

Technical Committee Report
2009 Goyang City - Korea
28th November, 2009

Attendance

S. Coffa (Chairman), R. Chinen (Secretary), B. Johannson, M. del Frade, R. Nagy, A. Kurlovich, P. Sanchez, M. Lassen, M. Shoukry.

In attendance Ms Aniko Nemeth-Mora (IWF Director)

Apologies

V. Klokov, C. Alvarez.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all and explained the reasons and the urgency for having a second meeting during the Championships in Goyang City.

Agenda Items

1 Review of Technical Rules deferred from Meeting #2 (17.11.09)

The Chairman introduced the review of technical rules as distributed to the committee members and stated that the final version has been the subject of much discussion and deliberations by Pedro Sanchez, Moira Lassen, Reiko Chinen, Alexander Kurlovich, Marcelino del Frade and himself.

The following proposals were presented:

April 1 2009 Rule

6.1.4 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), the names of the accompanying officials and their function, must be sent by fax or e-mail to the Organising Committee with a copy to the IWF not later than fourteen (14) days before the Congress/Technical Conference. Maximum nine (9) women and ten (10) men athletes can be included on the Final Entry Form.

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 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.

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(9) women and ten (10) men athletes can be included on the Final Entry form which consists of a full team (7 women and 8 men) plus two reserve athletes per gender.

The reserve athletes must be noted as such on the Final Entry form.

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Proposal agreed unanimously

April 1 2009 Rule

6.5.8 Order of calling: There are four (4) factors to consider in the following priority, when calling the competitors in sequence to take their attempts:

1. The weight of the barbell (lighter weight first)
2. The number of the attempt (lower number first)
3. The sequence/order of the previous attempt(s) (the athlete who lifted earlier comes first)
4. The lot number of the competitor (lower first)

See Example for Calling Order in the Annex.

Proposed

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1. The weight of the barbell (lightest weight first)
2. The number of the attempt (lowest number first)
3. The sequence/order of the previous attempt(s) (the athlete who lifted earliest is first)
4. The lot number of the competitor (lowest first)

See Annex No.4 for example of Calling Order.

Proposal agreed unanimously

April 1 2009 Rule

6.5.15 In case a request by an athlete taking consecutive attempts changes the order and another athlete is called whose time starts running, but he/she too asks for a change, as a result of which athlete No.1 (originally called) is called again, he/she shall be granted only one (1) minute.

Proposed

6.5.15 In case the order of call (the sequence) interrupts an athlete taking consecutive attempts permitting another athlete to be called whose time starts running, then

that athlete requests a change of weight thus causing the original athlete to be called, he/she shall be granted only one minute.

Proposal agreed unanimously but will be subject to observation over the next year to see if and how it affects the athletes

April 1 2009 Rule

6.7.2 To calculate the individual ranking in Snatch and in Clean and Jerk the following factors in the following order must be considered:

1. best result – higher first; if identical, then:
2. bodyweight – lower first; if identical, then:
3. best result's attempt number – smaller first; if identical, then:
4. previous attempt(s) – smaller first; if identical, then:
5. Lot number – smaller first

6.7.3 To calculate the individual ranking in Total the following factors in the following order must be considered:

1. best result – higher first; if identical, then:
2. bodyweight – lower first; if identical, then:
3. best Clean and Jerk result – smaller first; if identical, then:
4. best result's attempt number – smaller first; if identical, then:
5. previous attempt(s) – smaller first; if identical, then:
6. Lot number – smaller first

Proposed

6.7.2 When two or more athletes obtain the same result at a competition, in Snatch, Clean and Jerk and / or Total, where they registered at the same bodyweight, the athlete who reached the result first in accordance with the sequence/order of the competition, as per **Rule #6.5.8**, is classified before the other athlete.

The sequence/order of the competition applies also when one bodyweight category is divided into multiple groups / sessions.

See Annex No.5 for example of Classification of Athletes.

6.7.3 Delete

Proposal agreed unanimously- Reiko Chinen to action transfer of Annex 5 to Aniko Nemmeth-Mora

April 1 2009 Rule

7.3.7 The Jury, in unanimity and after discussion, has the power to reverse a decision when the Referees' decision has been judged on majority by the Jury to be technically incorrect. Such decision and its reason must be communicated to the athlete/coach concerned through the Technical Controller or any other Official, as directed by the President of the Jury, and announced to the public by the Speaker.

Proposed

7.3.7 The Jury, in unanimity and after discussion, has the power to reverse a decision when the Referees' decision has been judged by the Jury to be technically incorrect.

