

REPORT
Technical Committee Report
To the IWF Executive Board
Rahat Palace Hotel – Almaty, Kazakhstan
4th November, 2014

Joint Meeting of Committees

Welcome

The three Committee members discussed a number of important items, namely:

1. **Restructure IWF World Championships** – The update of the situation is that as a result of the application of the new standard 30 countries were affected by their athletes being rejected as being below standard. However, the final entries suggest a huge increase in participation with 669 entries. The agreement with Infostrada and other marketing and presentation tools will enhance the event. Consensus was that if the IWF wishes to achieve a diminution in numbers and therefore a shortening of the duration of future events it will need to aggressively pursue the matter of qualifying standards and other measures.
2. **Handbook – Roles and Responsibilities** – Update is now complete all members were asked to review the contents and make suggestions or comments by the end of November.
3. **Age Limit Rule – Protection of the IWF/ Member Federations Rules**
Application- The members agreed the protection of the children and the IWF is of paramount importance. Sam Coffa to meet with Attila Ádámfi and Dr. Trombitas to prepare a strong statement and a possible legal clarification in order to achieve such protection.
4. **Bodyweight Advantage in Classification** – Feedback/comments received thus far has been positive. The Technical Committee will continue to discuss this item fully.
5. **TCRR Review- Personal/Medical Electronic Equipment on the Platform-** This item was referred to the Technical Committee for deliberation.
6. **New IWF Calendar Structure** – Attila Ádámfi presented the new IWF 2 Tier structure consisting of IWF Events and Calendar Events with all conditions and consequences. The members agreed with the proposal.
7. **IWF Coaching License Program** – Mr. Lyn Jones presented the Coaching Licensing Program suggesting that the next major project will be to work on the Coaching Level 1 Qualification. The Committee is also looking to training prospective course presenters.
8. **Medical Guidelines-** The Medical Committee to deliberate this issue.

The President encouraged all to continue the good work in the interest of the IWF and the sport in general and he closed the meeting.

Technical Committee Meeting

Attendance

S. Coffa (Chairman), R. Chinen (Secretary), A. Al Jarmal, S. Kasiran, A. Kurlovich, S. Makhmudov, D. Martinez, A. Mohyuddin and M. Shoukry.
In attendance also, Dr. Tamás Aján, IWF President, and Attila Ádámfi, IWF Director General and Competition Director and Mr. Pedro Sanchez (Permanent Observer).

Apologies,

A.Radicello and S. Cannon.

Agenda Items

The Chairman welcomed everybody especially Dr, Tamás Aján, Mr. Attila Ádámfi and Mr. Pedro Sanchez for attending the meeting.

1 Minutes of the previous meeting – 17th June 2014 – Kazan, Russia

The Minutes were approved as printed and previously circulated.

2) Business arising from the Minutes not included as Agenda Items:

- 2.1 Disciplinary Procedure against S. Kasiran – Dr. Aján spoke on the importance of keeping the strict rules of the Constitution however he recommended that no disciplinary action be taken against Mr. Kasiran given also that a letter of apologies was received suggesting Mr. Kasiran is fully aware of his responsibilities and will in future be attentive .
The Committee accepted Mr. Kasiran apologies and he was reinstated as member of the Technical Committee.
- 2.2 Barbell Specification – A. Ádámfi reported that the missing barbell specifications (rim width) in the current TCRR will be inserted including also the width of the discs.
- 2.3 Age Limit Rule – Fully debated at the Joint Meeting of Committees.
- 2.4 Technical Officials Uniforms – A. Mahyuddin reported on the difficulties which would arise if the uniforms were to be made in Bangladesh. After discussion the Committee agreed to review the Technical Officials uniforms suggesting we should go with a Navy Blue suit and white shirt. Ties, Scarfs and Badges can only be obtained from the IWF.
- 2.5 Continental Federations Technical Official and Refresher Courses – The Committee is strong of the view and recommends to the Executive Board that as condition of the IWF contribution to the Continental Federations they must hold a minimum of 1 Technical, 1 Medical and/or 1 Coaching Course/Refresher Course and the IWF to appoint Course Presenters.
- 2.6 TCRR Review Commission – The Committee agreed to appoint R.Chinen as Commission Coordinator.
- 2.7 Selection and Appointment of TOs to IWF Events and TO Pathway – The Chairman presented some statistical data supporting his argument that not enough is being done to encourage a meaningful pathway for younger and less experienced Technical Officials. The report and recommendations was supported by the President and Attila Ádámfi and gained overall acceptance by the members.
The Chairman presented also a draft proposal of a new policy which was distributed to the members who were requested to read through the document and make comments and/or suggestions by the end of November thereafter the new policy will be completed and application will ensue.
A. Al Jarmal suggestion that Continental Technical Chairpersons must be requested to attend the IWF Technical Committee was rejected; however, a written report will be requested.
- 2.8 Bodyweight Advantage in Classification – The Committee agreed to continue discussion on this item and such was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

3) Technical Officials – Per Diem

The President, Dr. Tamás Aján, stated that as from 2015 the IWF will provide \$30.00 per day to all appointed Technical Officials to World Championships. This statement was received with acclamation as it suggested recognition of the work of the Technical Officials on duty.

4 Technical Officials Power Point Presentation

R. Chinen reported having completed the work on a Power Point presentation for all aspect of Technical Officials except the Jury. The text and content has been vetted for English and accuracy and she urged the Committee to promote this work on the open IWF website so all MFs and Officials can access and use it for courses presentation. The Chairman and all Committee members agreed to the recommendation. The Chairman congratulated and thanked R.Chinen for her efforts.

5 Technical Officials Examination Questionnaire

R.Chinen explained that as a result of a minor change in the TCRR the questionnaire must be corrected. A. Ádámfi suggested that future minor modification should be allowed to be changed in the TCRR without reference to the Technical Committee. The Committee agreed.

6 Review of TCRR

6.1 Uniform – R.Chinen brought to the attention of the Committee that the costume rule related the use of unitard and shorts is inconsistent and being abused by some athletes using long leggings and she displayed several photos. After discussion the Committee agreed to make a minor change to the uniform rules by determining that the unitard can be one piece or two pieces providing always that such be skin tight.

6.2 Personal/Medical Electronic Equipment on the Platform- Reiko Chinen suggested that the rules relating to athletes not being able to take personal electronic equipment on the platform might prohibit an athlete with a hearing aid to go on stage. The Committee agreed to insert an exemption to this rule when related to a medical electronic devise which does not assist athletes during the execution of a lift.

7 Video Playback Technology

Following a report by the Chairman who strongly recommended favorable consideration be given to the introduction of video playback technology on the Jury Table a presentation prepared by R.Chinen was presented by Attila Ádámfi. The presentation canvassed the pro and cons of the proposal and gave also detailed information of technology being used by other International Federations. After discussion the Committee agreed unanimously to proceed with the recommendation. The item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and in the meantime efforts will be made to gather information as to the required equipment and cost involved.

8 Electronic Change of Call

Attila Ádámfi and Zoltan Veres gave a presentation and on the updated Electronic Change of Call system. The update clearly demonstrated the capacity of the program which was applauded by the Committee members. The item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee when a practical demonstration and testing will be carried out.

9 Appointment of Sport Equipment Audit Commission

R.Chinen (Coordinator) together with A.Radicello and D. Martinez were appointed as Sport Equipment Audit Commission with power to co-opt

10 Closure

There being no other items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.45 PM and thanked all members for their participation and input.

Sam Coffa
Chairman