

## **1 TELEVISION AND ADVERTISING**

- 1.1 The IWF is the exclusive owner of the TV broadcasting, marketing, Internet broadcasting (web casting), post-event production of video recordings and advertising rights and all other multimedia coverage of the World Championships and other events organised and controlled by the IWF.
- 1.2 To obtain these rights or part of these rights, a fee must be paid to the IWF. The President and General Secretary decide the amount in consultation.
- 1.3 Television rights, marketing and sponsorship revenues for World Championships are apportioned according to the signed contract between the host Federation / Organising Committee and the IWF.
- 1.4 At World championships and competitions organised by the IWF, on each piece of equipment of the weightlifter's outfit, the IWF allows the application of
- a) the identification (logo, name or a combination of both) of the manufacturer of the product and/or
  - b) the identification of their commercial sponsor (logo, name or a combination of both
- with the total maximum size of 500 cm<sup>2</sup> per piece of equipment. Distinctive design patterns of a manufacturer are not considered for this measurement of the application. Anything exceeding this size is regarded as advertising and the relevant rules apply. At Olympic Games, the IOC rules prevail.

## **2 WEIGHTLIFTING EQUIPMENT**

- 2.1 At World Championships, Olympic Games, Continental, Regional and other Games, Continental and Regional Championships, as well as international tournaments organised by the IWF, only approved barbells, referee light systems, scales, timing clocks may be used. The Executive Board decides about the conditions of the approval.
- 2.1.1 Barbell: At World, Continental and Regional Championships, Continental, Regional and other Games as well as international tournaments, only the makes of barbells licensed by the IWF may be used.
- Manufacturers applying for, and receiving the IWF license must pay a fee relevant to a given Olympiad. A condition of granting an IWF license is full compliance with the IWF quality requirements.
- 2.1.2 For the Olympic Games, the Executive Board selects the make of the barbell from among the IWF licensed companies.
- 2.1.3 Technology and Information equipment: including
- Competition Management Software
  - Scoreboard
  - Attempt board
  - Record board
  - Referee lights system
  - Jury control unit
  - Timing clock
  - Scale

2.1.4 The application of the IWF Technology and Information System (TIS) is obligatory at World Championships, University World Championships, Grand Prix and Continental Olympic Qualification Events.

2.1.5 The application of technologies holding an IWF license is obligatory in Continental Championships, Continental, Regional and other Multisport Games (e.g. Commonwealth, Mediterranean, South-East-Asian, South-American, Pan-Arab, etc.), and Regional Championships.

### **3 ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, OLYMPIC, CONTINENTAL, REGIONAL AND OTHER MULTISPORT GAMES**

3.1.1 Weightlifting competitions at World Championships, Olympic Games, Continental, Multisport Games and other IWF controlled events must be organised under IWF supervision and carried out in full conformity with its Constitution, By-Laws and Rules.

3.1.2 Organising Federations must guarantee unconditional entry to all participants from all eligible IWF affiliated countries.

3.1.3 World Championships may be combined with Continental or Regional Championships. In this case, the competitors from the Continent or Region concerned are classified according to their performance in the World Championships. The winners receive the corresponding certification of places.

3.1.4 Competitions of all events under article 3 must include the two individual lifts (Snatch and Clean and Jerk) in all the bodyweight categories recognised by the IWF.

3.1.5 No major international competition may be organised within thirty (30) days before and thirty (30) days after the World Championships or Olympic Games.

3.1.6 In World Championships, only those athletes whose eligibility is confirmed by the IWF may participate.

#### **3.2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

3.2.1 Junior World Championships and University Championships are held every year. Men's and Women's World Championships are held every year, except in summer Olympic years.

3.2.2 Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded respectively to the first three places for the Snatch, the Clean and Jerk and the Total in each of the bodyweight categories.

3.2.3 Applications to organise World Championships must be made in writing sixty (60) days prior to the Executive Board meeting which is to decide on the allocations. The IWF Secretariat sends an application form (Questionnaire) upon request to the candidates. The completed Questionnaire must be returned to the IWF Secretariat.

