



IWF ATHLETE COMMISSION Direct Support Program

IWF Athletes Commission direct support program is to assist international elite athletes to successfully practice the sport of weightlifting with financial support for Olympic potential. The program is designed to identify and support athletes in need for their preparations to qualifying and competing at the 2024 Olympic Games, subject to IWF Technical and Competition Rules & Regulations and IWF Anti-Doping Policy and requirements.

Eligible member federations:

Cross Referencing of developing nations GDP and income will be used to identify eligible member federation.

Eligible athletes Distribution:

The scholarships will be awarded to 10 Athletes:

-5 Male

-5 Female

Eligibility Requirements:

Athlete must have:

- 1) Competed in at least one of the IWF Olympic qualification events (Olympic Weight Class) prior to July 1, 2023;
- 2) Must be ranked in the top 25 of the IWF Olympic ranking list on July 1, 2023;
- 3) Never been sanctioned for a ADRV;
- 4) Maintained whereabouts in ADAMS for the entire period of the program. July 1, 2023- December 31, 2023.

Distribution:

Program to be distributed evenly to reflect equal opportunity for global athletes;

-Only 2 athletes per continent

-Only one per weight class (Olympic weight class)

-Only one per country

Procedure for selection:

A selection panel composed of one member of the IWF Executive Board, two members from the IWF Athletes' Commission, and one independent member will choose one male and one female athlete per continent considering applicant performance and eligibility requirements.

The selection panel shall determine how to spread the award fairly to reflect the equal opportunity.

Anti-Doping:

All potential applicants must have no previous ADVR and must fully comply with IWF 2023 Anti-Doping regulations.

In accordance with article 5.5.16 of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules, whereabouts information of the athletes must be submitted no later than three (3) months prior to the event.

Application process:

All applicants must send the application form (including supporting evidence in English) to iwf.ac@iwf.sport with endorsement from their MF by **31st May 2023**.

Selection Panel:

FORRESTER OSEI
Chair of Athlete Commission

MAUDE CHARRON
Pan American AC Representative

PYRROS DIMAS
IWF Vice-President

IOANNIS MOURNIANAKIS
Independent member

Funds Distribution:

Allocated amount for the project is 25.000 USD + 5.000 USD (by IWF President)
The amount allocated per athlete is 3.000 USD to be distributed in 3 payments according to the following schedule in the timeline.

Timeline

31 May 2023	Application deadline
June 2023	Application review & selection of athletes
June 2023	Informing athletes, requesting additional documents, if required
July 2023	First installment 1.000 USD to be transferred
1 October 2023	Submit first report by athletes
31 October 2023	Second installment 1.000 USD to be transferred
1 December 2023	Submit second report by athletes
End of December 2023	Third installment 1.000 USD to be transferred
5 February 2024	Athlete and MF submit final report