

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting DAY-02

1st October 2025 at 09:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting (in-person and online) in Scandic Sunfjord Hotel,
Førde, NOR, on the Occasion of the 2025 IWF World Championships

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jalood, President and Chairperson of the Meeting,
Jose Quinones, General Secretary,
Ursula Papandrea, First Vice President,
Mohammed Alharbi, Chengliang LIU Vice Presidents,
Khaled Mehalhel, Astrit Hasani – Continental Presidents
Wen Hsin Chang, Matthew Curtain, Pyrros Dimas, Florian Sperl, Gardencia Du Plooy, Karoliina Lundahl, Shakhriilo Makhmudov, Sirilak Thatman,
Luis Zambrano – Members; Mohamed Abdelmaksoud, Doris Marrero – Appointed Members
Forrester Osei. and Luisa Peters AC representative(s),
22 Voting Board Members joined the meeting in person and 0 online, Quorum was formed.
Executive Board Delegates: Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, Willian Ozuna, Harinelina Jean Alex Randiamanarivo
Guest: Nadia Alvarado, PAWF 1st Vice President, representing the Panamerican Continent w/o voting rights
IWF Secretariat Members

Meeting started at 09:30 am CEST Time.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

	Topic	Speaker
1	Antidoping Commission report	Rune Andersen
2	Technical Committee Report	Sam Coffa
3	Legal Affairs (Nationality Changes – CAS Update – Members' Matters)	Ioannis Mournianakis
4	Refugee Team & Sustainability Strategy Updates	Florian Sperl
COFFEE BREAK		
5	Ad-Hoc Committees Chair Reports	Antonio Urso / Alex Padure
6	Digital Transformation Project, N3XT Sport Presentation & Phase 2	Pedro Adrega / N3xt representatives
7	Para Powerlifting Project	Ursula Papandrea
8	Host Bidding Procedure Update	Jose Quinones
9	Host Selection WYC 2026 & Samoa World Cup 2026	Mohammed Jaloud / Jose Quinones
LUNCH BREAK		
10	OG LA2028 Sole Supplier Selection	Achilleas Tsogas
11	Presentation of Future Hosts of IWF Events in 2026, 2027	Event Hosts
	- 2026 WJC	- EGY WF
	- 2026 WSC	- CHN WF
	- 2027 WYC	- PAR WF
	- 2027 WJC	- ALB WF
	- 2027 WSC	- ARM WF
	- 2028 WSC	- KAZ WF
12	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President and the General Secretary welcomed the EB Members attending the meeting.

1. Report of the Anti-doping Commission

The ADC Chair reported on the recent activity of the AD Commission, attached hereto as Annex 01. In his report he underlined the following: the IWF had been working hard to clean up its sport, which was now respected by the IOC, however, certain private organisations planning sporting events - that would include weightlifting - allowing the use of prohibited substances would **pose risk**, thus the IWF should duly inform its member federations, alerting them in due course. He also underlined that the potential inclusion - into the IWF - of Para-powerlifting had been evaluated, however they would emphasize that it would pose significant financial, doping risks for the IWF. He also mentioned that testing of DPRK athletes remained a concern, they were working hard to improve access. A motion was made to approve to the ADC Chair Report.

VOTE 1 to approve the aforesaid motion with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

2. Report of the Technical Committee (TC) Chair

Mr. Sam Coffa, the TC Chair gave his report on the works of his Committee, his presentation attached hereto as Annex 02. The Chair during his report kindly requested the IWF EB to approve the changes, discussed and proposed by the TC, in the IWF TCRR presented below:

"IWF TCRR 2.1 GENERAL

In the sport of weightlifting the IWF recognises two (2) lifts which must be executed in the following sequence:

a) The Snatch

b) The Clean & Jerk"

A new paragraph having been discussed by the TC to be included in the IWF TCRR: "TOTAL"

"The Total result is the sum of an athlete's best Snatch and best Clean & Jerk results.

A Total result is only achieved if the athlete is successful with at least one Snatch and one Clean & Jerk.

Athletes will still receive a classification for the individual lifts, - Snatch and Clean & Jerk - even if no Total is achieved, in events where medals or rankings are awarded separately for these lifts.

In events where medals are awarded for the Total result only, athletes who fail all Snatch attempts are eliminated and cannot continue to the Clean & Jerk, and no Total result is registered."

A motion was made to approve the definition of the "TOTAL" in the IWF TCRR

VOTE 2 to approve the aforesaid motion with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Another paragraph having been discussed by the TC to be included in the IWF TCRR: "TO COMPETE"

"An athlete is deemed to have competed only if they attempt at least one lift on the competition platform in the Snatch or in the Clean & Jerk, whether successful or unsuccessful.

