

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)

held on 29th March 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Phuket, THA time
in person from the 2024 IWF World Cup in Phuket, THA
and ONLINE – by Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jalood, President and Chairperson of the Meeting, in-person
Antonio Urso, General Secretary, in-person
Ursula Papandrea, First Vice President, in-person
Doris Marrero, Attila Adamfi, Pyrros Dimas, Petr Krol Vice Presidents, in-person
Mohamed Alharbi, Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Matthew Curtain, Florian Sperl, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Tom Liaw, Meco Chang, Boukar Tikire, in-person and Hiromi Miyake, online - Members
Mohd Yousef Al Mana, Antonio Conflitti, Jose Quinones, Marcus Stephen, in-person Khaled Mehalhel online
Continental Presidents
Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, Luisa Peters AC representatives, in-person
Mr. Michel Raynaud (FRA) – Ex Officio, in-person

23 Voting Board Members joined the meeting in person and 2 online, Quorum was formed.

IWF Secretariat Members

Guests: Maj. Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, IWF Honorary Vice President, Jean-Pierre Morand, IWF Legal Counsel

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. Phuket, THA time.

Agenda of the Meeting

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of the IWF President	M. Jaloud
2.	Welcome Words of IWF Honorary Vice President, TAWA Honorary President	Maj. Gen. I. Yodbangtoey
3.	Anthem of the IWF composed by Dr. Antonio Urso, IWF General Secretary	A. Urso
4.	Financial Report 2023	M. Dastanov, M. Cseresnyes
5.	Technical Committee Report	S. Coffa
	A) Bodyweight Categories, One Athlete Per Category per Nation – Review / Recommendation	
	B) IWF qualification for the World Senior Championships (through the Continental Championships and Qualifying Standards – Recommendation)	
6.	Medical Committee Report	Dr. F. Masmoudi
7.	Coaching and Research Committee Report	P. Krol
8.	Update on the IWF Bylaws	U. Papandrea
9.	Report of the Refugee and Sustainability Projects	Florian Sperl
10.	Update on Anti-Doping Issues	Melody Exhenry
11.	Membership Issues	M. Jaloud, A. Urso
12.	Olympic Games Paris 2024	Ms. Jacqueline White
13.	Olympic Qualification System	M. Curtain
14.	Presentation of Country-Candidates for 2026 World Youth Championships	Country Delegates
15.	Presentation of Country-Candidates for 2026 World Junior Championships	Country Delegates
16.	Presentation of Country-Candidates for 2027 World (Senior) Championships	Country Delegates
17.	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President and the General Secretary welcomed the EB Members attending the meeting both in person and online, the IWF Honorary Vice President, TAWA Honorary President Maj. Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey hosting the 2024 IWF World Cup in Phuket, a qualification event for Paris 2024 OG, also offered greetings.

A moment of Silence was observed remembering Dr. Richard Herrick, previous IWF Medical Committee member and Mr. Paul Wallwork previous president of OWF.

1. Report of the President

The President after welcoming the participants introduced the new IWF CEO, Mr. Achilleas Tsogas, joining the IWF on 01 March. He also mentioned it was the last competition under the OQS for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, after which the qualification system should be reviewed by the TC chaired by Sam Coffa working very hard to optimise the system.

2. IWF Anthem, Composed by Report of the General Secretary

The Secretary General informed the EB how the idea emerged to compose the anthem of the IWF. A video was shown about the procedure composing it and the anthem was played.

3. Technical Committee (TC) Report

The Report of the TC Chair is attached hereto as **Annex 01** His report included the following topics:

- Technical committee recommended reducing to 8 bodyweight categories per gender (from 10) to optimize Olympic programme.
- Proposal to allow only 1 athlete per country per category at World Championships to increase medal distribution

A motion was made to approve the recommendation of the TC to introduce 8 + 8 categories.

VOTE 1 to approve the recommendation of the Technical Committee on introducing 8 plus 8 bodyweight categories with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

An Innovation Commission was created to elaborate the bodyweight of the 8+8 categories, to finalize qualification system details, including category specifics and implementation timeline. Members to it: TC Chair: Sam Coffa, Matthew Curtain, Forrester Osei, Osei (AC) and one member delegated by the Continents: Jose Quinones, and from the Secretariat: Achilleas Tsogas.

IWF qualification for the World Senior Championships as well as the qualification system of the Youth Olympic Games (through the Continental Championships and Qualifying Standards would also be the task of the aforesaid Commission.

4. Medical Committee (MC) Report

Dr. Masmoudi gave a report about the MC meeting held the previous day attached hereto as **Annex 02**. It was agreed that the MC will have the right to appoint one competition doctor to each IWF event. A question was raised about the procedural rules for transgender application, if any.

