

# **REPORT OF THE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PANEL**

## **2025 IWF ELECTIONS**

**for the attention of**

**IWF President and Electoral Commission**

### **I INTRODUCTION**

On 2 – 3 December 2024, the Executive Board of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) approved the new dates of the 2025 IWF Electoral Congress as May 23 - 26 2025. On 23 January 2025 the IWF Executive Board announced that the Electoral Congress will take place in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

On 16 January 2025, the IWF invited all Member Federations and candidates in writing to submit their candidacies along with their nomination forms and all related documents, via e-mail to [elections2025@iwf.sport](mailto:elections2025@iwf.sport) until 23 February 2025, 17:00 CET in Lausanne, Switzerland.

According to Article 26.1 of the IWF Constitution (approved by the IWF Congress in Manama, Bahrain, on 4 December 2024) the nomination of a candidate to any elected position must be made in accordance with the Candidate Nomination Rules (Section 2, Part B, II. of the IWF By-Laws).

The determination as to whether individual candidates satisfy the eligibility criteria is subject to the jurisdiction of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission acting as the Eligibility Determination Panel (EDP) as per Article 26.2 of the IWF Constitution and Article 1.2 of Section 2, Part C (Eligibility Determination Panel Rules and Procedure) of the IWF By-Laws.

The present report with regards to the eligibility of the individual candidates will be sent to the IWF for publication on the IWF website in due time according to Article 26.2 of the IWF Constitution resp. at least thirty (30) days before Electoral Congress.

## **II ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PANEL (EDP)**

The EDP is composed of five independent persons, who have been appointed as members of the independent Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) by the Executive Board and ratified by an ordinary resolution of the Congress of the IWF (Article 34.2 (b), (ii) and Article 37.4 of the IWF Constitution). The EDC consists of the Chair Mr. Gabriel Nigon (SUI) and the members Mr. Charles Quagliata (AUS), Mr. Nasr El-Din Azzam (EGY), Ms. Ana Maria Montoya Ruales (PER) and Ms. Valérie Horyna (SUI).

The EDP is an independent body that must decide on the eligibility of a candidate. The duties, powers, functions and responsibilities of the EDP are set out in the Eligibility Determination Panel Rules of Procedure (Article 37.5 IWF Constitution and Section 2, Part C of the IWF By-Laws).

## **III LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

Hereunder are summarized the relevant rules which are the basis of the present report as follows:

Candidates for election to any elected position on the Executive Board, on any IWF Commission and on any IWF Committee must be eligible for nomination and election to that office, within the meaning of the Candidate Nomination Rules and the Candidate Eligibility Rules (Article 26.1 of the IWF Constitution, Section 2, Part B, I. and II. of the IWF By-Laws).

The determination as to whether a person is eligible as a candidate for election is determined by the Eligibility Determination Panel (EDP) (Article 26.2 of the IWF Constitution and Section 2, Part C, Article 1.2 of the IWF By-Laws). The EDP shall, in relation to any question of any eligibility of any person, determine that the person is either eligible or ineligible, by reference to the applicable provisions of the Constitution (Section 2, Part C, Article 3.1 of the IWF By-Laws). For the avoidance of doubt, the EDP shall also consider and decide as part of its determination whether the Member nominating the candidate in question has the right to nominate the nominated candidate or whether a candidate who presents him or herself meets the requirements set forth in this respect in the Constitution (Section 2, Part C, Article 3.2 of the IWF By-Laws). Nothing in the Constitution and the Eligibility Determination Panel Rules of Procedure shall be interpreted to prevent or restrict the jurisdiction of the EDP (Section 2, Part C, Article 1.3 of the IWF By-Laws).

Different rules within the IWF Constitution underline the principle of confidentiality of the vetting process (e.g. Section 2, Part C, Article 3.3 of the IWF By-Laws). The EDP therefore considers all information it obtained or collected in its process as confidential.

The final determination of the EDP must be made no later than 30 days before the date of the Electoral Congress and published unredacted on the website of the IWF (Article 26.2 of the IWF Constitution).