In Total-only events, if they attempt at least one Snatch, whether successful or unsuccessful."

A motion was made to approve the definition of "TO COMPETE" in the IWF TCRR

VOTE 3 to approve the aforesaid motion with 18 yes votes, 0 abstention, 2 no votes – PASSED.

[Note: The changes in the IWF TCRR having been approved by the IWF EB, related to the above definitions (the "TOTAL" and "TO COMPETE"), were ratified by the IWF Athletes Commission in their letter sent to the TC Chair on 28 October 2025, attached to Annex 02]

In line with the recent IOC decision on the inclusion of two additional bodyweight categories (one for men and one for women) in the programme of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games for weightlifting; new bodyweight categories were proposed by the TC for IWF EB approval. Following detailed discussions, a motion was made to approve the Junior and Senior BW categories as proposed by the TC as shown on the screen with commencement date of 01 August 2026. Seniors / Juniors:

Women: 49 kg, 53 kg, 57 kg, 61 kg, 69 kg, 77 kg, 86 kg, +86 kg // Men: 60 kg, 65 kg, 70 kg, 75 kg, 85 kg, 95 kg, 110 kg, +110 kg

VOTE 4 to approve the aforesaid motion with 21 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Proposed Bodyweight Categories LOS ANGELES 2028

Women: 53 kg, 61 kg, 69 kg, 77 kg, 86 kg, +86 kg Men: 65 kg, 75 kg, 85 kg, 95 kg, 110 kg, +110 kg

A motion was made to approve the new Olympic Games BW categories as proposed by the TC and presented on the screen.

VOTE 5 to approve the aforesaid motion with 21 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

A motion was made to approve the new Youth BW categories as proposed by the TC presented on the screen with commencement date of 01 August 2026:

Youth: Women: 45 kg, 49 kg, 53 kg, 57 kg, 61 kg, 69 kg, 77 kg, +77 kg // Youth Men: 50 kg, 60 kg, 65 kg, 70 kg, 75 kg, 85 kg, 95 kg, +95kg

VOTE 6 to approve the aforesaid motion with 21 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

A motion was made to approve to the TC Chair Report.

VOTE 7 to approve the aforesaid motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

[Note: The changes in the Bodyweight Categories, stipulated above, having been approved by the IWF EB, were ratified by the IWF Athletes Commission in their letter sent to the TC Chair on 17 October 2025, attached to Annex 02]

3. Legal Affairs - Nationality Changes – CAS Update – Members' Matters

Mournianakis gave an update on ongoing legal matters, such as the CAS 10834 case between Marin & NOC Moldova vs. IWF & Pizzolato. An award was to be communicated to the Parties early 2026 as well as on the Hungarian case. He also gave an update on membership matters. Finally, he presented nationality change requests (attached hereto as Annex 10):

A motion was made to approve the request made on 11 September by the Austrian Weightlifting Federation and allow the athlete Veronika HONCHAROVA (D.o.B. 30.01.2008) to represent the Austrian Weightlifting Federation in IWF Events (without waiting period).

VOTE 8 to approve the aforesaid motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

A motion was made to approve the request made on 2 September 2025 by the Weightlifting Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and allow the athlete Yasser SALEM (D.o.B. 09.06.2002, EGY/BIH) to represent the Weightlifting Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in IWF Events with a waiting period of one (1) year as of 2 September 2025 to be observed.

VOTE 9 to approve the aforesaid motion with 21 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

4. IWF Refugee Team & Sustainability Strategy Updates

Sperl, gave an update on the Refugee Team related matters as well as on sustainability issues attached hereto Annex 03

5. IWF Ad-Hoc Committees' Chair Reports

Dr. Antonio Urso, the Chair of the Scientific Committee, gave a presentation on the scientific project attached hereto as Annex 04. A motion was made to approve the scientific project of Dr. Antonio Urso subject to the decision on IWF Estimated Budget for 2026.

VOTE 10 to approve the aforesaid motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Mr. Alexandru Padure was given the floor and provided an update on the activity of the newly established IWF Media Committee. He thanked the President and the Board for this initiative, considering that the Committee's scope of activities will be of great importance for the enhancement of the IWF image and popularity. He then presented a summary of the discussions held during the first meeting of the Committee, held on August 25, 2025 (attached hereto as Annex 05). Mr Padure underlined the enthusiasm and professionalism of all members and expressed his confidence that the recommendations made the Committee will be welcomed by the entire weightlifting family.

6. Digital Transformation – N3xt Co Report

Hisham Shehabi, representative of NextSports, presented a summary of the Digital Transformation project Phase 1 report, related to Assessment (attached hereto as Annex 06). He highlighted the excellent input of the IWF in producing this important deliverable and expressed his confidence in continuing the co-operation with the IWF.

