

IWF NEWS

2025 IWF Refugee Team ready to compete in Forde (NOR)

The IWF is pleased to announce the composition of the 2025 IWF Refugee Team, which is composed by three athletes: Ramiro Mora and Yekta Jamali, both IOC Refugee scholarship holders), and Clémentine Meukeugni Noubbissi. If Mora and Jamali were already in the 2024 IWF Refugee Team, it is a first for Noubbissi, a Cameroon-native lifter, now based in Great Britain.

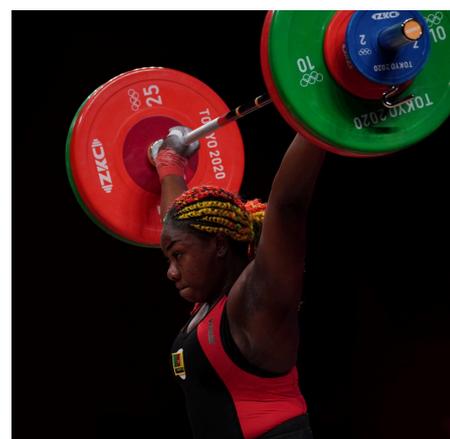
Ramiro Mora, from Cuban origin, also integrated the Olympic Refugee Team at the Paris 2024 Games, finishing seventh in the men's 102kg. His result of 166-210-376 largely improved the performance he had done some months earlier at the IWF World Cup in Phuket (THA), where he achieved 162-197-359. In December 2024, at the IWF World Championships in Manama (BRN), he competed in the 96kg, concluding in the 10th position (166-203-369). Mora was born in September 1997.

Jamali is also a regular presence in the last IWF major events. Together with Mora, she was one of the two weightlifters in the Paris 2024 Olympic Refugee Team. In the French capital, she performed 103-128-231, concluding the women's 81kg category in the ninth position. Originally from Iran, Jamali was born in 2004 and could still compete at last year's IWF World Junior Championships, where she placed third in her category (104-127-231) – she was the first-ever IWF Refugee athlete to win a medal in an IWF event. At the senior Worlds in Bahrain, she improved her performance, lifting 104-133-237 and finishing seventh.

Clémentine Noubbissi, born in October 1990, represented her country until 2022, getting significant results on a continental level – she was gold medallist in the 2021 African Championships, but also at the 2019 All-African Games. She was third at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and took part in the Tokyo 2020 Games, finishing 11th in the women's 87kg category,

The manager of the 2025 IWF Refugee Team is Luz Adriana Soto, from Colombia, while the physiotherapist is Hussein Elsettawi, from Egypt.

The three members of the IWF Refugee Team will be in action in the upcoming edition of the IWF World Championships, taking place from October 2-11 in Forde (NOR).



Members of the 2025 IWF Refugee Team: Ramiro Mora (left), Yekta Jamali (centre), and Clémentine Noubbissi (right)

Junior Pan Am Games: World record for Simoneau (CAN), victory for Pessanha (BRA) before big bulk-up, and five golds for Colombia

Junior world champions from Canada and Brazil were the individual stars, while Colombia and Venezuela took the team honours at the second Junior Pan American Games in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Colombia had five champions and Venezuela three as both nations finished with six medals. Cuba and Ecuador also had winners.

Charlotte Simoneau from Canada claimed the only junior world record of the week with a snatch of 110kg in winning at 69kg. Simoneau, twice a junior world champion, would have had the world record on total, too, if she had made her final attempt at 134kg.

She was a fraction short of 300 Sinclair points, ahead of the 77kg winner Maria Fernanda Mena from Colombia and 63kg champion Jessica Palacios from Ecuador in the women's individual list.

Simoneau confidently made her first five attempts and looked good for the sixth, but she dropped the bar as the 30-second buzzer went off during the clean, and finished 110-130-240 for a sweep of junior continental records.

"I was aware of the buzzer but it didn't distract me," said Simoneau, who begins her studies for a degree in industrial engineering in Montreal next week. "I had a cold two days before the competition. I gave it my best but I just didn't have the energy."

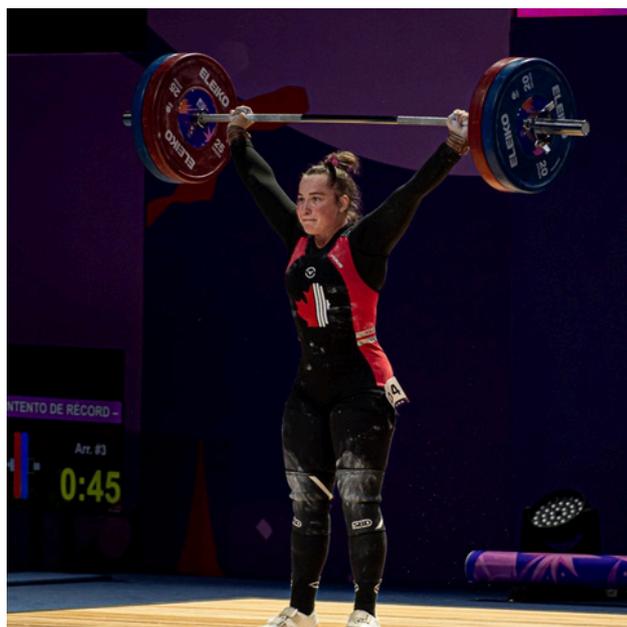
Simoneau can try for more records in the World Championships in Norway in October, her last competition as a junior. She went to last year's senior Worlds in Bahrain but could not lift because of a back injury, and is now looking forward to competing in a senior Worlds for the first time, in the A Group.