The jurisdiction exercised by the EDP is based on the IWF Constitution, the Eligibility Determination Panel Rules of Procedure and the Swiss law (especially Section 2, Part C Article 3.3 of the IWF By-Laws and Paragraph 8 of the Swiss Civil Code). According to these provisions, the EDP has the burden of proof when making a determination that a candidate should not be eligible. Consequently, a person remains eligible to be candidate as long as the EDP does not determine on the balance of probabilities the contrary.

Facts may be established by documents, official reports, declarations from candidates and the outcome of the investigations (Section 2, Part C, Article 2 of the IWF By-Laws).

The EDP has the right to instruct and engage external third-party advisors and experts in order to conduct the vetting process (Section 2, Part C, Article 2.4 of the IWF By-Laws).

The deadline for the submission of nominations is 5:00 pm CET, ninety (90) days before the Electoral Congress if the election is held during an Ordinary Congress (Section 2, Part B, Article 1.3 of the IWF By-Laws).

Nominations must include certified copies of any document relied on, to prove the truth and accuracy of the matters declared, and the candidates have to comply with any request for further information or documents requested by the EDP (Section 2, Part B Article 2.5 and Section 2, Part C, Article 2 of the IWF By-Laws).

National Federation Members with six (6) or more Anti-Doping Rule Violation sanctions, where each of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation sanctions resulted in the person concerned having a period of ineligibility of at least six (6) months imposed pursuant to the Anti-Doping Rules, during the period of four (4) years before the submission date of candidatures for an Electoral Congress, shall be suspended of the right to nominate and/or support any

candidates for election to the Executive Board, any IWF Commission and any IWF Committee (Article 13.10 of the IWF Constitution).

Candidates for the position of the Executive Board who have reached the age of seventy (70) by the election or the appointment date are ineligible to be elected or re-elected and/or appointed or reappointed (Article 22.1 (b) of the IWF Constitution). However, the Congress is authorized to determine that up to three (3) candidates to Executive Board positions to be elected notwithstanding the concerned candidates have reached the age limit set forth under Article 22.1 (b). For the avoidance of doubt, a person can benefit from this exception only for (1) term (Article 22.2 of the IWF Constitution).

A person cannot be elected or appointed as an IWF Executive Board Member, IWF Commission Member or an IWF Committee Member, if the person is determined to be not a fit and proper person to be appointed in these bodies, one of the disqualifying criteria (Article 25.1 (h) and Article 37.1 of the IWF Constitution and Section 2, Part B, I. Article 1 of the IWF By-Laws).

When a candidate is provisionally determined to be ineligible and so notified on a confidential basis, the person is afforded not less than five (5) days to provide a confidential submission to the EDP in respect of such notice (Section 2, Part C, Article 3.3 of the IWF By-Laws).

The EDP must then consider any such written submissions received from the person, prior to the deadline for the making of those written submissions before the EDP makes a final determination as to the eligibility of the person (Section 2, Part C, Article 3.3 of the IWF By-Laws).

The person concerned and/ or the nominating National Federation Member may appeal a determination of the EDP within 10 days from receipt of the determination of the EDP exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland (Section 2, Part C, Article 3.4 of the IWF By-Laws).

## **IV VETTING PROCESS**

The EDP received application forms from 136 candidates on February 23, 2025 (within the deadline) and seven (7) candidacies were received after the deadline of February 23, 2025. Out of the seven (7) candidacies four (4) candidacies were accepted by the EDP even though they were received after the deadline. The candidates were able to credibly demonstrate and prove that it was not possible for them to submit their candidature within the set deadline. Two (2) candidates have withdrawn their candidature. Today's present Report, the EDP has, according to its primary function, sought to determine whether the remaining 138 candidates could be declared eligible to stand as a candidate for the election.

The EDC Secretariat, Mrs. Stephanie Ruf has been appointed to support the EDP for its tasks. Further, an external and independent third-party company was engaged, to assist the EDP to conduct background checks of the candidates. Furthermore, the EDP received for the vetting process legal advice on demand.

In the event of an appearance of a conflict of interest, the respective member has recused her or himself to participate in the determination.