To materialise this partnership, the proposal for Phase 2 – Strategy – was presented and explained to the Board Members. This Phase, to be completed during three months in 2026, would incorporate a roadmap for the upcoming three years (which correspond to Phase 3 – Implementation). As Phase 2 was not contemplated in the 2025 Budget, the Board agreed with the principle but requested the specific amount to be considered for the 2026 exercise.

LUNCH BREAK 13:00-14:00

7. Para Powerlifting Project

Given the floor, Papandrea gave an update on the milestones of the potential inclusion of Para Powerlifting into the IWF, attached hereto as Annex 07.

Curtain, given the floor, underlined it was a very complicated project. From his perspective, it was obvious that *British Weightlifting (BWL)* governed both sports, admitting that there was nothing he would want more than for the two sports to work together provided that the IWF had all the capacity and full stakeholder support. However, it was a bit of a worry that the newly elected Executive Board, with limited information, might make an affirmative decision which would also require constitutional changes and subsequent consultation with member federations. He said he was open to continue but also stated that the project was still far from completion.

The President noted that if athlete anti-doping testing in para-powerlifting managed by ITA as well as all related labour costs managing the para power were fully covered by the IPC and therefore would not create any additional financial burden for the IWF, such involvement could add value for the IWF. This point should be clarified with the IPC, as the current IWF budget would not be able to absorb any additional costs associated with IPC acquisition.

The General Secretary emphasized that while everyone was willing to support the initiative, the IWF should first ensure that its core mission – weightlifting – was properly resourced. The Federation had been already facing shortages in both staff and funding. Agreeing with the President, all outstanding issues should be clarified with the IPC before advising the IWF Board.

He acknowledged the great work of the IPC Working Group (WG), expressed his appreciation, and confirmed that the WG had now completed its task and been dissolved.

8. Host Bidding procedure Update

Given the floor, the GS and the CEO presented the bidding procedure for future IWF events, attached hereto as Annex 08 which included the items listed below:

- New detailed requirements and higher fees approved
- Senior World Championships fee increased to a minimum of \$600,000
- Olympic / Youth Olympic qualifier events fees range from \$200,000-\$1 million
- Aim to improve event standards and host city selection process

A motion was made to approve the proposal specified in the presentation.

VOTE 11 to approve the aforesaid motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

9. Host Selection WYC 2026 & Samoa World Cup 2026

Wallwork given the floor, made his presentation for hosting the 2026 IWF World Cup, attached hereto as Annex 09

A motion was made to approve Samoa to host the 2026 IWF World Cup.

VOTE 12 to approve the aforesaid motion with 21 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Since ARG WF having resigned to host the 2026 IWF WYC, certain countries from the Panamerican continent had been approached to check their readiness for taking over the hosting of the event, including but not limited to: MEX, DOM, BRA. Colombia expressed its readiness, so William Pena, President of COL WF was invited to make his proposal for hosting the 2026 WYC event in Bogota, Colombia.

A motion was made to approve Colombia to host the 2026 IWF WYC with an event fee of 50,000 USD payable to the IWF.

VOTE 13 to approve the aforesaid motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

10. Presentation of Future Hosts of IWF Events in 2026, 2027

The already approved hosts of the future IWF events gave their presentation on the preparatory works:

- 2026 WJC – EGY WF: Ismailia
- 2026 WSC – CHN WF: Ningbo
- 2027 WYC – PAR WF: Asuncion
- 2027 WJC – ALB WF: Tirana venue, accommodation in Durrës.

11. OG LA2028 Sole Supplier Selection

After the presentation and discussion by the IWF Executive Board, a motion was made to approve:

- To appoint ZKC as the YOG Dakar 2026 sole supplier.
- To appoint ELEIKO as the OG LA2028 Weightlifting Sole Supplier.

VOTE 14 to approve the aforesaid motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

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

Meeting ended 16:30 p.m. CEST on 01/10/2025.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Jose Quinones
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	ADC Chair Report
Annex 02	TC Chair Report
Annex 03	Refugee Team and Sustainability project update
Annex 04	Report of Dr. Urso on scientific project
Annex 05	Report of Alexandru Padure on media and N3XT Company on the digital transformation of the IWF
Annex 06	Presentation of NextSports on the Digital Transformation of the IWF
Annex 07	Presentation of IPC Project
Annex 08	Proposal for the Bidding Procedure for Future IWF Events
Annex 09	Presentation of Samoa requesting to host the 2026 IWF World Cup
Annex 10	Nationality Change Requests of Member Federations