

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)

held on 10th September 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Riyadh, KSA time

in person from the 2023 IWF WWC in Riyadh, KSA

and ONLINE – by Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jalood, President and Chairperson of the Meeting, in-person

Ursula Papandrea, First Vice President, in-person

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

Mohamed Alharbi, Florian Sperl, Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Matthew Curtain, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Tom Liaw, Boukar Tikire in-person and Hiromi Miyake, online - Members

Mohd Yousef Al Mana, Antonio Conflitti, Marcus Stephen, Jose Quinones, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental Presidents in-person

Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, Luisa Peters AC representatives, in-person

Mr. Michel Raynaud (FRA) – Ex Officio, in-person

24 Voting Board Members joined the meeting in person and online, Quorum was formed.

IWF Secretariat Members

Excuses: Antonio Urso, Wen Shin Chang

Guests: Jean-Pierre Morand, Alessandro Oliverio, Dr. Michael Irani, Intarat Yodbangtoey

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. Riyadh, KSA time.

Agenda of the Meeting

	Topic	Speaker
	Welcome Words of IWF President and General Secretary	M. Jaloud. A. Urso
	Welcome Words by the President of the KSA LOC	Mohammed Ahmed Al-Harbi
1.	ADC Chair Report	Rune Andersen
2.	Frist Vice President Report	Ursula Papandrea
3.	Strategic Plan	Pedro Adrega
4.	Technical Committee Report	Sam Coffa
6.	Medical Committee Report	Dr. Fathi Masmoudi
7.	Coaching and Research Committee Report	Petr Krol
8.	Development and Education Commission Report	Khaled Mehalhel
9.	Athletes' Commission Report	Forrester Osei
10.	Refugee Project Update	Florian Sperl
11.	Sustainability Project Update	Florian Sperl
12.	Financial Report	Maxat Dastanov

After the Roll Call, the President welcomed the EB Members joining the meeting, the President of the KSA WF hosting the 2023 IWF WWC in Riyadh also offered greetings.

1. Report of the Anti-Doping Commission (ADC) Chair

Testing limitations in problematic countries were discussed. The EB was congratulated by the ADC Chair for the work and decisions made in relation to Anti-Doping. No athletes were allowed to compete not having been tested before any event by the ITA.

Blood collection – expensive – it was checked to reduce blood testing in return for increasing the number of urine tests – it was not advised at this stage by the ADC, which was accepted by the EB.

Pre-Games Testing Plans for Paris 2024: the goal for Paris would be to make sure that each potential medal taker was tested a number of times before the Games.

MF categorisation

A: minimum of 2 tests per athlete, mandatory education programme for the athletes paid by the local NADO

B: minimum of 1 test per athlete, education programme participation – optional

C: no special requirements.

MF categorisation would be announced by ITA and would be published in October both on the web site of the ITA and the IWF. In correspondence to the IWF EB decision made in June 2023, the programme to be enforced from the 1st November 2023.

2. Report of the First Vice President

Papandrea summarised the modifications suggested to be considered in the IWF HRND Policy, having been provisionally approved by the EB in August, and reviewed by the IOC circulated before the meeting among the EB members – attached hereto as **Annex 01** - and asked the EB to approve it.

A Motion was made to approve the amended Human Rights and Non-Discrimination (HRND) Policy.

VOTE 1 to approve the updated IWF HRND Policy with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

She also summarised the recommendations of the Working Group created in relation to the Gender Identity Policy (GIP) **Annex 02**, if adopted it would be first applied before / in relation to the IWF JWC (MEX).

A Motion was made to approve the recommendations of the Working Group for the implementation of the Gender Identity Policy (GIP).

VOTE 2 to approve the updated IWF Gender Identity Policy with 18 yes votes, 1 abstention 2 no votes – PASSED.

3. Strategic Plan

Adrega gave a summary on the Strategic Plan to be presented and approved by the Congress on the following days attached hereto as **Annex 03**.

