

GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE IWF EXECUTIVE BOARD
RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAS AWARD WADA VS. RUSADA FOR IWF SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. INTRODUCTION

On 17 December 2020, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issued an award in the case between World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and Russian National Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) ([CAS 2020/O/6689](#)). In this award, the CAS ruled that RUSADA was non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code), and as a consequence, issued a number of orders which came into effect on 17 December 2020 and will remain in effect until **16 December 2022**.

As a signatory of the Code, IWF is bound to comply with the CAS Award and to ensure its implementation within the sport of weightlifting.

The orders included in the CAS Award apply to the Olympic and Paralympic Games and World Championships. According to WADA's Q&A published on 4 February 2021 the term "World Championships" indicates the event or series of events by which the relevant International Sports Federation determines as its senior world champions (men's and women's, and in any of its various disciplines). Accordingly, the principles outlined below shall apply to IWF Senior World Championships only.

The following IWF competitions are scheduled to take place during the period of validity of the orders by the CAS:


- 2021 IWF World Championships held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2022 IWF World Championships held in Chongqing, China


2. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the IWF Constitution and Rules, the IWF Technical and Competition Rules & Regulations, the CAS Award and/or the IWF Anti-Doping Rules.

3. PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAS AWARD AT IWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOPIC	CAS AWARD	IMPLEMENTATION FOR IWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Accreditations / participation / attendance	<p><i>Representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation (as defined in the CAS Award)</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>i) (...).</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>ii) May not be issued accreditation by or for any Signatory for (...) any World Championships organized or sanctioned by</i></p>	<p>In accordance with the CAS Award, Representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation (as defined in the CAS Award) shall not be accredited at / attend / participate in the IWF World Championships.</p> <p>The Russian Weightlifting Federation and the National Federation (Organizing Committee) hosting the World Championships shall be invited to ensure that the persons accredited,</p>

	<p><i>any Signatory.</i></p> <p>iii) <i>May not be permitted by any Signatory to participate in or attend (...) any World Championships organized or sanctioned by any Signatory.</i></p> <p>The provisos to this order are:</p> <p>iv) (...).</p> <p>v) <i>this order does not apply to a Government Representative who is invited to a specified event by the Head of State or Prime Minister (or equivalent) of the host country of that specified event.</i></p> <p>vi) <i>orders (ii) and (iii) do not apply to a Government Representative who is required to be accredited for and participate in a specified event in their capacity as an Athlete or legitimate Athlete Support Personnel.</i></p>	<p>attending or participating in the IWF World Championships are not Representatives of the Government of the Russian Federation (as defined in the CAS Award), unless the provisos listed under v) and vi) apply</p>
<p>Organisations' participation name</p>	<p>The CAS Award places restrictions on the extent to which Russian Weightlifters and Athlete Support Personnel maybe associated with <i>"the name... and colours of their homeland."</i></p> <p>A lifter or Athlete Support Personnel may not: (i) have the name Russia (in any language or format) on his/her uniform; or (ii) display publicly the name Russia (in any language or format) including, <i>"without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner"</i>, unless <i>"the words 'neutral athlete' (or an equivalent [are] displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name 'Russia')."</i></p>	<p>Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall be entered by and represent the « Russian Weightlifting Federation » and use « RWF » as acronym.</p> <p>The above applies to all language/format/ alphabet.</p> <p>All public displays should use the acronym « RWF » and not the full name "Russian Weightlifting Federation".</p>
<p>Emblem</p>	<p>The emblem used during events should not contain the <i>"flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), the name "Russia" (in any language or format), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation."</i></p>	<p>The emblem of the Russian Weightlifting Federation will be used:</p>  <p>possibly in combination with the letters RWF.</p>

