

31 October 2021

## IWF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Dear President,  
Dear General Secretary,  
Dear Athletes,

We hope this message finds everyone in good health.

We are contacting you this time, because the IWF continues to take steps towards enhancing the inclusion of athletes in the sport's governance and we believe that the athlete voice must be heard in our ongoing reform and governance changes.

Furthermore, in order to ensure the full implementation of the new IWF Constitution, the IWF has the responsibility to give athletes a voice in its governance and decision making process, as they are the building blocks of the sport itself. For this reason the IWF is opening up the nomination process for the Athletes' Commission Elections held between 7-16 December 2021 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Please find attached to this letter the IWF Athletes' Commission Elections Rules which serves as a base for the process along with the newly adopted IWF Constitution.

Please note that in line with the IWF Athletes' Commission Election Rules and the IWF Constitution, **you are required to submit the candidature form and the eligibility verification documentation attached to the IWF via e-mail to elections2021@iwfnet.net and via post (Address: International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) Maison du Sport International Av. de Rhodaine 54, Switzerland-1007 Lausanne) by 12 November 2021 5:00 PM CET in Lausanne, Switzerland.** The Eligibility Determination Panel will thereafter review all applications and issue its determinations on the eligibility of the Candidates as per Schedule 11 of the IWF Constitution.

**The documents to be submitted to the IWF must include without limitation are the followings:**

- *IWF Candidature Form filled in and signed by you and your nominating/endorsing Member Federation;*
- *A properly filled out and signed declaration confirming the specific eligibility criteria listed below which shall confirm that you are a fit and proper person and that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no fact, matter or circumstance which would reasonably cause the*

*Eligibility Determination Panel to conclude otherwise;*

- *If possible certified copies of documentation evidencing that none of the Disqualifying Circumstances apply to you;*
- *You are not bankrupt;*
- *You are not a mentally incapacitated person;*
- *You are not an employee of the IWF, on whatever terms;*
- *You have not been convicted of an offence which is punishable by a period of imprisonment of four (4) years or greater, by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction;*
- *You have not been charged with or convicted of any offence relating to a child or a minor;*
- *You are not and have not at any time within the last five (5) years been disqualified or banned from being a director of a corporation as a result of any Decision made by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction;*
- *You are not currently serving in any country any period of ineligibility longer than twelve (12) months for any breach of any rules of the IWF Constitution or By-Laws or the Olympic Charter, including any rules relating to ethics and conduct;*
- *You are not serving any period of ineligibility (including any provisional suspension) for any breach of any rules of any other sport besides the Sport, including any rules relating to ethics and conduct; where the decision has been made by a competent body; and where you have exhausted your available appeal rights to CAS or any other court, tribunal or other independent body with jurisdiction;*
- *You have not been determined by the CAS or any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction as being guilty of an antidoping rule violation at any time.*
- *You have not been deprived of your civil rights by a proper application of any applicable law.*
- *You are a fit and proper person to be appointed as, and to then serve as a member of the Athletes' Commission.*

**Please provide where possible certified copies of any documents relied upon to prove the truth and the accuracy of the matters declared.**

**Please note that you must refer to the IWF Constitution and take your own advice on what you are required to do under that IWF Constitution. (Please find guidance about the required documents in the document attached to this letter named "Useful Information on Required Documents".**

Furthermore, and in line with Schedule 7 of the IWF Constitution, you are also kindly requested to provide a signed consent and waiver whereby you:

*(i) Consent to the jurisdiction of the Eligibility Determination Panel under the IWF Athletes' Commission Elections Rules and the IWF Constitution.*

*(ii) Consent to the use of your personal data for the assessment and determination of the candidature by the Eligibility Determination Panel for the 2021 IWF Athletes' Commission Elections held between 7-16 December 2021 or shortly thereafter.*

*(iii) Acknowledge and agree that you are bound by the IWF Athletes' Commission Election Rules and the IWF Constitution.*

*(iv) Agree to comply fully and in a timely manner with any request for further information called for by the Eligibility Determination Panel in relation to your candidacy.*

Should you have any further question, we remain at your disposal.



**Dr. Michael Irani**  
IWF Interim President



**Mohammed Jalood**  
IWF General Secretary