

REPORT
Technical Committee Meeting
Hilton Americas-Houston Hotel
Houston – USA - 16 November 2015

Joint Meeting of Committees

Welcome

The members of the three IWF Committees were welcomed by the President, Dr. Tamás Ajan, who reiterated the importance of these joint meetings which identify and discuss issues which have synergies between them. Dr. Ajan stated that this Championships have already created a record with the highest number of Countries and Athlete participating. The welcome was echoed by Mr. Michal Massik, CEO, USA Weightlifting.

IWF TCRR Modifications concerning all Committees

S. Coffa reminded everyone that the first round of modifications of the TCRR will take place during these meetings in Houston. The TC has accumulated a number of issues to be reviewed and hopefully the CRC and the MC will do the same.

Medal Presentation Protocol

S. Coffa highlighted the fact that the medal presentation has developed into the situation that the athletes take second place. Medal presenters vie for a chance to act as presenters in order to get front row pictorial opportunities and as a result obscuring the athletes. A photo highlighting the problem was presented. He suggested a review of the protocol. Following discussion there was general agreement that the medal presenters should pose on the sides of the podium allowing full vision of the athletes.

TIS Improvements

A. Adamfi presented brief report on the improvements made to the TIS. It was agreed that the changes made are a great improvement and should assist in presenting our Sport in a far enlightening way.

TV Graphics

Another brief report on the development of TV graphics was given by A. Adamfi and again it was agreed the changes are well done and should make for a better understanding of our rules and regulations by the public. The proposed changes are not in conflict with the IWF TCRR.

Video Playback Technology

S. Coffa reported that together with P. Sanchez they have been searching for suitable equipment. He further stated that they have purchased a system which is here and will be demonstrated during the TC meeting. He invited anyone interested to come along during that segment.

A. Adamfi stated that the IWF has made approaches to companies to submit proposals and quotes for this technology.

IWF Manuals/Guidelines

A. Adamfi and M. Lencser presented a very detailed and far reaching development Manuals and Guidelines which will be posted on line in due course.

IWF MF's Ranking

A. Adamfi and M. Lencser presented conceptual details of this development. The idea emanated from Mr. Alshamari Jalood but has now been elaborated to fit in to the IWF requirements and future development.

World Weightlifting Update

A. Nemeth-Mora and L. Rozgonyi spoke about the changes and directions of the IWF World Weightlifting. The magazine is primarily destined for the internet. The new format and content of the latest edition was applauded by the members.

Review of CFs Committees

S. Coffa and A. Adamfi raised the question of the lack of action by some Continental Federations in appointing Committees to mirror the IWF procedures. This lack of action makes very difficult to communicate with Technical Officials and Coaches to implement the latest IWF Rules and Regulation and Coaching methods.

It was agreed the IWF must encourage the development of Committees by Continental Federations so that communication in these fields is established.

The President, congratulated and thanked all the members present on the subjects and matters presented and the intelligent discussions and debates.

Technical Committee Meeting

Attendance

Complete attendance

In attendance also Dr. Tamás Ajan, IWF President, A. Adamfi, IWF Director General, M. Lencser, IWF Competition Manager, and P. Sanchez (Permanent Observer).

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance. He stated that the Committee has a full agenda and urged all members to be specific and brief with their interventions during discussions.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Lima-Peru on April 4, 2015 were confirmed.

Business Arising

- *Definition of the Scales raised by K. Rimbock (GER)*
This item was referred for review.
All other items emanating from the previous meeting are listed as agenda items.

Items 5 and 6 were deferred to a later time.

TOs Guidebook

The Chairman stated his disappointment at the printed version of the booklet which in his opinion is not up to the standard of the IWF publications and certainly nowhere near the style of the first edition. A lot of work had gone into the updating of the document and he

was expecting a far better publication worthy of presentation and dissemination. He acknowledged that the publication is on line but the Committee requested a quantity to be printed which the EB had agreed. In future if the IWF is not keen to publish such work it would better to say so rather than produce what he considered an embarrassing document.

The Committee reiterated their desire to have a number of copies of the booklet printed and requested that the IWF gives re-consideration to so do.

Electronic Change of Call

A. Adamfi reported on the status of the project and suggested that it was projected to have the initial test of the equipment at the 2016 World Youth Championships.

TIS Improvements

A. Adamfi elaborated further on the subject and highlighted the improvements. He asked members to review some aspects of changes and submit their ideas during their stay in Houston.

TV Graphics

A. Adamfi updated the Committee on the progress made thus far. The improvements proposed resonated well with the members.

Short Sports Presentations

A. Adamfi stated that this project is progressing but at this stage he has nothing to report.

Medal Presentation Protocol

In line with what was discussed during the Joint Committees the Chairman proposed that a protocol be elaborated to advise medal presenters where they should stand relative to the podium on stage when posing for recorded photo opportunity.

The matter was referred for inclusion in the new guidelines being elaborated by the staff.

CF's Supplement Documents

The supplement to the TCRR as proposed by the European Federation were discussed and the items not in conflict with IWF Rules and Regulations were referred for review.

Study of Women Bar

The Chairman informed the Committee that a request has been made to modify the women bars on the grounds that the current definitions present a risk to the athletes. He further informed the Committee that he has discussed this matter with top female athletes, coaches, Technical Officials and others and not one of them agrees with such suggestion.

The members discussed this issue and from the technical perspective agreed to not take action and they further agreed that subject to the C&R Committee response to the question the author of the request be informed accordingly.

IWF Guidelines

A. Adamfi spoke on the development of IWF Guidelines particularly Competition, Sport Equipment and Field of Play layout. The Committee agreed with such development.

Video Playback Technology

The President of the IWF was welcomed to the meeting

The Chairman and P. Sanchez demonstrated the system they have been able to assemble at very reasonable cost. P. Sanchez spoke on the merits and possibilities of the unit and a request was made to allow the equipment to be tested during some of C&D sessions of lifting at this Championship.

A. Adamfi posed a number of questions relative to the item and suggested that as a first step the questions raised be communicated to the members who should review such and offer their considered opinion.

The President, Dr. Tamás Ajan, suggested that we should move with caution. The Chairman stated that we should agree to the introduction of the system only when we are convinced that all has been done to ensure that such system works perfectly well.

A. Adamfi will liaise with the Organising Committee in order to facilitate some tests being made with the equipment in hand.

Crossfit

The President asked the Committee to give some consideration to the activity of Crossfit as it might relate to the IWF.

The Committee agreed that the active emergence of this activity poses some risk and advantages to Weightlifting within NFs. However, the protection of the IWF is of paramount importance and in some ways steps must be taken to manage the situation as best as possible.

The Committee is strong of the opinion that we should put efforts and energies into the promotion of the Sport of Weightlifting as an Olympic and extreme Sport.

National Ranking

A. Jalood presented his idea on the subject of a study he has made on the subject which the Committee agreed it was worthy of consideration.

The Committee suggested that as a first step the matter should be presented to and discussed between Dr. Ajan and A. Adamfi.

Tapes/Bandages-Elbow

The Committee agreed that tapes/bandages cannot be applied within 5cm of the tip of the elbow and may not be applied around that area of the arm.

IWF TCRR – Update and Review Process

The Committee spent the remainder of the time available in reviewing the draft changes to the IWF TCRR. The process will continue during the time in Houston and completed at the next meeting of the Committee.

Closure

There being no other business brought forward the Chairman thanked all the members and staff for their input and the good work done and he closed the meeting at 6.45pm.

Sam Coffa (Chairman)