



DEAR NATIONAL MASTERS CHAIR,

**THE IWF MASTERS COMMITTEE'S AIM IS TO HAVE THE COMPETITION OF EACH GROUP AS INTERNATIONAL AS POSSIBLE.**

Regarding the 2020 Registration system, the IWF Masters Committee will go now a step further from the 2019 Preliminary Entry system and the IWF Masters registration, which worked very well.

But we must ensure and balance out that a World Masters Championships remain as international as possible in all age groups/ body weight categories.

We are also creating a new IWF MASTERS WEBSITE, WHICH IS IN THE WORKS. Please see the following basic explanation

### **Introduction**

- For the IWF World Masters in Montreal the IWF Masters allowed the introduction of a “preliminary registration system” to accept a “no limit” registration. By using a series of rules, the registration was reduced to a maximum of 800.
- The total of 800 are all allowed to register in the final system and are issued with an access code once they have paid their entry fee to their National Masters Chairmen (NMC)
- Only this one registration system will be operated, but it will be necessary to apply some rules to the registration data to ensure a total of 800 lifters for a championship.

### **Selection rules**

*Based on numbers of entries for 2016 Heinsheim, 2018 Barcelona, and 2019 Montreal.*

Looking at these statistics it is obvious the numbers registered are different for men and women, and for numbers in bodyweight categories within age groups. The aim is to set some rules which can be applied to all championship registrations without continuous change.

- The total number of lifters allowed in all groups, i.e., bodyweight category within age group will be 12.
- The 80% voted in rule will be applied.
- All nations will be allowed a minimum of one entry.
- National Masters Chairmen will responsible for the following rules:
  - In all groups, a maximum of 5 lifters will be allowed from one nation.
  - Lifters must be capable of achieving the qualifying standard.
  - Lifters must achieve the qualifying standard in an officially recognised competition.
  - Collect entry fees from each lifter and pay one amount into the IWF Masters bank account.
- When a National Masters Chairman has applied the above 4 rules, an **access code** will be given to the lifter to register for the championship.

### **Additional points to consider**

- The entry rules must have the capability to test all groups in the same way.
- Statistics over 3 championships show that 2 lowest men’s categories are always lower than 12.

- Currently the age groups M55 to M80 and W55 to W70 are accepted in full, none are highlighted as unacceptable. Until these groups change greatly (which is unlikely) only M35 to M50 and W35 to W50 are the groups being tested to reduce the number of lifters to 12 a group.

## Entry rules

- Athletes must pay the required entry fee to their National Masters Chair (NMC) who will issue an **access code** to register in the system. Athletes who have paid and were not selected must receive a refund from their NMC.
- A maximum of 1000 will be allowed to register. Specific entry rules (please see below under **PROCEDURE RULES**) will be applied to reach a final approximate entry of 800 athletes, and the 200 not selected will be the only athletes entitled to a refund from their NMC.
- The registration system opens 1st April 2020 and closing date for registration will be 31 May 2020, but registration will be closed if the number registered reaches 1000 before that date .

### Qualification period start 25 August 2019 and ends 31 May 2020.

- When the procedural rules (see below) have been applied to reach a championship start entry of 800 lifters, the IWF Masters Secretariat will send a list of lifters registered for each nation to the NMC. *The list will indicate selected athletes, and athletes not selected and due for a refund of their entry fee.*
- The official Competition Schedule will be produced based on the maximum number of 800 selected.

## Procedural Rules

- The system will operate by selecting a group.
  - There are 10 age group for men, with 10 bodyweight categories each; and
  - There are 8 age groups for women with 10 bodyweight categories each.
- For example, the first group selected for men will be M35 and bodyweight category 55kg, and the first group for women will be W35 and bodyweight category 45kg.
- Any group with less than 5 lifters registered will be ignored and the next group will be selected (i.e. M35/-61kg or W35/-49kg, respectively).
- If a group has more than 5 lifters from one nation registered, the 5 lifters with the “best totals” registered will be selected and the remaining lifters highlighted for deselection.
  - If the same group now has less than 12 lifters selected, the next group will be tested.
- For a group with more than 12 lifters registered.
  - The 12 with the highest “best total” will be selected.
  - The remaining lifters in the group will be highlighted for deselection.

The above procedures will be applied to every group.

**During these procedures, it will be ensured that sole athletes of one nation will not be excluded from the registration process by systematic application of the above procedural rules.**

After the closing date athletes are still allowed to move up or down a bodyweight category within their age group. It is advised that anyone who does change their bodyweight category is aware of the new 80% rule which has replaced the 15/10kg rule.

Moving up or down a bodyweight category is allowed, although it might result in a group having more than 12 lifters and the possibility of more than 5 lifters from a nation.

Best wishes,

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