

(NEW) BODYWEIGHT CATEGORIES & IWF WORLD (SENIOR) CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

PREAMBLE

The TC was requested to discuss and consider both items and come up with recommendations. A TC meeting was held over zoom and as the issues were complex it was decided to form **Working Groups** which could consider such items with more intensity. The Bodyweight Categories group was headed by Pedro Sanchez and the World Championships Qualification System was headed by Milan Mihajlovic.

Both groups met separately with mixed results. The Bodyweight Categories Group I believe reached agreement whilst the World Championships Qualification System group decided to appoint a Sub Commission to investigate the different opinions put forward. This Sub Commission met and I was advised by Milan Mihajlovic that the Commission looked at the various options but found no appreciable difference between the various options, and therefore he suggested that we should call a meeting of the TC to discuss and if in agreement the Committee should make recommendations to the Executive Board, to the Athletes Commission and the Coaching and Research Committee.

Mr Sam Coffa

(NEW) BODYWEIGHT CATEGORIES

IWF Senior Age group reduction of Categories from 10 to 8:

Source Data:

A record of all the bodyweights of athletes weighed-in at Senior IWF events from 1998 to 2023, 25 Years.

Number of Male weigh-in records 21,234 from 183 Countries, 9650 Athletes

Number of Female weigh-in records 15,835 from 167 Countries, 6426 Athletes

Combined number of weigh-in records 37,069 from 188 Countries, 16074 Athletes

Following this the different ideas/analysis by other members of the Working Group, were also discussed in conjunction with the dataset presented.

Following the discussion, the working group agreed there needed to be some changes at the heavier end of the bodyweight Categories, the final proposal is as follows:

		15835	Women		12.50%	
	Participations	Min	Max	Cat		
Women	2166	0	49	49		13.68%
Women	2256	49	55	55	6	14.25%
Women	2386	55	59	59	4	15.07%
Women	2367	59	64	64	5	14.95%
Women	2202	64	71	71	7	13.91%
Women	1891	71	78	78	7	11.94%
Women	649	78	85	85	7	4.10%
Women	1918	85	85+	85+		12.11%

The Bodyweight Categories highlighted in **Yellow** are new categories currently not in existence.

		21234	Men		12.50%	
	Participations	Min	Max	Cat		
Men	2576	0	61	61		12.13%
Men	2391	61	67	67	6	11.26%
Men	2844	67	73	73	6	13.39%
Men	3023	73	81	81	8	14.24%
Men	2795	81	89	89	8	13.16%
Men	2732	89	97	97	8	12.87%
Men	2785	97	109	109	12	13.12%
Men	2088	109	109+	109+		9.83%

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The group Leader, Pedro Sanchez, thanked all very much for their attendance and the input.

He further stated that he believed it was a very productive meeting and he really appreciated all the contribution received, he was also very pleased to have two of the Athlete's Commission representatives present which led to some insights on how the athletes would view any proposed changes and definitely had an impact on the final recommendation.

IWF WORLD (SENIOR) CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

IWF qualification for the World Senior Championships thru the Continental Championship:

Quota for Absolute Ranking (AR) and per Continent **per Bodyweight category**:

Absolute Ranking	9
Oceania	2
Africa	2
Pan-American	3
Europe	5
Asia	5
Total	26

Plus, a total of 3 Male and 3 Female Wildcard selections, and 1 male and 1 Female Refugee team selection.

	WSC Individual Qualification Ranking (WSCIQR), Ranked no. 1 to 9 One per Country per BWT Category	WSC Continental Qualification Ranking Oceania Quota 2	WSC Continental Qualification Ranking Pan-American Quota 3	WSC Continental Qualification Ranking Africa Quota 2	WSC Continental Qualification Ranking Europe Quota 5	WSC Continental Qualification Ranking Asia Quota 5	Wildcard Places, A country not already represented 3 in Total per Gender	Refugee Places 1 in Total per Gender	Total
Men	72	16	24	16	40	40	3	1	212
Female	72	16	24	16	40	40	3	1	212
Total	144	32	48	32	80	80	6	2	424

Further discussion continued once we had arrived at 26 Athletes per Bodyweight Category plus the 6 Wildcard and 2 refugee athletes.

There was concern about whether it would be viable for Organizers of World Championships to run a World Championships with 430 Athletes or less plus accompanying personnel. The subgroup has requested that this question be asked before we proceed any further with the Proposals.

The following is also proposed with either of the above Options:

Qualification for the next World Senior Championships will commence the day after the current World Senior Championships ends and ends 3 months before the next World Senior Championships.

Qualification events:

Mandatory Event (s): Continental Champions

Optional Event (s): Grand Prix 1

Grand Prix 2

Ranking will be based on the best Total in any of the 3 qualification events once the athlete has competed in the Mandatory event.

The above events should all be subject to 3 Months Adams registration prior to the event.