

IWF Technical Committee Meeting 08 August 2025 – Online Minutes

Attendance

Sam Coffa (Chairman), Liwat Limsuknirun, Mustafa Mahdi, Doris Marrero, Pedro Sanchez, Milan Mihajlovic, Maritza Ortiz, Zhou Zhiqin, Abdullah Aljarmal, Forrester Osei (Athletes Commission), Olga Solovyeva (AWF), Jessica Castillo (PAWF), Horst Saylor (WFA)

In attendance also: Mohammed Jaloud (IWF President), Jose Quinones (IWF General Secretary), Achilleas Tsogas (IWF CEO), Matyas Lencser, Zoltan Veres, Richard Olah (IWF Staff)

Apologies

Manareddin Eshelli, John Ogolla, Tina Beiter (EWF)

Meeting Purpose

First meeting of the newly appointed IWF Technical Committee to discuss key technical matters and initiatives for the upcoming Olympic cycle.

Key Takeaways

- Committee approved moving forward with SBD as the official weightlifting costume supplier. Feedback/suggestions concerning the costume will be communicated to the supplier for future refinement.
- Agreement to explore changing weigh-in timing to day before competition, with details to be worked out
- Need to develop clear selection policy/criteria for technical officials at competitions
- President proposed new mixed team event concept to potentially add to competitions

TOPICS

Weightlifting Costume Partnership with SBD / Mr. Achilleas Tsogas

- SBD applied to be the official weightlifting costume supplier
- Costume design includes IWF logo and weight printed on garment
- Committee approved moving forward with the licence agreement and suggested the following refinements:
 - Consider short sleeve option
 - Ensure multiple sizing/weights available
 - Get more athlete feedback beyond just British lifters
- No rule changes required yet, just approving SBD as supplier

Weigh-in Timing / Mr. Sam Coffa

- Discussed moving weigh-in to day before competition instead of 2 hours prior
- General agreement to explore this change, but many details to work out:
 - Exact timing (12-16 hours before vs 24 hours)
 - Weight allowance after weigh-in
 - Impacts on travel/costs for teams
- Need input from Medical and Coaching Committees before deciding
- Will discuss further at joint committee meeting in Norway

Technical Official Selection Policy / Mr. Sam Coffa

- Current lack of clear policy causing issues with selections
- Need to develop formal policy/criteria on:
 - Balancing experienced vs new officials
 - Limits on repeat selections
 - Quotas for youth/junior events
 - Transparency of voting process
- Matyas to circulate current guidelines for committee input

Mixed Team Event Proposal / Mr. Mohammed Jalood

- President proposed new mixed gender team event concept
- Would use Sinclair formula to combine one male and one female result per country
- Could potentially be added as showcase event initially
- Committee supportive of exploring further
- Small group to develop more detailed proposal

Next Steps

- Feedback concerning the costume is to be communicated to SBD
- Further analysis on weigh-in timing change impacts
- Develop draft technical official selection policy
- Create proposal for mixed team event format
- Members to submit proposals for the 4-year plan to be discussed in Forde

Sam Coffa

Chairman, IWF Technical Committee