3.2.4 The allocation of the World Championships is decided by vote by the IWF Executive Board.

3.2.5 Following the allocation of the World Championships, the IWF and the host Federation conclude an Agreement pertaining to the main obligations and conditions of the organisation of the Championships, based on the application questionnaire.

3.2.6 World Championships are carried out in not less than eight (8) competition days, Junior Championships not less than seven (7) days and University Championships not less than three (3) days.

### 3.3 **OLYMPIC GAMES**

3.3.1 At least twenty four (24) months before the opening of the Olympic Games and after consultation between the IWF Executive Board, the IOC and the Games Organising Committee, the IWF shall communicate the following information to the National Federations:

- the programme of the competitions;
- the schedule of the competitions;
- the participation criteria for the competitors (Olympic/qualification criteria);
- the entry conditions for Olympic competitors.

3.3.2 The Olympic weightlifting competitions are held in a period to be agreed between the IOC, the OCOG and the IWF, on a suitable number of competition days, with rest day(s) included, whenever convenient.

3.3.3 An NOC may enter the number of athletes to the Olympic Games in accordance with the qualification achieved, with a maximum of two (2) competitors per bodyweight category. In the case of individual qualification or invitation, the bodyweight category is specified by the IOC/IWF. No reserves can be entered.

3.3.3 Olympic gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded respectively to the first three places for the Total in each of the bodyweight categories.

3.3.4 The IWF Executive Board appoints two (2) Technical Delegates for the Olympic Games.

3.3.5 Six (6) months prior to the Olympic Games, the Executive Board appoints the Jury members, the referees, the technical controllers and the doctors that will be on duty at the Games, from the list of candidates submitted by the National Federations. None of the appointed officials may be members of their national Olympic team.

### 3.4 **MULTISPORT GAMES OTHER THAN OLYMPICS**

3.4.1 At least two (2) years before the opening of the Games, the IWF must be advised in order to approve the proposed facilities and technical organisation. An IWF technical delegate has to make a preliminary inspection. Travel, accommodation and board expenses are paid by the organising Federation / committee.

3.4.2 The Regulation of the weightlifting competitions of the Games and its scheduled programme must be submitted to the IWF for approval before publication. The Regulation must be supplied in English and, additionally, in any other language the organising committee deems it to be necessary.

- 3.4.3 The IWF checks all the facilities and approves the Jury members and the referees for the weightlifting competitions in consultation with the Continental, Regional Federation concerned and / or the Games organisers. The IWF representative must be present sufficiently in advance before the opening of the Games to ensure that the facilities are adequate and that the IWF Rules are being followed.
- 3.4.4 The IWF may be represented either by the President, the General Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary or by a delegate appointed by the President and the General Secretary in consultation. The IWF representative assumes the position of President of the Jury, Jury member or Competition Secretary, whichever is considered to be the most appropriate.
- 3.4.5 The Organising Committee must pay the travel accommodation and board expenses of the IWF delegate at the Games.
- 3.4.6 Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded respectively to the first three places for the Snatch, the Clean and Jerk and the Total in each of the bodyweight categories, unless otherwise specified and arranged between the Organising Committee and the IWF.

#### **4 SPECIFIC RULES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

##### **4.1 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES - HOST FEDERATION / ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

The host Federation / Organising Committee:

- 4.1.1 Offers the participants accommodation and full board at a daily rate to be fixed and the currency to be used, as well as local transportation, access to the competitions, participation in official meetings, training, closing banquet and other usual technical services. The daily rate must be approved by the IWF, which must see that the services provided are commensurate with the price indicated.
- Note 1: Each Executive Board member is entitled to a single room if he or she is a technical official for the entire duration of the World Championships. If he or she participates only in the meetings, this condition applies only for the duration of the meetings. If this member has to pay for the room, only the basic (double room) rate must be paid to the Organising committee.
- Note 2: All National Federations should be accommodated in double rooms but each delegation is entitled to one single room for the delegation leader at basic (double room) rate. The delegation can decide who should be accommodated in a single room.
- Note 3: If the team's composition is an odd number in each gender (e.g. 5 women and 7 men) the alone-remaining athlete cannot be forced to share a room with an athlete from another country, and in this case alone, a single room must be provided at the double-room rate.
- 4.1.2 Provides transportation and training facilities for participants at least four (4) days before the beginning of the Championships.

