

IWF Coaching and Research Committee

Oct. 15, 2024

Online



Mr. Petr Krol, CRC Chair opened the online meeting and welcomed the members. He thanked to the members sending their proposals as it is important for the future of weightlifting. He was happy to see that members were active. Decision of EB to change the bodyweight categories is connected to the future Olympic Programme.

As previously discussed a questionnaire about national education system was shared with the MFs. 61 Federations completed and the deadline was prolonged. Mr. Buckley, Dr. Pierce and Mr. Osei offered their assistance to contact some missing Federations.

The call for applications for IOC Coach Lifetime Achievement awards was sent to MFs. IWF received 13 nominations. Mr. Krol proposed to nominate all of them as no procedure was established. Mr. Osei asked about the eligibility criteria, if any and suggested to nominate coaches who had major impact on weightlifting and athletes' life. Mr. Krol added that the new CRC can create a procedure for the future.

Proposal of Innovation Commission and TC to change bodyweight categories

Mr. Krol said that the most comprehensive proposal was from Mr. Ferrari, unfortunately Mr. Canzek sent his one a bit late, so not sure if all members were able to study it. The TC would change only a few categories, while Mr. Canzek's proposal is to change all. Mr. Krol said there are different possibilities to accept TC's proposal, to recommend Mr. Ferrari's proposal, to recommend Mr. Canzek's proposal or mix them. Mr. Canzek emphasized that it has to be equal to all athletes. Mr. Ferrari added that there have been already a lot of changes since 2017 and he would prefer stability. Mr. Li said it is still not clear how many categories will there be in Los Angeles in 2028. He appreciated that the opinion of CRC was asked. Mr. Krol told he can send all proposals to the Innovation Commission. Important is to be as much as possible sustainable and not create very big gaps between categories. Mr. Canzek replied that sending all proposals without a common opinion will show that the CRC is not united. Mr. Ferrari agreed that a compromise needs to be reached. He said that he is also curious to hear the athletes' opinion. Mr. Krol answered that the AC will send their own recommendation, but happy to hear Mr. Osei's thoughts. Mr. Osei said that the athletes general opinion is not negative. AC is hoping also that the number of categories will be increased, but at the moment it is not known for LA2028. Mr. Buckley added that except the 3 heaviest categories, the different proposals are very similar, not too big difference. Mr. Masic said that reducing the categories is with the aim to reduce the competition days. He prefers to stay with 10-10 categories. Ms. Takács agreed with him. Mr. Masic told that at World Championships and National Championships could stay 10-10 and at Olympic Games

5-5 (if it will be not increased). Athletes can easily lose their motivation if there is no proper category for them. Mr. Krol replied that the Innovation Commission's proposal is to go to 8-8 and it can not be 10-10. Mr. Osei added that the Commission's aim is to have faster and more exciting competitions. Ms. Takács told that less categories would mean less medals, not good for athletes. Mr. Krol said that CRC's proposal can be sent without including numbers. Mr. Canzek told that the question is what the CRC proposes and why. He also said that it is easier to cut from 8 to 6 or 7, than from 10 to 5 categories. Mr. Krol concluded that CRC's answer can be that CRC respects the proposal of Innovation Commission and TC but has its own proposal. Mr. Canzek confirmed that respects but not agrees. Mr. Krol said that the final decision will be taken at the Congress by the MFs. As a conclusion the CRC agreed to send a letter to the Innovation Commission mentioning that their proposal is respected and including the different options from the CRC members, emphasizing the important criteria such as sustainability, stability.

Mr. Krol thanked to the members for the activity. The letter will be shared before it is sent to the Innovation Commission and asked the members to send their comments, if any. He confirmed the CRC meeting on 1st December 2024, for which also the Continental CRC Chairs will be invited. He said that before that the CRC might meet one more time online. He closed the meeting.