A Motion was made to approve the Strategic Plan and to keep the same Working Group to lead, mentor and monitor the implementations.

VOTE 3 to approve the Strategic Plan and to keep the WG for implementation with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Lunch break: 12:50 – 13:50

After the lunchbreak the roll call has been completed – 23 Board members joined the meeting in person and 1 online.

4. Technical Committee (TC) Report

Coffa gave a report, attached hereto as **Annex 04**, on the work of the Technical Committee.

- Review of the TCRR with special regards to the appeal process during the competition.
- Professionalisation of the ITOs
- Technical Officials for the Paris 2024 OG
- Update of the TIS system
- Establishment of quotas for the world championships.

A motion was made to approve the Technical Committee Report.

VOTE 4 to approve the Technical Committee Report with 23 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

5. Medical Committee (MC) Report

Dr. Masmoudi summarised the work having been made by the Medical Committee.

- Huge investments by the IWF to fight doping with the cooperation of ITA.
- Recommendations to the Gender Identity Policy, with a medical Sub-Committee created in the matter.
- MC would give recommendations regarding the nomination of competition doctors for IWF events.
- Presentation by Dr. Tsikouris in the application of Hip Arthroscopy for weightlifters with hip injuries.

A motion was made to approve the Medical Committee Report.

VOTE 5 to approve the Medical Committee Report with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

6. Coaching and Research Committee (CRC) Report

Krol given the floor, made a report on the work of the CRC attached hereto as **Annex 05**.

The proposal was, in co-operation with the Olympic Solidarity, to have a training camp with 10 young athletes (one male/one female per continent) to be held in Mexico, prior to the IWF World Junior Championships in November. Also, an update on the Coaches Licence Programme was given to EB members – in Europe, a pilot programme would, for example, involve 300 coaches from 43 nations as well as new criteria and standards would be created to implement the IWF Academies – a project that was presently involving three universities in three continents (Americas – Cuba; Asia – China; Europa – Bulgaria)

VOTE 6 to approve the Coaching and Research Committee Report with 20 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

7. Development and Education Commission (DEC) Report Related

Mehalhel given the floor, gave a detailed report on the work of the DEC attached hereto as **Annex 06**.

A motion was made to approve the Development and Education Commission Report.

VOTE 7 to approve the Development and Education Commission Report with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

8. Athletes' Commission Report

Osei summarised the tasks completed by the Athletes' Commission with special regards to the implementation of Athlete Direct Support Programme introduced this year, attached hereto as **Annex 07**.

A motion was made to approve the Athletes' Commission Report.

VOTE 8 to approve the Athletes' Commission Report with 19 yes votes, 5 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

9. Refugee Project Update

Sperl gave an update on the Refugee project launched this year giving the possibility for three athletes to participate at the IWF World Championships in Riyadh as well as two lifters from the team were also to take part in the EWF Cup to be held at the end of September in Ancient Olympia (GRE) **Annex 08**.

A motion was made to approve the Refugee Team Project Report.

VOTE 9 to approve the Refugee Project Report with 21 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

10. Sustainability Project update

Sperl gave an update on the Refugee project launched this year. **Annex 09.**

11. Financial Report

Dastanov gave an update on the audited IWF Financial Statements 2022 having been circulated among the EB Members well in advance, attached hereto **Annex 10.**

VOTE 10 to approve the audited IWF Financial Statements 2022 with 23 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Meeting ended 17:30 p.m. Riyadh, KSA time on 10/09/2023.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	IWF Human Rights and Non-Discrimination (HRND) Policy
Annex 02	Gender Identity Policy recommendations
Annex 03	Strategic Plan
Annex 04	Technical Committee (TC) Report
Annex 05	Coaching and Research Committee (CRC) Report
Annex 06	Development and Education Commission (DEC) Report Related
Annex 07	Athletes' Commission Report
Annex 08	Refugee Project update
Annex 09	Sustainability Project update
Annex 10	IWF Financial Statements 2022
Annex 11	"Transcripts" of the voice record

Notice: Annex 11 "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.