



## Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand's Qualification Policy for Masters 2019 International Weightlifting Events

To ensure that athletes enter events that they have qualified for, it is compulsory for ALL athletes to complete the following steps should they wish to enter a specific competition. Athletes must remember that it is an earned privilege, and not a right, to represent New Zealand internationally.

Members wanting to represent NZ must be current financial members in good standing of OWNZ before the qualifying competition they compete in to qualify for the international event in question. That means that an athlete cannot qualify for any event on an OWNZ Recreational Membership.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to enter a Masters event or to be considered for selection to a New Zealand Team by OWNZ, an athlete must:

- I. Be of 35 years of age or older;
- II. Be a New Zealand citizen with a NZ passport;
- III. In the case of multiple citizenship, sport nationality must be registered as New Zealand with the IWF and not have represented another country within the past 12 months unless otherwise approved by IWF;
- IV. Be a current financial member of OWNZ and in good standing;
- V. Not be under investigation for any breach of, nor to have breached and serving a period of ineligibility under, any rule under the OWNZ Constitution, or any rules or regulations of the IWF, the IWF Masters, the IOC or the NZOC;
- VI. Not be under investigation for any breach of, or anti-doping rule violation under, any part of the OWNZ Anti-Doping Regulation (which includes the Sports Anti-Doping Rules), the IWF Anti Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code and serving a period of ineligibility for such breach or violation;
- VII. Not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, the IWF Anti-Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code;
- VIII. OWNZ has taken a stand for a doping free sport and we require all our international athletes to have created an account and completed the DFSNZ e-learning module 1 AND 2 before attending any international competition. Failure to do so will impact on whether approval is given to the athlete to enter a specific event and on an ongoing basis.
- IX. Not be under investigation for, charged with, or convicted of any criminal offence, unless any sentence imposed has been served by the Athlete;
- X. Have provided OWNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including current physical address, email address and telephone n



- XI. Have completed the **Expression of Interest** form, and have in doing so acknowledge that events will be self-funded unless communicated by OWNZ; and
- XII. Agree to participate in any pre-event camps, training sessions or other activities as required.

**Procedure for Entering an Event:**

1. **BEFORE** entering an event the athlete must complete the Expression of Interest Form found on the OWNZ website under the Results/Ranking/Qualifying Tab – High Performance Information page
2. If an athlete is unable to access the Form on a computer, an email must be sent to the OWNZ Masters Organiser with the following information:
  - a. Full Name (as appears on NZ passport)
    - Event
    - DOB
      - i. Name of the Event
        - An acknowledgement that you have met the qualification criteria for this particular event
        - A request for approval to enter the event.
3. The OWNZ Masters Organiser will then refer to the OWNZ Statistician to ensure that the entry criteria for that event has been met ie Qualifying Standards, and/or having competed at an OWNZ sanctioned event within a specific time frame, and will then advise the athlete by email that their request to enter XY competition has been approved.
  - a. **The athlete must not enter the event until they have received their email of approval.**
  - b. Once they have received the email they are able to enter themselves into that event.
4. If the athlete wishes for their/a coach to accompany them to the event, they must email the OWNZ Masters Organiser giving the Coach's name and asking permission for that person to represent NZ at the event in a coaching capacity. Permission is at the discretion of OWNZ.
  - a. The coaching individual is not able to coach a NZ athlete ie represent NZ in a coaching capacity without having permission. This also applies to athletes who coach other athletes at an event.
  - b. If a Coach is a member of another weightlifting federation, approval must be sought and given by that federation before OWNZ is able to provide final permission.
5. Athletes must c a different event.



6. If the event organisers supply a list of entered athletes to OWNZ to ratify and an athlete has not sought and gained permission to enter, but has entered regardless, **the event organisers will be advised that the athlete is to be withdrawn.** This is regardless of whether that athlete has qualified for the event.
  - a. Any costs incurred by the athlete (entry fee, travel or accommodation bookings) will be at the expense of the athlete without any recourse to OWNZ for compensation.
7. Once entries have closed, an Information Form will be emailed to all athletes entered in that event, requesting travel info, contact details so that the OWNZ Masters Organiser can create a Contact List for all athletes.
  - a. That Information Form will also include the request for the athlete's entry information ie age, BW category and entry total. There will be an option to be named in a Team for the event. Athletes should be aware that there may be a cost to the athlete to be included in the team. This will be advised for each event.
  - b. A uniform order form will also be distributed either as part of the Information Form or independently.

### **Team Selection:**

1. IWF Masters Teams are created based on IWF Masters Team Criteria rules. Other organisations may follow the same rules or adopt the IWF Team Rules. OWNZ will inform athletes which rules are being used per event and make team selections accordingly.
2. Once the Start List has been published for an event, the OWNZ Masters Organiser will submit, to the OWNZ Selectors, a list of athletes who have indicated on their Form that they want to be considered for Team selection, plus the Start List and a team selection will proceed.
3. If an athlete changes bodyweight division at any time before VOE / or plans to change bodyweight division at VOE or at weigh-in, they must advise the OWNZ Masters Organiser asap and be aware that a change may impact on their inclusion in the team.
4. Any prizes won by the Team will be distributed evenly amongst the athletes who have been named in that team, and who have participated in the event irrespective of their result but excluding any athlete named as a reserve.
5. If an athlete decides to withdraw from an event they must advise the OWNZ Masters Organiser as soon as possible as this will impact on any Team selection.