<p>Flags (for ceremonies, in protocol sets, and in-venue and TV or Internet graphics referring to athletes)</p>	<p><i>“The flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) may not be flown or displayed in any official venue or area controlled by a Signatory or event organiser.</i></p> <p><i>The provisos to this order are:</i></p> <p><i>iii) This order does not require a Signatory to prevent spectators from bringing the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) into (...) any World Championships venue;</i></p> <p><i>iv) this order does not require a Signatory to prevent the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) from being displayed (if necessary) for the identification of Russian nationals who are technical officials or technical delegates at (...) any World Championships.</i></p> <p><i>v) (...).”</i></p>	<p>Flags will be the above emblem on a white background</p>  <p>The display of the flag of the Russian Federation (except by spectators) in any venue is <u>strictly forbidden.</u></p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the Russian National flag and the acronym “RUS” may be used and displayed to identify the nationality of IWF Competition Officials (Technical Delegate, ITOs, Referees and Judges).</p>
<p>Anthem</p>	<p><i>“The Russian national anthem (or any anthem linked to Russia) shall not be officially played or sung at any official event venue or other area controlled by the Signatory or its appointed event organiser (including, without limitation, at medal ceremonies and opening / closing ceremonies).”</i></p>	<p>Pyotr Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No.1 to be played for all ceremonies.</p>
<p>Uniforms / Clothing / Equipment</p>	<p><i>Russian Athletes/Athlete Support Personnel shall participate in a uniform to be approved by the relevant Signatory which shall not contain the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical), or any national emblem or other national symbol of the Russian Federation. If the uniform contains or displays the name ‘Russia’ (in any language or format), the words ‘neutral athlete’ (or an equivalent) must be displayed in English in a position and size that is no less prominent than the name ‘Russia’. For the avoidance of doubt, the uniform may contain the colours of the flag of the Russian Federation (current or historical) (collectively or in combination).</i></p> <p><i>The same conditions apply to public displays of the same elements (i.e. the flag, national emblems/symbols and name), “including without limitation, on their clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by the Signatory or its appointed Event organiser”.</i></p>	<p>Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall not publicly display Russian symbols (e.g. flag, national emblem or name), including without limitation, on their uniforms, clothes, equipment or other personal items or in a publicly visible manner at any official venues or other areas controlled by IWF and/or the Organising Committee.</p> <p>The official emblem of the Russian Weightlifting Federation includes prohibited Russian symbols and <u>is therefore prohibited.</u></p> <p>More specifically, in accordance with the CAS Award, the following restrictions apply to Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel’s uniforms, clothes, equipment and personal items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace any Russian flag or Russian Federation emblem/symbol or the official emblem of the Russian Weightlifting Federation with the authorised emblem described above.

		<p>If the uniform, cloth, equipment or personal item contains the words “Russian Weightlifting Federation” (in any language or format), such wording should be removed all together or be replaced with the acronym “RWF”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If removing the words “Russia” or “Russian Weightlifting Federation” (in any language or format), is not possible or if the word “Russia” or “Russian” appears separately, then the words “Neutral Athlete” or an equivalent must be included in a position and size that is no less prominent. - If the use of the country’s acronym is required, the acronym “RWF” shall be used rather than “RUS” <p>The uniforms and equipment (if any) to be used during the IWF World Championships shall be submitted by the Russian Weightlifting Federation to IWF’s prior approval.</p>
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4. IMPLEMENTATION - SANCTIONS

The Russian Weightlifting Federation shall be responsible to ensure that this decision and the CAS Award are provided to (with an appropriate translation), duly implemented by and complied with by all members of its delegation at the IWF World Championships.

The National Federation of the country hosting any IWF Senior Word Championship shall be responsible to ensure that this decision and the CAS Award are duly implemented and complied with in the organization of the IWF World Championships.

In accordance with the IWF Constitution and Rules (Schedule 1 – Ethics and Disciplinary Code) National Federations have the obligation to comply with this decision – issued by the IWF Executive Board – at any time and to ensure that this decision, as well as the CAS Award, are legally binding and enforced. Any breach of this decision by a National Federation will be considered as a serious breach of the IWF Constitution and Rules that may result in a procedure being opened against the concerned National Federation in accordance with Schedule 1 of the IWF Constitution and Rules.

A failure to respect this decision and/or the CAS Award by any Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel or Official is a breach of the IWF Constitution and Rules that may be subject to the following sanctions, as per the Ethics and Disciplinary Code: a) reprimand; b) suspension; c) temporary or permanent ineligibility; d) disqualification; e) withdrawal from the IWF Development Program; (f) imposition of financial sanctions, including fines; g) exclusion from the competition; and/or h) expulsion from the IWF and from any of its bodies. Any breach of the present decision and/or the CAS Award shall be referred to the IWF Ethics and Disciplinary Committee for prosecution and sanction.

All Officials, Competition Officials, as well as any member of the IWF Staff or any official or member of the Staff of the Organizing Committee are expressly empowered and instructed to immediately intervene to remove any item contravening this decision and the CAS Award during the IWF World Championships. They are further asked to report such incident to the competent bodies within IWF without delay.



5. FINAL PROVISION

This decision has been adopted by the IWF Executive Board on 24 November 2021. It comes into force with immediate effect and will stay in full force and effect until 16 December 2022.