A Motion was made to approve the MC Report.

VOTE 2 to approve the Medical Committee Report with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

5. 2023 Financial Report

Dastanov and Cseresnyes presented the 2023 IWF audited financial statements finalised to be presented for the EB Meeting attached hereto as **Annex 03**.

A Motion was made to approve 2023 IWF audited financial statements.

VOTE 3 to approve the 2023 IWF Audited Financial Statements with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

6. Coaching and Research Committee (CRC) Report

Krol given the floor made a report on the CRC Meeting held the previous day.

- 6 members in person, 4 members online
- International Coaching Licence – By-law
 - CRC only Committee to submit proposal
 - Establish the procedure, accreditation
 - Fee 200 USD/Olympic Cycle to be approved
 - Discussions with ADC + EDC
- The minimum standards to be defined by CRC before mid-April
- Olympic Solidarity programs
 - Coaches' scholarships
 - Youth Athlete Development Programme – Training camp in Lima with 8 countries

A Motion was made to approve the CRC Report.

VOTE 4 to approve the CRC Report with 24 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

The President and the General Secretary proposed a motion to invite Mr. Willian OZUNA (DOM) as Ex Officio to the IWF Executive Board.

VOTE 5 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Lunch break: 13:00 – 14:00

After the lunchbreak the roll call has been completed – **25** Board members joined the meeting in person and 2 online.

7. Update on Anti-Doping Issues

In relation to the anti-doping issues between the Russian Weightlifting Federation (RWF) and the IWF with the agreement of the ITA, the IWF Executive Board passed a motion **(VOTE 6) with 22 yes votes cast in favour**, 2 abstentions, which would not be disclosed due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of the matter

Exhenry gave an update on other anti-doping issues attached hereto as **Annex 04**.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of new and the re-appointment of the 3 existing IMFSP members for a 3-year term.

VOTE 7 to approve the aforesaid motion with 24 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

8. Update on Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Jacqueline White Competition Manager of Paris 2024 OG made an update on the preparations for the Paris Olympic Games.

9. Report on the Sustainability and Refugee Projects

Sperl given the floor gave an update on the IWF Refugee Team programme and the sustainability project attached hereto as **Annex 05**.

10. Presentation of Country-Candidates for 2027 IWF World (Senior) Championships

- a) ALB – Tirana or Durres
- b) ARM – Yerevan
- c) PER – Lima
- d) VEN – Caracas

Motion was made to select ARM to host the 2027 World (Senior) Championships.

VOTE 8 to approve ARM to host the 2027 World Senior Championships with 24 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote.

Motion was made to select VEN to host for the 2028 World (Senior) Championships.

VOTE 9 to approve VEN to host the 2028 World Senior Championships with 23 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote.

11. Presentation of Country-Candidates for 2026 IWF World Youth Championships

- a) ARG – Buenos Aires
- b) EGY – Cairo
- c) PER – Lima
- d) TKM – Ashgabat
- e) VEN – Caracas

Motion was made to select ARG to host for the 2026 World Youth Championships.

VOTE 10 to approve ARG to host the 2026 World Youth Championships with 24 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

12. Presentation of Country-Candidates for 2026 IWF World Junior Championships

- a) ALB – Tirana
- b) EGY – Cairo
- c) PER – Lima

The decision to be made regarding the 2026 WJC was postponed to the following day.

13. Olympic Qualification System

Curtain summarised what having been circulated among the Board Members in the matter prior to the EB meeting attached hereto as **Annex 06**.

Curtain introduced SBD apparel company made a presentation on their products, attached hereto as **Annex 07**.

14. Update on IWF Bylaws

Papandrea made a presentation to the EB about the advancement of the Constitution Working Group in relation to the Bylaws attached hereto as **Annex 08**.

15. Any other Business

- Quinones informed the EB about the preparation of the WYC to be held in Lima, PER in May 2024 and presented different options for having a 4- or 5-day's event.
- He also presented "DOPI-BOT" an anti-doping informative AI system.
- The IWF Strategic Plan monitoring were delegated to the new CEO.
- Alharbi made a proposal to have a 2-day EB meeting in the future to ensure detailed discussion of the items on the Agenda.

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

Meeting ended 18:00 p.m. Phuket, THA time on 29/03/2024.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	TC Report
Annex 02	MC Report
Annex 03	Audited IWF Financials 2023
Annex 04	Anti-Doping Report
Annex 05	IWF Refugee Team Programme 2024, Sustainability Project update
Annex 06	Olympic Qualification System
Annex 07	SBD Apparel presentation
Annex 08	Summary on Bylaws
Annex 09	"Transcripts" of the voice record

Notice: Annex 09 "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.