"I should be very well prepared because we are going for a training camp in the host town (Forde) a week before the Championships. I'm really looking forward to it," Simoneau said.

The top two finishers at 63kg and 77kg all made the top six in the individual rankings. Mena, who had finished fourth behind Simoneau at 71kg in the Junior Worlds, won at 77kg on 110-136-246 despite weighing in more than 4kg light. Her total was a Pan American junior record.

Ella Nicholson from the United States had led with a continental record snatch of 114kg, and would have won if she had made her final attempt at 136kg. She finished 1kg behind Mena.

At 63kg Palacios – younger sister of Neisi Dajomes and Angie Palacios – was close to tears after winning on 100-122-222.



Charlotte Simoneau (CAN, top), Matheus Pessanha (BRA, middle), and medallists in the women's 63kg category (bottom)

ALREADY 1 YEAR AGO...



Two of the Stars at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games: Lasha Talakhadze (GEO) and Mihaela Cambei (ROU)



One year on: Paris 2024 marked a defining chapter for weightlifting

One year after the curtain opened at the weightlifting competition on the Olympic Games Paris 2024, the IWF reflects on a truly exceptional competition at the South Paris Arena.

China once again demonstrated its dominance in the sport in Paris, securing five gold medals in the ten medal events held across the Olympic competition. New record holders emerged too, including a world record set by Karlos Nasar (Bulgaria) in the men's 89kg category, and Olympic records achieved by Luo Shifang (China, women's 59kg) and Solfrid Koanda (Norway, women's 81kg).

The USA enjoyed one of its most successful Olympic weightlifting campaigns in modern history. Hampton Morris, aged 20, won bronze in the men's 61kg, becoming the first American man to win an Olympic weightlifting medal since 1984. Just two days later, Olivia Reeves, 21, became only the second American woman ever to win Olympic gold in the sport, topping the 71kg category.

This marked the first time the USA secured medals in both men's and women's weightlifting at the same Olympic Games – a significant achievement and an encouraging sign for the country's weightlifting programme.

In the super-heavyweight category, Lasha Talakhadze (Georgia) reaffirmed his legendary status by claiming a third consecutive Olympic gold medal, further cementing his place among the sport's all-time greats.

Weightlifting at Paris 2024 was memorable not only for performances but also for its commitment to clean sport. It was one of the very few Olympic sports in which every athlete was tested in the six months preceding the Games, reflecting the IWF's clear commitment to ensuring fair and clean competition for weightlifting athletes. In addition, athletes at Paris 2024 qualified through the IWF's revised qualification system, widely praised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for ensuring enhanced in-competition testing and increased accountability throughout the pathway to Paris.

The atmosphere at the South Paris Arena, driven by more than 5,000 enthusiastic spectators, was immense and a powerful showcase of the global appetite for weightlifting. Athletes remarked on how the crowd inspired their performances.

Paris 2024 also set the stage for a strong future for weightlifting. Seven of the ten Olympic champions in Paris were aged 25 or younger, a significant increase from Tokyo 2020, where five of the 14 gold medallists were in that age category. This data demonstrates the exciting emergence of a new generation of elite athletes who are already making their mark on the international stage.

With strengthened systems, a commitment to integrity, a whole host of young talent and continually growing global engagement, weightlifting is well-positioned for a strong future. As attention turns to the Olympic Games LA 2028, the IWF remains committed to ensuring that weightlifting continues to inspire.

IWF INFO

DEADLINE for Final Entries for Forde 2025 IWF Worlds: September 2

IWF National Member Federations are kindly reminded that the deadline for confirming their FINAL ENTRIES for the 2025 IWF World Championships is **September 2, 2025 (Tuesday)**.

PROCEDURE

Please visit the IWF E-ENTRY SYSTEM at <https://mf.iwf.sport>

- SELECT a maximum of 10 ATHLETES (8+2 reserves) / GENDER from the registered PRELIMINARY ENTRIES.
- REMOVE athletes who WILL NOT PARTICIPATE in the competition.
- CONFIRM FINAL ENTRIES by clicking the "CONFIRM FINAL LIST" button.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

- 02 SEPTEMBER 2025 / FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE
- 18 SEPTEMBER 2025 / VERIFICATION OF FINAL ENTRIES (ONLINE)
- 02-11 OCTOBER 2025 / IWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMPETITION DOCUMENTS can be found [here](#)

IMPORTANT

By 02 SEPTEMBER 2025, participating Member Federations MUST transfer 100% of the total payment (ACCOMMODATION & ENTRY FEES) to the Organising Committee.

Those who do not pay by the above date may be declared ineligible for the competition.

ELIGIBILITY

- In accordance with Article 5.5.16 of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules, the whereabouts information of the athletes shall be submitted at a minimum of three (3) months prior to the IWF World Championships (IWF WCH).
- Athletes who wish to compete at the IWF WCH shall submit their whereabouts information for the period outlined above at the latest on 02 JULY 2025.
- ADAMS Deadline for Q3 2025 in regards to the IWF WCH: 02 JULY 2025
- ADAMS Deadline for Q4 2025 in regards to the IWF WCH: 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

In case of failure to provide the whereabouts information by the Member Federations, the respective Athlete(s) for whom the whereabouts have not been submitted shall be automatically ineligible to compete at the IWF Event in question.

NATIONAL NEWS

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