

**Technical Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes – 28.03.2024**  
**Novotel Phuket City Hotel**

**Attendance**

Sam Coffa (Chairman), Heather Allison, Horst Saylor, John Ogolla, Maritza Ortiz, Milan Mihajlovic, Olga Solovyeva, Dr. Mustafa Mahdi, Pedro Sanchez (online), Manareddin Eshelli, (online), Tina Beiter (EUR) (online).

In attendance also: Mr. Mohamed Jaloud (IWF President), Dr. Antonio Urso, (IWF General Secretary), Mr. Achilleas Tsogas (IWF CEO), Pedro Adrega, Matyas Lencser, Zoltan Veres (IWF Staff).

**Apologies**

Italo Barattini, Joe Triolo (PanAm), Forester Osei (Athletes Commission)

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to this important meeting and asked the IWF President and General Secretary to address the meeting.

The President in his address stressed the importance of the work undertaken by the Technical Committee and touched on the future action of the IOC in relation to the athlete's quota and the Categories they might award us for the Los Angeles Olympics. He also mentioned the work we are doing on the possible qualification or standards we might be setting for the World Senior Championships and the work we need to do for the next Olympic Qualification System.

Dr. Urso in his welcome words noted the very important work we are doing in keeping abreast with the rules and regulations in a manner that keeps the Sport of Weightlifting well ahead of other sports.

**Preamble**

The Chairman recapitulated the work which has been done by the Committee relative to the 3 projects undertaken. The TC was requested to discuss and consider the Bodyweight Categories issue, 1 per Category per Nation, and the World Senior Championships Qualification/Standards and come up with recommendations.

**Categories**

The matter of the Categories reached conclusion at the last meeting, and we are now urging the Executive Board to adopt 8 Categories instead of 10 and have come up with new sets of Categories for Men and Women for consideration.

The Committee recommends to the Executive Board that the new sets of Categories be shared with the other Committees and the Athletes Commission for feedback.

**1 per Category and Nation**

Following discussions on the subject the Committee strongly recommends that the rule be amended in favour of having Member Federations entering athletes 1 per Category per Nation.

## **World Senior Championships**

The matter of the Qualification or Standards to participate in the World Senior Championships needs further study. It is clear that no matter what the Committee agrees on it cannot be guaranteed that Continental participation will be appropriate enough.

In the meantime, the Committee recommends that we discuss this matter with Sports Promoters and TV Production Companies to gather their thoughts, comments and advice.

## **2024 World Youth Championships – Lima Peru**

### Two 2 Competition Platforms

As this is the first time that 2 Competition Platforms will be used for any World Championships many questions were asked regarding this matter which were not able to be answered adequately.

The Committee believes that it is imperative an evaluation be conducted so that a report can be presented to the IWF Executive Board. To that end a Commission composed of the Chairman, Sam Coffa, Italo Barattini (TC Member), Jose Quinones, Chairman of Organising Committee and IWF Executive Board member) together with Matyas Lencser (IWF Competition Director) be appointed to evaluate and report.

### ITOs Uniforms

It was reported that the Organising Committee is considering issuing an Event Uniform for all ITOs and the Technical Committee was asked to consider the offer.

At this stage there is no indication as to the kind of 'uniform' they wish to offer, it was agreed that the Chairman discuss the matter with the Organising Committee to ascertain and what is proposed.

## **Update on the Paris 2024 Qualification System**

Matyas Lencser updated the Committee as to the current situation. He stated that following the conduct of the IWF World Cup in Phuket – THA, the final Qualification Ranking will be finalised and upon approval of the Executive Board they will be published. The process will continue till all other matters are concluded in accordance with the Qualification System.

## **Information on the updated IWF TISystem**

Zoltan Veres gave an update on the changes, improvements and innovations which have been made to the IWF TIS. One such change is to provide the Technical Delegate with instant visual of the Referees and Jury decisions which will be very helpful in studying the levels of actions and reactions of our IROs on duty.

The Committee complimented and thanked Zoli for his continued efforts in updating the System.

## **Other General Business**

The Chairman stated that he is in the process of accumulating items which need to be updated, added, or deleted in the TCRR which has not had an overall look for some time.

He asked all members to engage in this project by submitting items they consider important.

***Sam Coffa***

***Chairman***