Due to the obligation of confidentiality, the present vetting process conducted by the EDP, is described in general and abstract terms. This mainly to avoid the direct or indirect disclosure of details to third-parties for the reasons of the ineligibility of a candidate or on which candidate a background check was performed.

A first objective evaluation was carried out by the EDP to verify if the candidate meets and satisfies each of the criteria listed in the Candidate Eligibility Rules and required in the declaration form. The documents were thoroughly reviewed and checked as to whether the candidates provided all the information required.

Some candidates failed to submit a timely application within the provided deadline of February 23, 2025.

Others failed to submit supporting evidence and/or documents as requested by the EDP, despite the given additional opportunities to submit the missing documents and information.

In a second phase, background checks were conducted by an independent professional third-party company, specialized in conducting such investigations.

This specific investigation was conducted on all candidates for higher positions or carrying potential risks due to their commercial, personal and political exposures. The inquiries were performed on open sources. For the sake of safekeeping the confidentiality of that vetting process the number, the degree and the findings of the background checks is herewith not disclosed.

After extensive deliberations, the EDP came to the conclusion that the reports of the third-party advisor did not produce evidence sufficient for the EDP to find under the applicable burden of proof elements showing that candidates were not fit and proper or that they did not meet other eligibility criteria to be or remain candidates for a position on the Executive Board, an IWF Commission or Committee.

These findings are based on the evidence which could be obtained and collected by the EDP in this vetting process. They are without prejudice for further evidence which might become available in the future.

All the determinations of the EDP have been made by consensus.

## **V RESULTS**

### **1. Eligible**

Every candidate listed hereunder has been found to satisfy the Candidate Eligibility Rules and Candidate Nomination Rules and, if so elected, would not breach the provisions of Article 21 (maximum term limits) or 22 (minimum and maximum age limits) of the IWF Constitution.

Further the listed candidates have been nominated by a Full Member Federation which is entitled to nominate a candidate for election. In addition, Article 24 and 25 of the IWF Constitution do not exclude the person from being able to be appointed to this office. One candidate fulfils the condition to be presented as individual candidate.

Some candidates applied for multiple positions on the IWF Executive Board and various Commissions or Committees.

**a) Eligible Candidates for the IWF election 2025 to a position on the IWF Executive Board**

**PRESIDENT**

- Antonio CONFLITTI (MDA)
- Mohammed Hasan Jalood ALSHAMMARI (INDIVID)
- Tom LIAW (SGP)
- Ursula PAPANDREA (USA)

**GENERAL SECRETARY**

- Antonio CONFLITTI (MDA)
- Mohammed Hasan Jalood ALSHAMMARI (INDIVID)
- Tom LIAW (SGP)
- Matthew Francis CURTAIN (GBR)
- Khodr MOUKALLED (LBN)
- Juan Lama ARENALES (ESP)
- Khaled Mehemmed Basheer MEHALHEL (LBA)
- Attila Tamás ÁDÁMFI (HUN)
- Jose Carlos QUIÑONES GONZALEZ (PER)
- Ursula PAPANDREA (USA)
- Sajjad ANOUSHIRAVANI (IRI)

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

- Mohammed Ahmed ALHARBI (KSA)
- Tom LIAW (SGP)
- Craig WALKER (CAN)
- Elez GJOZA (ALB)
- Aljassar TALAL (KUW)
- Matthew Francis CURTAIN (GBR)
- Eshaq Ebrahim ESHAQ (BRN)
- Florian SPERL (GER)
- Attila Tamás ÁDÁMFI (HUN)
- Doris Zoraida MARRERO TRAVIESO (VEN)
- Ursula PAPANDREA (USA)
- Sajjad ANOUSHIRAVANI (IRI)
- Satu Karoliina LUNDAHL (FIN)

