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## MEMBER FEDERATIONS OF THE IWF

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Dear Sir / Madam,

On the occasion of the IWF Congress in Bangkok, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017, **elections will take place to the IWF Executive Board and Committees.**

Vacancies available for election at the Congress:

President	1
General Secretary Treasurer	1
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	1
Vice Presidents	5
Executive Board Members	8
Technical Committee Members	*7
Coaching and Research Committee Members	*7
Medical Committee	*7

(\*Please note that in accordance with Article 5 of the IWF Constitution, 7 Members to each Committee are elected by the Congress, and 3 remaining Members are elected by the – new – Executive Board.)

We should all be aware that those office bearers who will be elected to the various positions on the IWF bodies will make a significant impact on the development of international weightlifting. Therefore, all Member Federations must be aware of their great responsibility when putting forward candidates. Would you please therefore give your utmost attention to the following considerations:

1. In accordance with the IWF Constitution and By-Laws in force as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, [http://www.iwf.net/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2017/01/IWF\\_ConstitutionBy-Laws\\_2017.pdf](http://www.iwf.net/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2017/01/IWF_ConstitutionBy-Laws_2017.pdf) **Member Federations** must fulfil the conditions of **Article 3.4 – Obligations of Members** – in order to be eligible to present candidates to the IWF elections.

Please check whether your Federation complies with the above conditions and nominate candidates for election only if you have fulfilled all these requirements!

2. Please **nominate** only members of good standing in your Federation who are competent to fulfil the relevant position and who are devoted to the promotion of weightlifting. Regarding the **eligibility of candidates**, please respect the following Articles of the Constitution: (Article 8 – Elections)

*8.1.4 Member Federations may only propose bona fide candidates who are members of their Federation and must be citizens of the country of that Member Federation, as evidenced by passport or another official document issued by the country's*

authorities and provided by the Member Federation. A candidate may be nominated only by one (1) Member Federation to any IWF position even in case of double or multiple nationalities. The candidate must have been member of the Federation that proposes him/her for the last three (3) years, or subject to agreement between the two Federations concerned. Only those member Federations that have participated with athletes in a minimum of two (2) World or Continental Championships in the four (4) years prior to the election are eligible to submit candidates.

8.1.5 Any member of the Executive Board or Committees with a minimum of twelve (12) years of service may be a candidate in his/her own right to any position on the respective body provided that his/her nomination is supported by a minimum of one fifth (1/5) of the Member Federations. Proof of support by the Member Federations must be in writing and presented with the candidature.

3. Special stipulations to **increase the presence of women in leadership** positions: - Aiming at gender parity, the current Constitution provides for ensuring female presence in the IWF leadership in an unprecedented manner. You are therefore strongly recommended to nominate female candidates to any of the positions on the Executive Board or Committees. We call your attention to the following provisions:

8.2.5 Election of five (5) Vice Presidents: The five (5) candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected. If none of the individuals elected as President, General Secretary or 1st Vice President is a woman, one of the five (5) Vice President positions shall be attributed in preference to a woman...

also:

8.2.6 Election of Executive Board Members:  
If among the officers elected as President, General Secretary Treasurer, 1st Vice President and Vice Presidents there is not more than one woman, the first of the eight (8) Executive Board Member positions shall be attributed in preference to a woman...

8.3.1 The Congress elects seven (7) Members each to the Technical, Coaching and Research and Medical Committees. At its first meeting following the Congress, the Executive Board, upon proposal by the President and the Committee's respective Chair, elects three (3) Members each to complete the Committees. If there is no woman among the seven Members elected by the Congress, at least one of those elected by the Executive Board must be a woman. Such members may come from outside those nominated, subject to the approval of the respective Member Federation.

4. Candidatures must be forwarded to the IWF by means of the **Candidature Form** duly filled in and signed. The Candidature Form is also available for download on the IWF home page: [www.iwf.net](http://www.iwf.net) **Candidature Forms**, the photograph and the passport copy may also be forwarded by e-mail to the address [elections2017@iwfnet.net](mailto:elections2017@iwfnet.net) , but the original Forms **must be sent by registered mail as well!**

**Deadline: 24:00 h (CET) on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017!**

5. Using the **Candidature Form**: Fill in one (1) **Candidature Form** for each candidate! Save the **Candidature Form** with the name of the candidate before sending it. Scan the last page which shall have the signature of the candidate and of the Member Federation.

One candidate may run for one, two or more positions, as per the rules, (e.g. Vice President, Executive Board member and Technical Committee member) but all desired positions must be marked on the **Candidature Form** in the appropriate boxes.

The mark “**No.1 or No.2**” in the column “**Preference**” indicates that you may nominate a person to the Executive Board and, in case he/she is not elected there, he/she may also be a candidate to the Committees, in addition to your other candidate. To mark your preference in the election of the Committees, please check either the “No.1” or the No.2” square next to the name of the candidate.

6. Candidates must have a good knowledge of **English** – both spoken and written – the working language of the IWF, to allow active participation in the meetings. Lacking that, elected Officers must ensure proper English translation at the meetings at their own costs and arrangements.
7. Candidates to the **IWF Medical Committee** must possess a Diploma of Faculty of Medicine.
8. Candidates to the **IWF Technical Committee** must have International Category 1 Technical Official Card and a minimum of 5 years practice.
9. A **photo** of the candidate (portrait) and a copy of the candidate’s **passport** must be enclosed. The photo must be of good quality (min. 100kB)
10. The IWF will send a confirmation of the candidature upon receipt.

Finally, last but not least, I would like to call your attention to the importance of conducting a fair and clean election campaign! The eyes of the media, of the Olympic Movement and the public are on us and we must prove that the IWF has full integrity, good governance and transparency in all its actions, including an electoral campaign.

Looking forward to receiving your candidatures and thanking you in advance for your cooperation in the spirit of true sportsmanship,

Yours sincerely,



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