

23 July 2020

**IWF Member Federations
To Member Federation Athletes**

Dear Athletes and Colleagues,

In accordance with the IWF Constitution

6. COMMISSIONS

6.1 To increase the efficiency in realizing the IWF's goals and objectives and benefit from experts' contributions, upon the proposal of the President the Executive Board establishes the following Commissions and appoints their members and Chairpersons;

6.1.2 Athletes' Commission*

6.3 Commissions shall work as required by their assigned tasks; by form of meeting(s) in person and/or by electronic means.

6.4 Members of the Commissions serve as volunteers. They may be reimbursed by IWF for all their travel, accommodation and other justified expenses.

6.5 Commissions shall work on the basis of the decisions and guidelines of the Executive Board.

6.6 Commission Members shall undertake to avoid any conflict of interest during their activities.

6.7 The Commission Chairpersons shall report on the activity and proceedings of their Commission to the IWF Congress and the IWF Executive Board when required.

6.8 Commissions shall develop their communication strategy to provide assistance to the IWF towards effective communication with all international partners and stakeholders of the IWF.

6.9 To each Commission a Coordinator shall be assigned from the IWF Secretariat.

In accordance with IWF BY-LAWS 2017

BY-LAW TO 6.1.2 ATHLETES' COMMISSION*

1. Members of the Athletes' Commission may be athletes still pursuing an active career or having finished their active careers not more than four (4) years prior to the appointment and will have a balance of male and female members and representation from different continents.

2. The Athletes' Commission shall be an effective platform where the views of athletes are represented and the voice of athletes can be heard by advising the Executive Board on matters concerning weightlifting athletes.

3. The Commission shall liaise with the IOC's Athletes' Commission and be represented at the IOC International Athletes' Forum.

4. The Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission, if not an Executive Board member, may be invited to the Executive Board meetings in a consultative capacity.

5. The Commission shall be accessible and visible at major events and youth events.

Eligibility:

- Athlete must be at least 18 years of age at time of application;
- Clean Anti-Doping record/No ongoing Result Management case against the Athlete;
- Athlete must have represented their member federation in ONE of the following:
 - 2012 and / or 2016 Olympic Games,
 - 2014 and / or 2018 Youth Olympic Games
 - 2016 to 2019 Youth, Junior, or Senior World Championships
 - 2016 to 2018 Continental Championships or Games
- The working language of the IWF is English and the candidates must have a minimum of a conversational capability.

Nomination process:

- Athlete's may self-nominate, be nominated by a fellow athlete or by their member federation.
- Athlete candidates must be in good standing with their member federation and receive their federation's endorsement.
- Each member federation may only endorse one male and one female for consideration.
- The member federation must send a completed attached application for nomination and a letter of interest from the nominated athlete.
- **PLEASE SEND APPLICATION AND LETTER OF INTEREST BY August 12, 2020.**

The initial commission term will be operational from September 1, 2020 until after the scheduled dates of the 2021 Olympic Games. The election process for the subsequent commission will be included in new governance reform.

Role:

The Athletes' Commission will provide the voice and view of the athlete to each of the current standing committees and commissions. Additionally, they will be solicited for agreement by a majority on all reform and governance documents, and qualification documents created between now and the subsequent election.

Please send applications and letters of interest to iwf.athletes@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,



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IWF Acting President



Mohammed Jalood
IWF General Secretary



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Ursula GARZA PAPANDREA (USA)

General Secretary
Mohammed JALOOD (IRQ)

IWF ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Nomination Form

Member Federation: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Endorsement (President or General Secretary)

Candidate Name Female Athlete: _____

- Competition demonstrating eligibility:

- YOB: _____

Candidate Name Male Athlete: _____

- Competition demonstrating eligibility:

- YOB: _____

Please attach a letter of interest in along with the application from each candidate.

SEND TO iwf.athletes@gmail.com