

IWF Member Federations Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF)

Subject: Impact of the Non-Compliance of Thailand, Indonesia and DPRK for IWF with the World Anti-Doping Code

On 7 October 2021, WADA declared the National Anti-Doping Organizations of Thailand, Indonesia and the DPRK as non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code. Sanctions were imposed on these organizations as a result. Please find below a summary of the sanctions imposed and the impact they have on IWF, Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF), Organizing Committees and the National Federations of Thailand, Indonesia and the DPRK.

1. The flags of Thailand, Indonesia and the DPRK cannot be flown at Regional, Continental or World Championships, or Events, organized by Major Event Organizations, other than at the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games until further notice.

This requires IWF, AWF and the Organizing Committees to ensure that the national flags of Thailand, Indonesia and North Korea **are not flown** in the competition venue during the ceremonies at the IWF World Championships and all AWF Continental and Regional Championships. These flags must therefore be replaced by the flag of IWF or AWF or the relevant National Federation (not including any national flag) during opening, closing and medal ceremonies.

This applies to all age categories Youth, Junior, Senior, Master Championships.

For the sake of clarity, the flag of these countries can still be shown on the uniforms of athletes, on score boards and on television.

For the sake of clarity, there is no restriction on the eligibility of the athletes from these countries to participate in these events. They are allowed to participate. They are competing as athletes from these countries, and not as neutral athletes.

2. IWF and AWF cannot award the right to host Regional, Continental or World Championships to Thailand, Indonesia and the DPRK, until further notice

As a result, IWF or AWF will not award any Regional, Continental or World Championships to these countries until further notice.

This applies to all age categories Youth, Junior, Senior, Master Championships.

All events already attributed do not have to be withdrawn and can take place.

3. Representatives of these NADOs will be ineligible to sit as members of the Executive Boards or Committees or other bodies of IWF and/or AWF until further notice

As a result, IWF, AWF and the National Federations of Thailand, Indonesia and the DPRK will have to suspend until further notice any member from their Executive Boards, Committees and other bodies who are officials, directors, officers, elected members, employees, or committee members of the Government of these countries or of the National Anti-Doping Organization of these countries.

4. Follow up actions


IWF will contact AWF, the National Federations of Thailand, Indonesia and the DPRK, as well as the Organizing Committees of our World Championships to inform them about these consequences and ensure they comply with the requirements.

IWF will also ensure that none of the Member Federations' Executive Boards, Committees and other bodies are representatives of the government of these countries or of the National Anti-Doping Organization of these countries.

Finally, IWF will not award any World Championships to these countries until further notice.

We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter. As always, we remain at your disposal for any questions.

Respectfully yours,



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