

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting

Held on 11th February 2023 at 15:00 CET.

by Video Conference via Zoom and in-person from Rome, ITALY

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jaloud, President and Chairperson of the Meeting – online,

Antonio Urso, General Secretary, in-person,

Ursula Papandrea, 1st Vice President – online,

Doris Marrero, Petr Krol, Pyrros Dimas, Attila Adamfi, Vice Presidents - online

Mohamed Alharbi, Florian Sperl – in-person; Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Matthew Curtain, Wen Shin Chang, Tom Yong Liaw, Gardencia Du Plooy, Hiromi Miyake, Maria Jose Alcala, Boukar Tikire, Members - online

Antonio Conflitti, Khaled Mehalhel, Marcus Stephen Jose Quinones in-person and Mohd Y. Al Mana online Continental Presidents,

Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz, Luisa Peters, AC representatives – online

7 Voting Board Members joined the meeting in person and 17 online that is 24 in total. Quorum was formed.

Michel Raynaud (FRA President), Ex Officio joined the meeting online.

Secretariat: Mária Cseresnyés BAM; Timea Horvath EDM in-person, Olivier Ducrey, Legal Counsel, online

Meeting started at 15:00 p.m. CET.

Agenda of the Meeting

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of IWF President	M. Jaloud
2.	Report of President	M. Jaloud
3.	Report of General Secretary	A. Urso
4.	Constitution	M. Jaloud. A. Urso
5.	Provisional Budget 2023	M. Jaloud
6.	Antidoping	M. Jaloud. A. Urso
7.	Olympic Games Paris 2024	M. Curtain
8.	Development and Education Commission Report	K. Mehalhel
9.	Refugees Committee	F. Sperl
10.	Championships 2023	
	10.1 IWF Youth World Championships Tirana ALB – (Update)	A. Urso
	10.2 IWF Junior World Championships Guadalajara, MEX – date to be confirmed	A. Urso
	10.3 IWF World Championships – Riyadh, KSA O.Q. Event	M. Alharbi
11.	Proposal of EB Members	
12.	Any Other Business	

1. Welcome words of the IWF President

After the Roll Call, the President welcomed the EB Members joining the meeting, the General Secretary also offered greetings.

2. Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary explained the IWF Organisational Chart (**Annex 01**) and informed the Board about Pedro ADREGA being selected from 12 candidates submitting CVs to be hired as a communication manager to join the Lausanne office. In case the Board approved, he would be able start on 15 February 2023. A motion was made to approve the IWF Organisational Chart, and to hire Pedro ADREGA as Communication Manager of the IWF.

VOTE 1 to approve the motion as stated above with 20 yes votes, 1 abstention and 6 not online – PASSED.

3. Report of the President

The President informed the EB about his meeting together with 1st Vice President and the IOC about the case of BLR and RUS athletes' participation in the upcoming competitions and the Olympic Games as well as their meeting with the Athletes' Commission (AC) and European Weightlifting Federation (EWF) afterwards to discuss the matter. **He ascertained that the IWF would follow the recommendations of the IOC in all way.** The countries in question should be provided the opportunity to be registered in the whereabouts to provide the opportunity for them to compete in case the IOC would recommend allowing them to participate in the events.

Osei, AC Chair, informed the EB that the AC asked the athletes' opinion in the Social Media about the pre-approval of the BLR and RUS athletes. The results: 75% of votes cast against, 20% of votes cast in favour of allowing the athletes of the said countries to compete. Papandrea added when discussing it within the AC they were evenly split – based on rights they said yes, from political point of view they said no.

It was noted that the IOC would not decide before 28-29 March whether to allow the BLR and RUS athletes to compete. Both countries confirmed that they had never stopped sending the whereabouts information of the athletes during the period they were not allowed to participate in the competitions. In order to be prepared, the BLR and RUS Federation should be included in the mailing list of notifications. IWF IT Team confirmed that RUS and BLR had never been deleted from the mailing list of reminders, letters sent to the MFs on the whereabouts info etc.

4. Constitution

President summarised the outcome of the Intercontinental meeting with reference to the Constitution and informed the EB about the members to the Working Group: Ursula Papandrea (WG Chair) Antonio Urso, Sam Coffa, Antonio Conflitti CF Representative, (requested by the Continental Federations), Forrester Osei, AC Chair, Alessandro Oliverio, Jean-Pierre Morand. Working Group would have a meeting in Durres, ALB for 2 days about the Constitution before the EB meeting (to be held on 30 March) and report to them.

It was noted that the draft is rather a new Constitution than an amendment of the existing one that shall be communicated (especially to the IOC) highlighting that it is not a weakening but strengthening and creating an operable document. The WG was requested to create an internal Timeline.

5. Budget

With reference to the EB meeting held on the 21 January 2023 when Dastanov and Cseresnyes were asked to explain the 2023 IWF Budget attached as **Annex 02**. The EB members were requested to send their proposals until the following EB meeting to be held in February 2023. Only Adamfi sent his notices to the budget, open issues were explained.

Osei said he did not see any budget for the Athletes' Support Programme discussed during the EB meeting held in December 2022 in Bogota, Colombia.