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

- Shakhriilo MAKHMUDOV (UZB)
- Mohammed Hasan Jalood ALSHAMMARI (INDIVID)
- Yassiny ESQUIVEL (CRC)
- Mohammed Ahmed ALHARBI (KSA)
- Akakios KAKIASVILI (GEO)
- Tom LIAW (SGP)
- Arayik HARUTYUNYAN (ARM)
- Craig WALKER (CAN)
- Elez GJOZA (ALB)
- Jorge Luis BARCELAN SANTA CRUZ (CUB)
- Matthew Francis CURTAIN (GBR)
- Willian Felix OZUNA (DOM)
- Chengliang LIU (CHN)
- Niwat LIMSUKNIRUN (THA)
- Alberto Maurizio MIGLIETTA (ITA)
- Pyrros DIMAS (GRE)
- Petr KROL (CZE)
- William Guillermo PEÑA RODRIGUEZ (COL)
- Myrian Andrea PEÑA MALAGÓN (COL)
- Italo BARATTINI (CHI)
- Jeremy William WALLWORK (SAM)
- Eshaq Ebrahim ESHAQ (BRN)
- Florian SPERL (GER)
- Boukar TIKIRE (CMR)
- Luis Oswaldo ZAMBRANO ANDRADE (ECU)
- Attila Tamás ÁDÁMFI (HUN)
- Doris Zoraida MARRERO TRAVIESO (VEN)
- Ursula PAPANDREA (USA)
- Sajjad ANOUSHIRAVANI (IRI)
- Enrique MONTERO DIAS (BRA)
- Satu Karoliina LUNDAHL (FIN)

## **ORDINARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

- Abdul Ibrahim ALADI (NGR)
- Shakhriilo MAKHMUDOV (UZB)
- Damjan CANZEK (SLO)



- Yassiny ESQUIVEL (CRC)
- Milan MIHAJLOVIC (SRB)
- Mohammed Ahmed ALHARBI (KSA)
- Simon KENT (NZL)
- Akakios KAKIASVILI (GEO)
- Tom LIAW (SGP)
- Arayik HARUTYUNYAN (ARM)
- Sahdev YADAV (IND)
- Michel RAYNAUD (FRA)
- Craig WALKER (CAN)
- Jorge Luis BARCELAN SANTA CRUZ (CUB)
- Aljassar TALAL (KUW)
- Matthew Francis CURTAIN (GBR)
- Willian Felix OZUNA (DOM)
- Hiromi MIYAKE (JPN)
- Gardencia DU PLOOY (RSA)
- Chengliang LIU (CHN)
- Khodr MOUKALLED (LBN)
- Pedro Jose Jaime SANCHEZ (AUS)
- Firdovsi UMUDOV (AZE)
- Song Nam JANG (PRK)
- Niwat LIMSUKNIRUN (THA)
- Nippon LIMBOONSUEBSAI (THA)
- Sirilak THATMAN (THA)
- Juan Lama ARENALES (ESP)
- Marcelo MELNICK (ARG)
- Alberto Maurizio MIGLIETTA (ITA)
- Pyrros DIMAS (GRE)
- Wen Hsin CHANG (TPE)
- Petr KROL (CZE)
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- Italo BARATTINI (CHI)
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- Alexandru Cristian PADURE (ROU)
- Yovin GYADIN (MRI)

**b) Eligible Candidates for the IWF election 2025 to a position on an IWF Commission and/or IWF Committee**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

- Arayik ALAVERDYAN (ARM)
- Katharina RIMBÖCK-PEYA (AUT)
- Zukhra ABDULLAEVA (UZB)
- Koba OBOLASHVILI (GEO)
- Mustafa Salih MAHDI (IRQ)
- John Onyango OGOLLA (KEN)
- Lawrence Tom IQUAIBOM (NGR)
- Damjan CANZEK (SLO)
- Abdullah ALJARMAL (YEM)
- Milan MIHAJLOVIC (SRB)
- Tomas CHOVANEC (SVR)
- Richard MASON (CAN)
- Delmis Rodriguez PARGA (CUB)
- Jorge Luis BARCELAN SANTA CRUZ (CUB)
- Hiromi SATO (JPN)
- Kevin James DU PLOOY (RSA)
- Maritza ORTIZ (DOM)
- Khalid Abdulrahman ALHARBI (KSA)
- Zhiqin ZHOU (CHN)