In order to consider the reversal of a decision, the Jury must call the Referees in question to seek an explanation. If the explanation is accepted, no action is taken, if the explanation is not accepted the Jury will reverse the decision. Such decision and its reason must be communicated to the athlete/coach concerned through the Technical Controller or any other Official, as directed by the President of the Jury, and announced to the public by the Speaker.

When the decision of the majority of the Jury members differs from that of the Referee's decisions, the Jury may call the referees in question to seek an explanation. If the explanation is accepted, no action is taken, if the explanation is not accepted the Jury will engage in discussion and if unanimity is reached, the Jury can reverse the decision.

In events where the composition of a three member Jury is appointed, unless unanimity is reached in the first instance, the Jury cannot take any actions even if the decision of the Referees appears to be totally incorrect.

Proposal agreed unanimously

April 1 2009 Rule

7.5.16 During the competition, the Referees must ensure:

- That the weight of the barbell corresponds with the weight announced by the Speaker
- That nobody but the lifter handles the barbell during the execution of a lift.
- That only the lifter or the loaders move the barbell to a new position on the platform. It is forbidden for a coach to move, adjust or clean the barbell. If the lifter moves the barbell to a position where the view of the Referee is impaired, the Referees concerned may move to a position where the lift can be observed correctly. After, the Referees return to their place to give the signal and the decision.
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- If the lifter during the execution of the lift moves to a position where the view of the Referee is impaired, the Referees concerned may move to a position where the lift can be observed correctly. After, the Referees return to their place to give the signal and the decision.
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Proposal agreed unanimously

Alexander Kurlovich requested that the details of this Rule be included in the proposed review of the Power Point. *Reiko Chinen for action.*

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When there is a breakdown of the Electronic Referee Light System during the execution of a lift, the centre referee seeks immediate confirmation from the side referees to determine if they have made a decision; the Centre Referee gives the signal to replace the barbell on the platform. This signal must be both audible and visible, i.e. the Centre Referee must say “Down” and at the same time motion downwards with the arm.

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April 1 2009 Rule

7.5.28 For a National Referee in order to be promoted to International Referee category 2 the following conditions are required. The candidate:

- a) must have served as National Referee at least five (5) years;
- b) must be proposed by the National Federation;
- c) must have a complete knowledge of the IWF Technical and Competition Rules;
- d) must prove his/her competence in a practical examination organised either by the IWF, or in an IWF approved examination organised by the National Federation;

- e) must obtain the marks of at least 85% in a written examination by means of the IWF Referees' Examination Questionnaire prepared and revised by the Technical Committee from time to time.

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- e) must obtain Ninety (90%) in the practical exam and Eighty-Five (85%) in the written exam by means of the IWF Technical Officials' Examination Questionnaire prepared and revised by the Technical Committee from time to time.

Proposal agreed unanimously

The Committee agreed that the whole international Referees promotion procedure should be reviewed.

The Chairman to create an addendum to 2009-2012 Handbook detailing all the alterations as approved and transfers such to Aniko Németh-Mora for posting to National Federations and to IWF Website.

2 Technical Officials Examination

Reiko Chinen was requested to merge the final version with optional charts and answer key and transfer such to Aniko Nemeth-Mora for posting to website and secure site.

3 Review of Rule 1.3.5

The Committee deliberated at length on the proposal as submitted by the Chairman. Robert Nagy spoke about the difficulties which might be imposed on the system regarding the display of World Records and which World Records, multi sessions classification, results and others.

Following discussion the Committee agreed that as the interpretation and application of this rule does not affect the IWF competitions such application was left to the discretion of Continental and National Federations.

However, the Committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the Executive Board that the organisation of Continental Olympic Qualification events must stand alone

Pedro Sanchez stated that he is developing a program to deal with the conduct of multi age/multi session competition. P. Sanchez will share this information with Committee members, Continental and National Federations.

4 Coaches Technical Education/Clarification

Reiko Chinen stressed the importance of including a segment in the Power Point to deal with Coach Education on technical matters and suggested that consideration be given to invite coaches to the Technical Officials meetings so that they may hear and take part in discussion.

5 Medal Ceremony

The matter of the presentation of medals when it includes athletes from B Group was discussed. No recommendation was made but the Committee agreed that this matter requires some thought at a future meeting.

6 Misloading of the Barbell

Reiko Chinen proposed that a rule be introduced to try and avoid the misleading of the barbell during a competition. After discussion the Committee agreed that a new rule was not needed but the placing of the small competition plates on the stage could be studied.

Sam Coffa
Chairman