

PART B INTERNATIONAL COACH LICENSE

1 Introduction

- 1.1 IWF shall establish an International Coach License system aimed at certifying and providing continuous education to persons allowed to coach lifters at IWF Events.
- 1.2 The IWF Executive Board and the IWF Coaching and Research Committee may cooperate with the Continental Federations Executive Boards and Coaching and Research Committees to establish a licensing system at continental level.

2 National Licenses

- 2.1 Each Member Federation is obliged to have a licensing system for coaches.
- 2.2 Member Federations may introduce an evaluation system for coaches according to national standards.

3 Registration for International Coach License

- 3.1 Member Federations must nominate the coaches that are eligible for an International Coach License and meet the requirements set out in the following rules.
- 3.2 In order to register for an International Coach License, coaches must:
 - (a) be nominated by their respective Member Federation;
 - (b) submit to IWF, through their respective Member Federation:
 - an application form signed by the President and/or the General Secretary or other designated representative of the Member Federation and by the coach;
 - an anti-doping declaration form signed by the President and/or the General Secretary or other designated representative of the Member Federation and by the coach;
 - proof that they have no criminal record and are not currently serving a sanction for an anti-doping rule violation or any other disciplinary violation in any sport;
 - a copy of their passport and a passport type photograph in electronic form;
 - any other document or form, as required from time to time by IWF.

4 International Coach License accreditation

- 4.1 Candidates are required, through their respective Member Federation, to:
 - a) provide documentation (any relevant documents, including certificates) that they meet the coach education standards as defined at the time of the application by the IWF Coaching and Research Committee;
 - b) provide documentation (any relevant documents, including certificates) that they meet the anti-doping education requirements as will be defined by the IWF Coaching and Research Committee in coordination with the IWF Anti-Doping Commission.
- 4.2 IWF shall assess the candidates and decide on whether they are required to attend any additional education courses or make any other relevant decision.
- 4.3 IWF shall organise educational courses and relevant certification for the purposes of Article 4.1.

- 4.4 Coaches who meet the requirements of Articles 3 and 4 will be provided with an International Coach License and registered at an International Coaches Database which will be maintained in the IWF website.
- 4.5 Coaches must be holders of an International Coach License in order to be eligible to coach lifters at IWF Events.
- 4.6 The International Coach License accreditation term is the 4-year Olympic cycle ending on 31 December of the year when the Summer Olympic Games are held. Applications can in principle be filed during the last year of the Olympic cycle preceding the accreditation term.

5 Suspension or withdrawal of the International Coach License

The IWF Ethics and Disciplinary Commission may at its discretion by reasoned decision suspend or withdraw an International Coach License if the coach is under investigation for or found guilty of any breach of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules, Disciplinary Code or Safeguarding Policy or any other ethics related rule at the national or international level. The decision shall define the terms of the suspension or withdrawal. Sanctions imposed to the coach under the IWF Anti-Doping Rules, Disciplinary Code or Safeguarding Policy will apply cumulatively. The Coaching and Research Committee may submit to the EDC reports on suspected violations.

6 General provisions

- 6.1 In case of significant amendments to the applicable technical or anti-doping rules or whenever deemed necessary, the registration and accreditation requirements set out in Articles 3 and 4 may be amended by IWF. The decision shall define if the amendments to the requirements also apply to the current holders of an International Coach License.
- 6.2 The IWF Executive Board may introduce a license fee that will apply to holders of an International Coach License.
- 6.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Executive Board, the provisions governing the International Coach License system and the International Coaches Database will come into force as of 1 July 2025.
- 6.4 The Executive Board may introduce an administrative fee for any of the procedures set out under these rules.
- 6.5 All documents and forms required under Articles 3 and 4 must be submitted in English translation, if applicable.