- Pedro Jose Jaime SANCHEZ (AUS)
- Chun Hui KIM (PRK)
- Niwat LIMSUKNIRUN (THA)
- Sirilak THATMAN (THA)
- Heather ALLISON (GBR)
- Monica CARRIO ESTEBAN (ESP)
- Patrik HELGESSON (SWE)
- Marcel MELNICK (ARG)
- Lech LABUDDA (POL)
- William Guillermo PEÑA RODRIGUEZ (COL)
- Manareddin Mohamed ESHELLI (LBA)
- Basel IBRAHIM (SYR)
- Italo BARATTINI (CHI)
- Nedim MASIC (BIH)
- Ali Yahya RAHMA (BRN)
- Enja SAYED (EGY)
- Doris Zoraida MARRERO TRAVIESO (VEN)
- Jessica CASTILLO (PER)
- Jenny SCHUMACHER (USA)
- Behdad Salimi KORDASIABI (IRI)
- Marwan MAYAN (AFG)
- Harinelina Jean Alex RANDIAMANARIVO (MAD)
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- Yu Mi KIM (PRK)
- Wutichai ISARA (THA)
- Georgios TSIKOURIS (GRE)
- Seza TCHOBANIAN (LBN)
- John WARMANN (GER)
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## **2. Ineligible**

All candidates listed in this section do not meet the eligibility criteria. Therefore, the EDP has come to the final determination that they are ineligible for the IWF election 2025.

For reasons of personal privacy and confidentiality, the EDP does not publicly disclose the reasons for ineligibility.

All candidates were informed on a confidential basis of the reasons by means of a provisional decision and given the right to hand in a written submission to the EDP in response to the notified provisional determination within 5 days (Section 2, Part C, Article 3.3 of the IWF By-Laws and Article 26.1 of the IWF Constitution).

Candidates are ineligible on formal grounds such as late application, incomplete application.

Further some candidates cannot be eligible because the Member Federation which presented them is not entitled to nominate candidates pursuant to Article 13.10 of the IWF Constitution. This is notably the case for candidates nominated by Turkey, Russia and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

### **PRESIDENT**

- Monico PUENTEVELLA (PHI)\*
- Constantino IGLESIAS RODRIGUEZ (ESP)\*

### **GENERAL SECRETARY**

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- Mohyuddin AHMAD (BAN)

#### **GENER EQUITY COMMISSION**

- Shahria SULTANA (BAN)

#### **GOVERNANCE COMMISSION**

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\* The EDP notes that four (4) candidates have reached the age of seventy (70) years by the election or appointment date and are therefore ineligible to be elected according to Article 22.1 (b) of the IWF Constitution. However, the Congress may by a decision made before the election permit up to a maximum of three (3) candidates to the Executive Board positions to be elected notwithstanding the concerned candidates does not satisfy the age limit (Article 22.2 of the IWF Constitution).



## VI FINAL REMARKS

The EDP is conscious about the fact that for the sports-community and the IOC the outcome of the vetting process concerning the candidates running for an election into leadership positions of the IWF is of public interest. Its determinations whether a candidate is eligible can nevertheless only be based on legal findings properly reached and established. It is not in the sole discretion and subjective appreciation of the EDP to decide if a candidate who fulfills the objective requirements is fit and proper to be eligible. According to the Articles 25.1 (h) respectively 37.1 of the IWF Constitution in relation with Rule VII 52 of the EDC Rules and Swiss law elements supporting that a candidate is **not** fit and proper must be proven through reliable evidence. This means that a candidate is presumed being eligible as long his ineligibility is not established in a manner satisfying the applicable burden of proof. The background checks conducted by the highly professional third-party advisor did not produce such evidence. The EDP has reached its determinations based on the evidence at hand and on this basis no candidate has been found ineligible for being not fit and proper.

This final report shall be published on the IWF website (<https://iwf.sport/>) until 24 April 2025 the latest.

23 April 2025

Yours faithfully,

Gabriel Nigon

Chair of the Eligibility Determination Panel

*On behalf of the Eligibility Determination Panel*

Gabriel Nigon  
Ana Maria Montoya Ruales  
Charles Quagliata  
Nasr El-Din Azzam  
Valérie Horyna