- 4.1.3 Provides free accommodation and board, during the competitions days plus two (2) days, for up to 45 selected technical officials, (referees, Jury members, technical controllers, doctors, Competition secretary and doping controllers). The number of technical officials is decided taking in consideration the number of competition days, the number of World Championships organised and other considerations, and depends on an agreement between the IWF and the host Federation / organising committee. If the IWF Executive Board and Committee meetings are held in conjunction with the World Championships, to those selected officials who are members of the Board or/and the Committees, free accommodation is provided for the competition days plus five (5) days. To benefit from the above, the technical officials must be present and available for the complete Championships. The participants must pay for additional days.
- 4.1.4 Guarantees that the prices of accommodation quoted six (6) months prior to the World Championships will not increase.
- 4.1.5 Provides, free of charge, the facilities for the Congress and the meetings of the Executive Board and the Committees (including meeting room, interpreters, technical facilities, coffee, refreshments, etc.).
- 4.1.6 Provides, free of charge, the technical organisation and all pertaining facilities (equipment, hall and rooms with adequate furnishing, technical staff, first aid, refreshments, etc.) for the competitions and training for the World Championships, as required by the relevant IWF rules.
- 4.1.7 Takes out acceptable comprehensive health / medical / hospital insurance policies for the Championships.
- 4.1.8 Accommodates, free of charge for the competition days plus five (5) days the Chairpersons of the IWF Technical, Medical and Scientific and Research Committees, when they are not among the appointed technical officials.
- 4.1.9 Provides, free of charge, business class return travel, accommodation and board for the competition days plus six (6) for the IWF President, the General Secretary and economy class return travel, accommodation and board for five (5) members of the Secretariat and the appointed A.I.P.S delegate.
- 4.1.10 Provides offices and technical facilities for the operation of the IWF Secretariat, for the meetings and the World Championships.
- 4.1.11 If required, pays full costs for travel, accommodation and board, for one (1) technical visit for the University Championships, two (2) technical visits for the Junior World Championships and three (3) technical visits prior to the World Championships, to check and evaluate their preparation.
- 4.1.12 Provides commemorative medals and diplomas to all official participants of the Championships
- 4.2 **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES - PARTICIPATING FEDERATIONS**
- The participating Federations:
- 4.2.1 The participating delegations must accept the accommodation offered by the Organising Committee, at the cost indicated in the Regulation. The amount

must be coordinated with the IWF and must be commensurate with the standard of the services provided.

4.2.2 Pay the host Federation / Organising Committee an Entry Fee of US\$200.00 (Two Hundred US dollars) for each delegation member. US dollars) of this fee remains with the Organising Committee and US\$ 100.00 (Hundred US dollars) is paid to the IWF as part of the Anti-Doping Fund.

4.2.3 The selected technical officials, the IWF President, General Secretary and Secretariat members, the licensed journalists do not have to pay the Entry Fee. The Executive Board or Committee members and the Congress delegates who only attend their respective meetings are also exempted from paying the Entry Fee, but after the Congress these persons cannot enjoy the privileges associated with accreditation such as transportation, entry to the competitions and sport facilities or any social events.

4.2.4 National Federations participating in the World Championships do so at their own risk. The Federations must undertake full moral and financial responsibility for their delegates regarding their health and in case of accidents or damages.

