

# MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB) Held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 15:00 CET. ONLINE – by Video Conference via Zoom

## **PARTICIPATING**

Mohammed Jalood, President and Chairperson of the Meeting

Doris Marrero, Petr Krol, Attila Adamfi, Vice Presidents

Mohamed Alharbi, Florian Sperl, Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Hiromi Miyake, Matthew Curtain, Dr Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Tom Liaw Members

Antonio Conflitti, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental Presidents,

Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo AC representatives

Mr. Michel Raynaud (FRA) – Ex Officio

**18 Voting Board Members joined the meeting online Quorum was formed.**

*IWF Secretariat Members*

*Excuses: Luisa Peters, Jose Quinones*

*Guest: Jean-Pierre Morand*

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

## **Agenda of the Meeting**

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of IWF President / General Secretary	M. Jaloud, A. Urso
2.	Approval of the updated IWF Policy concerning the participation of Individual Neutral Athletes and Support Personnel with a Russian or Belarussian Passport in International Sports Competitions.	M. Jaloud. A. Urso
3.	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President welcomed the EB Members joining the meeting.

The President and the General Secretary informed the EB that the present meeting was convened to approve the updated IWF Policy concerning the participation of Individual Neutral Athletes and Support Personnel with a Russian or Belarussian Passport in International Sports Competitions prepared by the working group (WG) created for the preparation and review of possible involvement of Russian and Belarussian athletes in IWF events.

Curtain summarised the updated Policy, having been circulated before the meeting:

- Eligible Technical Officials.
- Athletes and support personnel shall be required to be independently vetted once.
- Athletes and support personnel must complete the declaration before each event

Proposed Timeline:

By 25 July 2023: Submission of declarations and undertakings

26 July – 1 August 2023: Investigation and intelligence (5 working days)

3 or 7 August 2023: IWF Executive Board Meeting

He also ascertained that neither athletes nor technical officials from Russia were registered / applied for the 2023 IWF WWC to be held in Riyadh, KSA.

A motion was made to approve updated IWF Policy, concerning the participation of Individual Neutral Athletes and Support Personnel and Technical Officials with a Russian or Belarussian Passport in IWF Competitions.

**VOTE 1 to approve the updated IWF Policy concerning participation of Russian and Belarussian athletes to IWF competitions with 17 yes votes, 0 abstention and 10 not online – PASSED.**

Al-Harbi, being the organiser for 2023 IWF WWC, asked if there were a special procedure for any AIN participant (holding wither BLR or RUS passport) that they as organisers need to consider.

He also raised another issue regarding the refugee team – if the refugees in the team had some sort of certificate or an official letter from the country where they stayed as refugees or they were just simple residents in the given country. This issue should be urgently clarified.

The EB also discussed whether 1 or 2 platforms would be used during the WWC. There were pros and contras, the IWF President called a meeting to discuss in detail consisting of IWF President, TC Chair, LOC President and LOC Advisor, IWF staff.

TC Chair informed the EB that the Athletes' Commission approved the proposal of the TC on the clothing of athletes at the weigh-in to be updated / included in the IWF TCRR.

*“Athletes must be weighed in their weightlifting costume; athletes must not wear shoes or socks or any other footwear during the weigh-in. If an athlete is over, their officially entered body-wide category, 250 grams can be deducted from the weight shown on the skulls to allow for the weight of the costume. If the athlete is within their official entered body-weight category, the weight on the scale will be recorded as shown.”*

A motion was made to approve the **TC Proposal relative to the costumes of the athletes at the weigh-in** as stated above.

**VOTE 2 to approve the above motion with 16 yes votes, 0 abstention and 11 not online – PASSED.**

The IWF Policy together with related press release will be published on the IWF web site.

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

**Meeting ended 16:30 p.m. CET on 19/07/2023.**



**Mohammed Jalood**  
IWF President



**Antonio Urso**  
IWF General Secretary

### **Annexes to the Minutes**

Annex 01	Board Paper
Annex 02	Updated Declaration Form
Annex 03	Updated IWF Policy on participation of Russian and Belarussian athletes to IWF competitions
Annex 04	“Transcripts” of the voice record

*Notice: Annex 04. the “Transcripts” of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.*