

Mr. Mahdi suggested not to use Robi Point but use absolute ranking in case the IWF reconsiders the Qualification System.

Chairman Vlad requested Mr. Mahdi to present his idea to him and Mr. Coffa. Mr. Coffa agreed Mr. Mahdi's opinion that Robi point cannot solve the situation, subject to the IOC's approval though, because the IOC would like to protect all the athletes so far competed during the Qualification Period.

3. IWF Guidelines ITO Appointment

Chairman Vlad introduced that the Guideline must be modified including what the IWF TC

discussed during Ashgabat meeting in 2018.

Members discussed:

- IWF TC Members to have priority to officiate
- Absolute power not to be in President but in IWF TC
- Sanction on cancellation without notice to remain the same because such cancellation causes a lot of problems both for the IWF and Organizing Committee

TC agreed to review the document which will be drafted by Mr. Sanchez. After the agreement among TC, the draft will be presented to EB for approval of implementation.

4. IWF TO License for 2021-2024

IWF TC discussed about the IWF TO License and IWF's TO Database and agreed that:

- New license to be for 2021-2024
- Chairman Vlad to coordinate with IWF Secretariat to share the database with IWF TC Members
- Database to be sorted by continent and by alphabetic order
- Activity status to can be reviewed by payment status
- If necessary, Continental TC Chairpersons to be involved for help

5. IWF TCRR Modification for 2021

Members discussed about the suggested new rule which had been discussed during Ashgabat meeting in 2018 but have been pending for Tokyo 2020, i.e., maximum number of athletes to compete per category per team/nation, which IWF TC suggests one (IWF TCRR 1.2.7).

As the modification during the Qualification Period may cause unfair ground to the athletes and its consequences such as court cases, Mr. Coffa proposed following conditions and TC took the votes:

- In principal IWF TC agrees to implement the new IWF TCRR 1.2.7 with the maximum of one (1) athlete per category per team/nation but not to impact on the Qualification System for Tokyo 2020
- Therefore, its date of operation is subject to the IWF EB (to approve the new Qualification System), and
- Also, its date of operation is subject to the IOC (to approve the new Qualification System)

Mr. Mustafa was against above, preferred the date of implementation only after Tokyo 2020.

Chairman requested Ms. Chinen to organize so called "TCRR Modification Bucket List" there proposal from Mr. Al Jarmal to be included (creation of new rules and regulations to prevent problematic cases happened in the past IWF Event such as interpretation on weigh-in time over, difference in weigh-in and competing athletes).

6. Information about Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games preparation

Ms. Chinen made a presentation to inform ongoing preparation. The main topics were:

- Simplification of the Games
- COVID 19 countermeasures.

Mr. Coffa additionally informed that:

- ITO list will be reviewed, and unnecessary persons will be eliminated (such persons were listed for accreditation reason in the previous list)
- Sole Supplier issue is relevant to the IOC Rule 50 – the supplier needs to remove the Look of the Games completely after the Games, but it cannot produce appropriate stickers on the plates.

7. Upcoming ITO Seminars Stage II

Chairman Vlad reported that:

- The Stage I Seminars were carried out firstly for Pan America in Spanish and in English then in Russian, French and in Arabic.
- Oceania Federation also hosted its English Seminar.
- Translation to Chinese has been already done, however, most probably the seminar will be limited among Chinese Association due to language difficulty
- Stage II Seminar for Pan America will be carried out on 19 September
- Mr. Italo Barattini, Ms. Maritza Ortiz and Mr. Gustavo Margor will be the lecturer, assisted by Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Mihajlovic and Ms. Chinen to deal with Q&A.

Mr. Barattini informed that there will be simultaneous translation in the Pan Am Seminar Stage II.

8. Any other business

Chairman Vlad inquired the Members if all received daily allowances from the previous meetings and found Mr. Mahdi has not received yet due to account problem. This issue to be followed up.

< Closure >

Chairman Vlad declared the closure of the meeting at 16:00 CET, 14:00 GMT.

Nicu Vlad

IWF Technical Committee Chairman

Reiko Kato Chinen

IWF Technical Committee Secretary