



Report of the IWF Membership Commission

Mr. Peter Krol, Chairman
17th September 2019

Congress
Pattaya, Thailand

Previous Membership Meeting in Las Vegas



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Outcomes of the last MC meeting:

- ✓ Deadline of the 2018 Membership Fee payment **31th July 2019**
- ✓ New application evaluated – **Cape Verde** – became a **Provisional Member** (193th Member)
- ✓ Provisional Members -> Burundi and Equatorial Guinea -> **Apply for Full Membership – comply with the 3 conditions – deadline: 31 July 2019**

IWF Membership Review 2019 Pattaya



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Activity of the Member Federations



Activity in 2018

- According to the IWF Database based on the results of IWF Events provided by the Federations
- **26 Full Member Federations had no activity in 2018.**

Activity in 2019

- **26 Full Member Federations had no activity in 2019 (Statistics data until 31 August).**

Combined Federations



- Article 3.1.3 of the IWF Constitution and By-Laws:

„Unless specifically authorised by the Executive Board the combination of weightlifting with other sports that have their own international federations is not permitted.”

- According to the IWF Database **7 Full Member Federations** are combined with other sports in 2019.



Recommendations of the Membership Commission approved by the EB

Payment of Membership Fee

**Deadline for payment
(Membership Fee of 2018 and 2019)**



1st January in each year

Proposed deadline for payment (Membership Fee of 2018 and 2019)



At latest on 15th October, 2019 for ALL MFs



Provisional Members

In March 2019, Las Vegas the IWF EB decided to give a deadline (31 July 2019) for the PMs to apply for Full Membership – comply with the 3 conditions

Burundi (BUR)

- ✓ Paid the Membership Fee for 2018 and 2019
- ✓ No activity in 2018 and 2019
- ✓ Not combined Federation

Eqatorial Guinea (GEQ)

- ✓ The Federation did not pay the Membership Fee for 2018 and 2019
- ✓ No activity in 2018 and 2019
- ✓ Not combined Federation

Decision: Full Membership of Burundi not approved because of non-compliance

**Additional deadline to comply with 3 obligations until
29 February 2020**



Temporary Suspended Country – fulfilled Art. 3.4. IWF Constitution



Lesotho (LES)

- ✓ Paid the Membership Fee for 2018 and 2019
- ✓ Activity in 2018 and 2019
- ✓ Not combined Federation

Decision: Temporary Suspension of the Federation LIFTED

Dutch Weightlifting Association (NGB)

- Previous Federation (KNKF) – was not independent financially;
- Difficulties regarding financial support due to the non-independence;
- On May 15, 2019 the Federation became independent;
- New Name: Dutch Weightlifting Association (NGB)
- Constitution was sent to the IWF – legally acceptable

EB Confirmed the independent status of the Federation



Basque WL Federation

- Wish to join the IWF as AM Members;
- AM Member (3.2.3 IWF Constitution): ***„Associate Member (hereinafter referred as AM): An Associate Member is a Federation of a non-sovereign country, meaning that such non-sovereign country has no National Olympic Committee recognised by the IOC and/or does not fulfil the criteria set out under Article 3.1.2 above.”***

Decision: Application for AM Membership REFUSED



Full Members – under temporary suspension

- **Curacao (CUR)**
 - **Belize (BIZ)**
 - **Cayman Islands (CAY)**
 - **US. Virgin Islands (ISV)**
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- **Decision: until 29 February 2020 MFs have the chance to comply with the obligations -> in case of compliance proposal for Full Membership at the next Membership Commission Meeting in 2020**



Possible New Members

- **British Virgin Islands (BVI)**
- **Bermuda (BER)**
- **St. Lucia (WL)**

- **Request for IWF Application form, Constitution, List of EB Members, Attestation of NOC, Affiliation Fee.**
- **If all documents are submitted, and if the Affiliation Fee is paid – Application will be evaluated by the Commission – Proposal for Provisional Membership (24 Months) at the next Meeting.**





**Thank you for
your attention!**