

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

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APPOINTMENT

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

Preamble

The Sport of Weightlifting is both global and diverse in nature; the sport is practiced worldwide with both genders actively participating. In order to maintain this dynamic and mixed structure, especially during World Championships, the role of International Technical Official (ITO) must continue to be developed and managed with efficient planning and strategies.

TOs are required to conduct competitions in order to guarantee fair conditions for the athletes and correct decisions for ranking.

The IWF, by applying the following guideline, recognises the importance of the TOs' function within the Sport of Weightlifting and the International Weightlifting Federation, and aims at developing TOs' skills.

Nomination

The IWF seeks nominations for TOs from eligible Member Federations (MFs) to officiate at each World Championship and selected IWF Event (Events), on an annual basis at the beginning of the year. It is the responsibility of the Member Federation to check and manage (financially and logistically) the full visa process if visa is needed.

MFs are eligible to nominate one (1) TO in each gender for selection for each Event – Competition Doctor excluded.

Only MFs are eligible to nominate TO(s) of which athlete(s) participated in the IWF World Championships (Senior, Junior, Youth), Olympic and Youth Olympic Games in the previous 2 years.

MFs must assure that each nominated TO meets the following criteria:

- Is the holder of Category 1 TO card/Certificate of Duty with valid licence
- Has adequate experience for the level of Event
- Owns an official Technical Official uniform
- Is available for the whole duration of the Event
- Is a reliable and of responsible conduct
- Is a member in good standing
- Has basic English knowledge
- Is registered at the IWF with the nominating MF

MFs should immediately notify the IWF when any nominated/appointed TOs become unavailable.

Selection

TOs may only be selected to two (2) consecutive Events listed on the Nomination Form except IWF Technical Committee Members. Technical Officials who have been selected for two (2) consecutive Events will be ineligible for selection for a third (3) successive Event even if the third Event is in the following year.

Appointments made by the IWF as a result of requirements will not be considered as one of the three (3) in a row appointments as defined above.

Considerations for selection are:

- Gender equality;
- Continental representation/balance;
- Represented MF competing at the Event;
- Adequate qualification for the particular Event;
- Technical Officials pathway; and
- Age in relation with the event.

The IWF Secretariat receives the MF TO nominees and, following a confirmation of both MF and TO eligibility, compiles the list of all eligible TOs, and forwards this to the IWF Technical Committee (TC) and IWF Medical Committee (MC), respectively.

The TC/MC members will select the required number of TOs from the list of nominees and return it to the IWF Secretariat and copy to TC/MC Chairpersons.

The IWF Secretariat provides a summary of the TC/MC selections to the TC/MC Chairpersons and copy to TC/MC Members for initial consideration and recommendation of additional TO appointments if required. The final selection of the TOs will be done in consultation between IWF President, the Chairpersons of the TC and MC and the IWF Director General, including the appointment of additional TOs, if required.

Note: The IWF President has the power of veto over all appointments.

Whenever possible, younger TOs should be selected as follows:

IWF Youth World Championships: 50 % of the TOs should be younger than 40 years

IWF Junior World Championships: 50 % of the TOs should be younger than 50 years

Appointment

Upon completion of the TO selection for each Event, the appointed TOs and/or their respective MFs will be advised.

Non-appointed TOs and/or their respective MFs will be also advised.

Appointed TOs will be requested to confirm their acceptance and availability within seven days of notification. Failure to comply will result in their removal from the appointed TO list and a replacement, if necessary, will be agreed upon by the IWF President, the Chairperson of the IWF TC/MC and the IWF Director General.

TOs who cancel their attendance at IWF Events for which they have been selected upon receiving their appointment shall be sanctioned according to TCRR 7.4.6.

Appointed TOs who fail to show up for the Event, without a valid reason and notification to the IWF Secretariat and TC/MC Chairperson, may be excluded from selection to further Events for a period of up to two years – see TCRR 7.4.6.

If required, and at its absolute discretion, the IWF reserves the right to appoint TOs outside of those nominated from MFs. The appointed TOs and their respective MFs will be duly advised.

Exemptions

The Olympic Games Technical Officials selection remains in the authority of the IWF Executive Board.

Allocation

IWF Secretariat prepares draft allocation, send to TC/MC Chairpersons for comments and copy to TC/MC Members.

The final allocation of the TOs will be done after IWF Secretariat and/or Organizing Committee checks the presence of the appointed TOs and in consultation between IWF President, TC/MC Chairpersons and IWF Director General.

Timeline

IWF call for nominations: by 15 January, but latest 90 days before the first Event

MFs nominations: by 31 January, preferably by 80 days before the first Event

IWF submission for TC/MC: 75 days before the Event

TC/MC submission for IWF: 65 days before the Event

IWF appointment letter: 60 days before the Event

IWF non-appointment letter: 50 days before the Event

TOs/MFs confirmation: within 7 days upon receipt of appointment

IWF drafts allocation for TC/MC Chairpersons: 20 days before the Event

TC/MC Chairpersons comment to IWF: 10 days before the Event

Note

The above guideline is only directive and the IWF reserves the right to apply/amend as required.