



WEIGHTLIFTING FOR REFUGEES

IWF Refugee Team

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Scope

A Refugee athlete shall be residing in / hosted by an IWF Member Federation (country), and is eligible to participate at IWF events, subject to IWF Technical and Competition Rules & Regulations and IWF Anti-Doping Rules.

The athlete's application must be sent, with the Refugee Team Application Form (including the Annexes) to the IWF (refugee@iwf.sport).

The Athletes are not considered for the OG Qualification System and Olympic Games.

In case of Youth and/or Junior aged athletes, possible participation at IWF World Youth and/or Junior Championships.

IWF Refugee Team size

2 female and 2 male Athletes appointed by the Refugee Working Group. Optionally, the working group can decide to increase if necessary.

1 Coach/Manager of the Refugee Team appointed by the Refugee Working Group

1 Physiotherapist

Eligibility:

Athletes must be officially recognised as refugees in their country and according to UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and may be entered in IWF Events. Asylum' seeker status is not accepted.

Athletes are required to have a travel document. Moreover, each athlete must indicate the travel possibilities and/or limitations related with his/her travel document (example: it is only valid within European Union, Gulf/Middle East countries, etc).

In accordance with article 5.5.16 of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules whereabouts information of the athletes shall be submitted at minimum three (3) months prior to the event.

In case the athletes are unable to submit whereabouts information through ADAMS for justifiable reasons, the information can be exceptionally sent securely via e-mail at iwf@ita.sport.

Name of the team:

The use of "IWF Refugee Team" and the corresponding delegation code "WRT".

Flag:

The use of the official flag of the IWF for the IWF Refugee Team, in same way as the Olympic Flag is used for the Refugee Olympic Team.

Anthem:

The short version of the Olympic Anthem.

Anti-Doping:

All athletes must fully comply with IWF 2024 Anti-Doping Rules. The Athletes must sign an Anti-Doping Declaration.

Anti-Doping Education:

All athletes and athlete support personnel (Coach, etc) must complete the WADA ADEL online course before competing and present their certificate to the IWF/ITA.

In accordance with article 17.2.2 of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules, IWF may also decide to request that Athletes complete Education activities before and/or during their participation in select Events as a condition of such participation. The list of Events for which Athletes will be required to complete Education activities as a condition of participation will be published on IWF's website.

In case there is an education (booth, Anti-doping seminar) organized by IWF during the event in which the athletes compete, their participation is mandatory.

Application process:

All applicants must send the Refugee Team Application Form (including the annexes) to the IWF (refugee@iwf.sport) by **31 January 2024**.

Important information

IWF does not guarantee that the selected athletes will be able to enter the country in question. It is always possible that the authorities may refuse entry for various reasons unknown to the IWF. The IWF cannot therefore be held liable for such cases or complaints. Please bear this in mind when applying.

If there is a request for additional expenses of the athlete, the Working Group will decide on its approval as long as it remains within the approved budget. Corresponding receipts must be provided for reimbursement.

The decision on admission to the IWF WRT will be taken by the Working Group.

IWF x IOC Refugee Team (Recommendation by the IOC) - Valid until OG Paris 2024:

IOC Refugee Athletes Scholarship holders shall be automatically member of the IWF Refugee Team, as additional members to the 2+2 team, subject to meet the IWF requirements.

IOC Refugee Athlete Scholarship holders are allowed to participate in the World Cup Thailand (April 2024) and in the Continental Championships (February 2024).

It is a recommendation by the IOC that scholarship holders compete in one or two international competitions.

The costs are covered by the IWF. Organisation and management by the national federation and NOC which hosts the refugee.

Timeline

11 December 2023	Application opens
31 January 2024	Application deadline to IWF Refugee Team (WRT)
28 February 2024	Decision on WRT by the Working Group
September 2024	Training camp
December 2024	IWF World Championships in Manama, BRN