#### 4.3 **ENTRIES FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

4.3.1 Latest four (4) months before the date set for the World Championships, the organising Federation sends the World Championships Regulation to all the IWF affiliated Federations, the Executive Board and the Committee members.

4.3.2 The World Championships Regulation contains the following information:

- a) the exact date of the World Championships with a detailed programme of the competitions and related activities;
- b) the competition venue and its access;
- c) the accommodation offered and the financial conditions;
- d) the press accreditation forms;
- e) the preliminary entry and final entry forms and athletes' profiles.
- f) any other pertinent information.

4.3.3 Participants may only be officially entered by their respective affiliated National Federation. A preliminary Entry form, including information on the number of competitors and officials must be returned to the host Federation / Organising Committee not later than sixty (60) days before the Congress/Technical Conference.

4.3.4 The Final Entry form, which includes the names, the date of birth, the category and the actual performance of the competitors in the Total (Entry Total), with an indication of the reserves, the names of the accompanying officials and their function, must be sent by fax or e-mail to the organising committee not later than fourteen (14) days before the Congress/Technical Conference.

The Organising Federations shall be entitled to use the names entered by each National Federation on the Final Entry Forms to reserve hotel accommodation at one of the official IWF designated hotels. Should any of the reserved hotel rooms be unused, the respective Federations shall be liable to pay to the organiser a cancellation fee for the entire duration of each reservation.

- 4.3.5 Before the Congress preceding the World Championships, each delegation receives a form (Verification of Final Entries) on which they must confirm the names, the date of birth and the bodyweight categories and Entry Totals of their competitors. At this point, the reserves should be removed from the list. When this form is verified, signed and returned, the entries are considered final, i.e. there cannot be any modification. Nominations cannot be made by proxy.
- 4.3.6 The announced Entry Total indicated on the Final Entry form will be accepted and considered for the group allocation. The aggregate weight of the starting attempts in the Snatch and the Clean and Jerk cannot be less than 20 kg below the announced Entry Total for the male competition, and less than 15 kg below the announced Entry Total for the female competition. The observation of this rule is the responsibility of the Competition Secretary and/or the Chief Marshal. This rule shall apply unless otherwise stated.
- Example: A male athlete enters a competition with an announced Entry Total of 200 kg. The total weight of the first attempts in the Snatch and Clean and Jerk must not, in any case, be less than 180 kg (80 and 100 kg, 70 and 110 kg or any other combination). If this rule is not adhered to, the Jury can exclude the athlete from the competition.
- 4.3.7 The group allocation will be determined by the Competition Director / Secretary or the IWF Delegate following the Verification of Final Entries.
- 4.3.8 Athletes not listed on the Final Entry form cannot take part in the Championships.

## **5 PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE FOR COMPETITORS AND DELEGATES**

- 5.1 The Organising Committees of World Championships and other official IWF competitions must provide each competitor and delegate with primary medical care in relation to any illness or injury that may occur.
- For this purpose, a doctor with an assistant, if possible, must be stationed at the venue during the competition hours. A medical room must be provided containing the basic important medical equipment, bandages, medicines and the necessary facilities for the examination and initial treatment of the patients.
- Throughout the entire period of the Championships, primary medical care must be available at any time to all accredited participants.
- 5.2 The costs of such primary medical service are borne by the Organising Committee of these particular Championships in respect only to treatment provided to competitors and the delegates.
- If any competitor or delegate has been provided with appropriate health insurance coverage prior to leaving his or her country, the Organising Committee may arrange for reimbursement of any cost incurred for providing such medical services, through their respective National Federation.
- 5.3 If any doubt exists as to the chronicity of any illness or injury that occurs during a Championship, the appropriate primary medical care must be initially provided and then, if further investigation or treatments are required, they are performed at the discretion of the Organising Committee doctor. If

necessary, the latter can consult with other members of the Organising Medical Committee and/or the IWF Medical Committee members.

- 5.4 The above procedure is recommended by the IWF to the Continental Federation Medical Committees for application at their Championships.