The Development Programme Budget was increased in DP Development p.1.1 (National and Regional) to cover IWF Refugee Programme and the athletes support projects until the Olympic Games.

A motion was made to approve the estimated annual budget for 2023.

VOTE 2 to approve the motion as stated above with 21 yes votes, 1 abstention and 5 not online – PASSED.

6. Anti-Doping Costs

The General Secretary informed the EB about the meeting with the ITA as well as the ADC Chair. It was discussed to remove completely the legal expenses of the doping cases from the IWF's shoulder and to charge those to the national federations and/or the athletes producing a positive case. Another proposal was to increase the individual doping fine from 5,000 USD to 10,000 USD starting from 01 January 2024. The third proposal was to increase the Special Anti-Doping fee from 50 USD / athlete to 100 USD / athlete in Senior Continental Championships as well.

Exhenry also informed the EB about the details of the new "Allocation of Anti-Doping Costs Guidelines" (**Annex 03**) to be approved by the EB. There was a confusion, misunderstanding at the Local Organising Committees (LOC) between the Special Anti-Doping Fee (payable to the IWF) and the Collection fees (DCOs collecting blood and urine samples during the event) payable to the ITA or to their sub-contracting laboratory or organisation.

It was mentioned - and a follow-up with the ITA was requested - that it happened last year when instead of 4 DCOs, 7 DCOs arrived at the event, 3 of which were constantly lying on the beach – related costs payable by the LOC would be preferable to avoid in the future.

A motion was made to approve as package on AD issues:

- To remove completely the legal expenses of the doping cases from the IWF's shoulder and to charge those to the national federations and/or the athletes producing a positive case.
- To increase the individual doping fine from 5,000 USD to 10,000 USD starting from 01 January 2024.
- To increase the Special Anti-Doping fee from 50 USD / athlete to 100 USD / athlete in Senior Continental Championships.
- New Allocation of Anti-Doping Costs Guidelines

VOTE 3 to approve the motion as stipulated above with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention and 5 not online – PASSED.

7. Olympic Games

Curtain gave an operational update about Paris 2024 Olympic Games (OG) attached as **Annex 04**. He said the dates for the OG TEST EVENT had been confirmed to be held on 12 August 2023.

8. Development and Education Commission Report

The Chair informed the EB that they were about to finish their report, however, during the Intercontinental Committee meeting it turned out that some of the data provided by the MFs were incorrect – clarification and finalisation was still being coordinated with the CFs. The Final report would be presented in the following EB meeting to be held in Durres Albania on 30 March during the 2023 IWF YWC.

9. Refugee Programme

Sperl presented the EB that the draft of the IWF Refugee Programme attached as **Annex 05** was finalised: 3 male and 3 female athletes were considered to be supported who would fulfil the IWF 2023 Anti-Doping Rules. The budget allocated for the Programme already approved in point 5. above.

A motion was made to approve the IWF Refugee Programme.

VOTE 4 to approve the IWF Refugee Programme with 23 yes votes, 0 abstention and 4 not online – PASSED.

10. Competitions Update

The General Secretary informed the EB about the technical visit taken to Durres and Tirana in Albania.

Alharbi informed the EB about the progress in organising the 2023 IWF WWC in Riyadh and promised to give a detailed update in the following EB meeting in March.

Jaloud informed the EB about the technical visit taken to Cuba, including but not limited to hotel arrangements, visa upon arrival, change of competition dates, shifted to 7-18 June 2023, new equipment would be purchased for the event.

11. Proposal by EB members

Recommendations of the Continental Federations made during the Intercontinental Meeting to the IWF Executive Board:

- 1) Constitution Working Group (CWG): the CFs wish to appoint Mr. Antonio Conflitti to the CWG
- 2) Within the IWF Development Program, any support to be given to Federations, need to be coordinated with the CF.
- 3) The IOC Development Program – 70.000 USD to be distributed as follows:
 - 25.000 USD Oceania
 - 15.000 USD Africa
 - 10.000 USD Europe
 - 10.000 USD Asia
 - 10.000 USD Pan America
- 4) The technical delegates for Continental and Regional Games should be chosen by CFs.

A motion was made to approve the Recommendations from the Continental Federations.

VOTE 5 to approve the motion on CF recommendations with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention and 5 not online – PASSED.

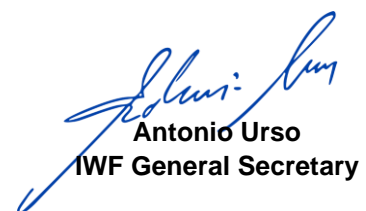
It was stated that the following in-person IWF Executive Board meeting would be held on 30 March 2023 in Durres Albania, during the 2023 IWF YWC.

There being no other matter to transact, the meeting was closed.

Meeting ended 20:00 p.m. CET on 11/02/2023.



Mohammed Jaloud
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

- Annex 01 IWF Organisational Chart
- Annex 02 2023 IWF Budget
- Annex 03 Allocation of Anti-Doping Costs Guidelines
- Annex 04 Paris 2024 OG Update
- Annex 05 IWF Refugee Programme
- Annex 06 "Transcripts" of the voice record

Notice: Annex 06 - "Transcripts" of the IWF EB voice records was generated by the Zoom software.