

Technical Committee Report
Sofia - Bulgaria
12th June 2010

Attendance

I am pleased to report that the meeting received one only apology from Marcelino del Frade.

In attendance also Dr Tamas Ajan (IWF President), Mr. Per Mattingsdal (IWF Executive Board member), Mr. Nicu Vlad (Vice President), Ms Aniko Nemeth-Mora (IWF Director), Attila Adamfi (IWF Competition Director)

Welcome

The meeting followed the Joint Meeting of Committees, where a number of items were discussed. The Committee had a full agenda and all members were urged to be succinct and to the point during the deliberations.

Items to Report

1. National Technical Coordinators

Aniko Nemeth-Mora commented on the low rate of response from the National Federations. The data will be updated as it is received and posted to the TC secure site.

2. Referees License (Booklet Preamble)

The Committee discussed the proposed format and after discussion it was realised further review was required in order to harmonise the preamble to the Technical Rulebook and further define the competitions Category 1 & 2 can officiate at.

3. Rules Index

Pedro Sanchez reported this item is as a work in progress and further commented on difficulties with page numbering.

4. Competition Bibs

Reiko Chinen reported on the results of testing competition bibs, although the bibs used in Korea were the best to date, further tests will be ongoing.

5. Electronic Change of Weights

Robert Nagy, Attila Adamfi and Pedro Sanchez reported again that difficulties are being experienced with the acquisition of the PDA suitable for the project. Ongoing research being conducted.

6. World Junior & Youth Ranking List

Attila Adamfi demonstrated the rankings lists on the IWF website. Project realised.

7. Ladies Uniform Scarf

Aniko Nemeth-Mora displayed the new IWF scarf for the Committee and received accolades for the design and colour.

8. Addendum to 2009-2012 Handbook

The addendum of rule changes has been prepared and will be distributed to the NFs

9. Technical Officials Power Point

In collaboration with Pedro Sanchez, Moira Lassen and the Chairman, Reiko Chinen updated the Committee on continuing work of the technical PowerPoint, including visual imagery of technical errors during competition. A comprehensive PowerPoint will be further elaborated for the next meeting.

10. Principle and Procedures for Nomination/Selection/Appointment of Technical Officials for IWF Events

The Chairman introduced the item, highlighting the importance of the review of the current system and stating that, in his opinion the current system is not working for the benefit of the IWF. He further suggested the Committee break into a workshop situation and requested Moira Lassen to facilitate.

Moira Lassen suggested brainstorming on the objectives, principles and process/procedure of the nomination, selection and appointment of TOs.

As a result of the workshop the Committee recommends the following:

OBJECTIVES (what we want to achieve)

1. best TOs at all international events
2. create pathway / succession plan for the development of TOs

PRINCIPLES (rules/guidelines on how to achieve objectives)

- gender equity (use IOC principle as guideline)
- continental representation / balance
- impartial / neutral / "uninvolved" referees (non-competing athlete during session)
- TOs from countries which compete to have priority (currently exists)
- conditions before nomination:
 - o adequate qualification
 - o valid license
 - o uniform
 - o availability for the duration of the event

PROCEDURE / PROCESS (steps to follow principles to achieving objectives)

- motivate gender equity at NFs (M/F-2 TOs)
- introduce age requirements (max. for youth or junior events)
- evaluations / "report cards" of TOs from Jury Presidents
- exclusion of Executive Board input
- TC Chairman assesses votes and makes adequate recommendations in view of Principles
- final approval by IWF President

PATHWAY

- Create a chart of criteria – requirements – grades, next steps, etc.

For future consideration:

- Performance appraisal – self evaluation
- TC Members to have priority / “first right of refusal”
- TC Members can nominate themselves

11. Changes to Operation/Presentation System

Robert Nagy spoke to his printed proposal which covered subjects:

- Multiple event with competitions in different age groups in one
- Technical specifications
- Documentation

Following a long discussion the Committee agreed unanimously to adopt the new proposals, save “Definitions”, which will be further discussed.

The Committee recommends that the Final Entry List (with full data) be published on the website ten days prior to the date of Verification of Final Entry.

12. Medal Ceremony “B” Session

The Committee agreed that the Jury President assess the need to recall “B” session athletes to attend “A” session should it be deemed that they are medal prospects.

13. Misloading of the barbell (position of the discs)

The Committee agreed to monitor the placement of the smaller discs on the podium in order to avoid potential misloading of the barbell.

14. Introduction of Minimum Standard to compete at World Senior Championships

The Committee agreed in principle with the introduction of minimum standard and members were requested to supply feedback by August 1, 2010.

15. Review of Bodyweight Categories

The Committee awaits the response from the Medical Committee as well as the Coaching & Research Committee.

16. Review of Technical & Competition Rules

Moira Lassen requested a review and re-wording of Rule #4.1.1; remove “or two pieces but must cover the trunk of the competitor” and insert “must be one-piece”.

Members were encouraged to submit suggestions for modification. The Commission will elaborate on the harmonisation of Handbook terminology.

17. Oscillation of the barbell

The Committee is of one mind that oscillation of the barbell poses a risk to the athlete. Benny Johansson was requested to re-approach Eleiko to conduct a stress experiment.

Sam Coffa (*Chairman*)