

**Technical Committee Meeting
Held in the Hotel Equatorial
Penang - Malaysia
26th June, 2011**

Attendance

S. Coffa (Chairman), R. Chinen (Secretary), V. Klokov, C. Alvarez, R. Nagy,
A. Kurlovich, P. Sanchez, M. Lassen

In attendance 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)

Apologies

B. Johansson, M. Shoukry, M. Del Frade

Welcome

The meeting followed the Joint Meeting of Committees, which canvassed a number of items. The Chairman welcomed everybody and stated that because of the late hour start of the meeting it will be necessary to agree to appropriate suspension of standing orders so as to allow important Agenda items to be discussed in priority. He also urged all members not to repeat arguments already stated or deliberated.

Items discussed by the Joint Meeting of Committees

1 Introduction of Minimum Standard to compete at World Senior Championships

- 1.1 General Discussion
- 1.2 Power Point Presentation (Reiko Chinen)

2 Review of Bodyweight Categories

3 Review Bandages/Tapes

- 3.1 Status Report
- 3.2 European Championship Example
- 3.3 Use of Power Lifting Uniform

4 Religious Attire

- 4.1 General Discussion

Agenda Items

1 Minutes of the previous meetings 13.9.2010 Topkapi Palace, Antalya - Turkey

The Minutes were approved as printed and previously circulated.

2 Business arising from Minutes:

All business arising included as Agenda Items

3 Referee Card (TO Card) – Booklet

Ms Aniko Nemeth-Mora presented and spoke to the Referees License (Booklet Preamble). The Committee determined:

- the Booklet should be named IWF International Technical Official Card
- a Category 3 Card established and the Card should recognize Doctors on Duty, Assistant Marshals, Timekeepers, Competition Director, Competition Secretary, Weigh-in Officials, Speakers, unless ITO Category 1 or 2 in their own right
- such Cards should be different colours

4 Rules Index

Pedro Sanchez tabled his consolidated indexed version of the IWF Handbook for which he received congratulation and thanks. The Committee recommends that this booklet be printed and published.

5 Competition Bibs

4.1 The Committee agreed that this item is far from being acceptable and it is unlikely that a satisfactory solution is in sight. In the meantime provision must be made in the weigh-in room and in the warm-up room for sufficient quantity of safety pins to append the bibs on the costumes.

The Competition Secretaries and Technical Controllers are entrusted with this application.

4.2 The Committee discussed the proposal of Mr. Emilio Estarlik, IWF Executive Board Member) to include the names of the Athletes on the bibs.

The Committee determined not to proceed with this proposal.

6 Electronic Change of Weights

Robert Nagy presented a detailed report on the IT Development Project with particular attention to the System Plan elaborating on both hardware and software. The project must be developed in stages which must include a dry run, test event and other technical requirements and considerations; budget availability being one of the most important requirements. After discussion the Committee agreed that Robert Nagy distributes the presented PowerPoint with meeting notes seeking further input.

7 Multiple Competition Events

The previously circulated paper submitted by Robert Nagy and related responses were discussed by the Committee.

The Committee confirmed the paper as presented.

8 Technical Officials Power Point

Reiko Chinen presented to the Committee the updated version of the technical PowerPoint. The program, which has engaged Moira Lassen and the Chairman, includes visual imagery of technical errors during competition and the latest amendments to the Rules. Additional versions (i.e. Coaching, Education, etc) are being developed.

The Committee congratulated and thanks Reiko Chinen and Moira Lassen and other members of the Committee for achieving this project and recommends to the Executive Board that such Power Point be made available worldwide by posting on the website.

9 Oscillation of the Barbell

Reiko Chinen stated that the Uesaka Company is developing a piece of equipment to conduct a stress experiment on the Bars.

The Committee agreed to continue looking at this matter from the safety perspective but reconfirms its negative attitude for a Rule change to allow oscillation of the Barbell during the execution of the Jerk.

10 International Referees' Promotion Procedure

The Chairman reported not having had the opportunity to discuss this item with the President and requested that the item be deferred to the next meeting.

11 Competition Platform

The matter of establishing a minimum height on the Competition Platform and other related items as presented by Attila Adamfi were discussed by the Committee.

The Committee recommends to that in the next quadrennial Competition Platform be made of hardwood and have a minimum height of 10 cm and Training Platforms must measure 3 m wide and 2.5 to 3 m in length and can be made of any non-slippery surfaced material.

12 Press Out of the Barbell

The Committee discussed the proposal put forward by David Melzer (USA) and Robert Kabbas (AUS) for a change in the Rule which would allow such movement to take place. Both proponents argued that press out should be allowed providing that there is no stoppage of the Barbell during the execution of the Jerk in particular. David Melzer argued that as a minimum the movement (Press Out) should be defined.

Following discussion the Committee agreed that Press Out remains an incorrect movement and the definition was referred to the Standing Commission – Constitution, Rules and Bylaws Commission.

13 Use of Bars (15Kg Female/20Kg Male)

The Committee discussed the proposition put forward by Robert Kabbas (AUS) that the use of bars should be based on categories and not gender hence not called Men's and Women's bars but rather 15Kg and 20Kg respectively.

The Committee did not agree with the proposal; however, a survey may be conducted for the athletes and coaches on the IWF website.

14 Setting up Standards and Creating Quality Control System for licensed Barbells

Robert Nagy and Attila Adamfi presented a power point on the subject including the main mechanical parameters of Construction and Design, Measurements, Weight and Material Quality.

The Committee recommends that the TCR be amended with the missing mechanical parameters and to introduce regular quality control processes.

15 Bodyweight Category Entries

The proposition by Robert Kabbas (AUS) that lifters should only be required to weigh at or under their category's weight limit not between their category limit and that of the category below was discussed by the Committee.

The Committee did not agree with the proposal.

16 Technical Officials Roles and Responsibilities – Handbook

The Committee congratulated the Chairman and all those responsible for the publication of such document which will be of great value and assistance to Technical Officials and Organising Committees.

The Committee wholeheartedly endorsed the work and requested the IWF Executive Board to give consideration to having the work translated in the IWF Official languages and having such printing and disseminating worldwide.

17 General Review of Technical & Competition Rules

Moira Lassen, in her capacity as a member of the Standing Commission – Constitution, Rules and Bylaws Commission, encouraged all members to submit suggestions for modification. The Commission has started its deliberations on the review of the Handbook.

Review of Competition Costume

The Committee reviewed the proposal in relation to Muslim female athlete competition wear and subsequent rule changes.

Being mindful of the inclusive nature of our sport and further aligning it with the Olympic values and charter, the Committee recommends the following rule changes for **all** athletes:

- remove “must be close fitting” under Costume Rule 4.1.1
- add “or the unitard” to the end of “All bandages, tapes or plasters must be visible and not covered by the Costume” Rule 4.4.1
- remove Rule 4.4.11 “There has to be a visible separation between the costume and the bandage(s).” Insert “No bandage(s) can be worn under the Costume or the unitard.”
- remove word “skin” on Rules 4.4.3 and 4.4.4
- insert new rule stating the unitard must comply with the listed requirements of: one piece, full body, tight-fitting, any colour, no pattern
- insert new rule stating the following requirements: any items worn on the head are considered to be part of the head and hair is considered to be part of the head.

Sam Coffa
Chairman