



Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand's Qualification Policy for Masters 2020 International Weightlifting Events

To ensure that athletes enter events that they have qualified for, it is compulsory for ALL athletes to read the following should they wish to enter a specific international 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.

To qualify for international competitions, athlete MUST compete at specific national events (eg North and South Islands, Masters Nationals and Senior Nationals) and/or other events marked on the OWNZ calendar as record breaking/qualifying/ Championship events (eg Auckland Champs, Dunedin Champs or Central North Island Champs etc).

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;
- IV. In the case of an athlete who has NZ citizenship but who is a member of another country's weightlifting federation, that athlete must follow the directives of the OWNZ Administration to resign from that federation in order to join OWNZ. There are conditions to this transfer of federation. Any athlete who falls into this category should be in contact with the Masters Committee well in advance of the event they which to compete in;
- V. Be a current financial member of OWNZ and in good standing;
- VI. 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;
- VII. 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;
- VIII. 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;

- IX. 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;
- X. Not be under investigation for, charged with, or convicted of any criminal offence, unless any sentence imposed has been served by the Athlete;
- XI. Have provided OWNZ with key contact details for communication purposes (including current physical address, email address and telephone number);
- XII. Have completed the **Expression of Interest** form by the deadline below and, have in doing so, acknowledged that events will be self-funded unless communicated by OWNZ; and
- XIII. Agree to participate in any pre-event camps, training sessions or other activities as required.

2020-2021 International Events:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
20 th – 22 nd March	2020 Singapore International Open and Masters International Championships	Singapore
5 th – 7 th June	2020 Oceania Masters Championships	Cairns, Australia
28 th Aug – 5 th September	2020 IWF Masters World Championships	Orlando, Florida, USA
14 th – 18 th October	2020 Commonwealth, Pacific Rim and Masters World Cup	Penang, Malaysia
17 th – 25 th May 2021	2021 World Masters Games	Kansai, Japan

Qualification: Each athlete wanting to enter an international event must meet the applicable qualifying standards OR they must have met the applicable qualifying criteria. These differ between events. As soon as information is received it will be posted on the OWNZ website. **Note that information is yet to be supplied by IWF masters, AWF and other organisations. Therefore dates may be updated and therefore may change.**

EVENT	QUALIFYING PERIOD	QUALIFYING CRITERIA	EOI COMPLETE
2020 Singapore International Open and Masters International Championships	1/3/19 – 20/2/20 NB/ We are yet to receive details on this event. The end date of the qualifying period may change to earlier.	Must have competed in an OWNZ sanctioned qualifying event or IWF International event during the Qualifying Period. No Qualification Standards.	31/12/2019
2020 Oceania Masters Championships	13/6/2019 – 5/4/2020	Must have competed in an OWNZ sanctioned qualifying event or an IWF International event during the Qualifying Period as	31/3/2020.

		a financial member. No Qualification Standards.	
2020 IWF Masters World Championships	1/9/19 – 15/6/2020	Must meet 2020 IWF Masters Qualifying Standards in an OWNZ sanctioned qualifying event or IWF International event as specified by IWF Masters, during the Qualifying Period.	25/03/2020
2020 Commonwealth, Pacific Rim and Masters World Cup	TBA By Commonwealth Masters Weightlifting but potentially 31/8/2019 - 1/9/2020	Must have competed in an OWNZ sanctioned qualifying event or IWF International event during the Qualifying Period. No Qualification Standards.	31/7/2020
2021 World Masters Games: This will double as World Masters Championships so will be dictated by IWF Masters	1/3/20 – 31/10/20	Must meet IWF Masters Qualifying Standards in an OWNZ sanctioned qualifying event or IWF International event as specified by IWF Masters, during the Qualifying Period.	1/10/20

ENTRY PROCESS

1/ Submit an EOI for the event the athlete wishes to have approval to enter. Note athletes do not need to have already qualified to submit an EOI. In fact it is advised to submit an EOI regardless.

2/ The Masters Committee and OWNZ Statistician will confirm that the individual athlete has met the Qualifying Criteria and provide the athlete with approval to enter the event or will advise the athlete that they have not met the qualifying criteria and do not have permission to enter the event.

Note: that Masters athletes enter events individually unless otherwise advised.

3/ Once entered, the athlete must communicate to the Masters Committee confirmation of their entry.

4/ The athlete will be supplied with an OWNZ Athlete Agreement which must be agreed to, signed and returned by the specified deadline. Failure to return a signed Agreement will result in OWNZ advising the event organisers of that athlete's inability to represent NZ and their entry will be withdrawn.

INFORMATION FORM

Once entries have closed, the Masters Committee will email an Information Form to all athletes who have been given permission to enter and from whom they have received confirmation of entry. The Information Form will request travel info and contact details so that the OWNZ Masters Committee can create a Contact List for all athletes.

The Form will also include and Uniform Order Form and request details on your Coach.

ACCOMPANYING COACHES

If the athlete wishes for their/a coach to accompany them to the event, they must indicate that on the Information Form.

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.

If a Coach is a member of another weightlifting federation, approval must be sought and given by that federation in writing before the event. That information must be supplied to OWNZ.

Athletes must seek permission for their coach for each specific event.

Coaches may be requested to assist other NZ athletes at the same event.

Athletes are expected to contribute to the Coach's costs – this arrangement is at the discretion of the coach and athlete.

Coaches who are accompanying an athlete/athletes will be supplied with an OWNZ Support Staff Agreement which must be agreed to, signed and returned by the specified deadline. Failure to return a signed Agreement will result in OWNZ advising the Coach, athletes and event organisers that the Coach does not have OWNZ permission to coach at the event.

GUEST LIFTERS

In the event that an athlete is registered with OWNZ as a current member but is NOT a citizen ie doesn't hold a NZ passport, there is the possibility that this athlete may be able to enter an international competition eg Oceania Championships as a guest on the approval of the event organisers. The OWNZ Masters Committee must be engaged early in the process to make the official request from the national federation. The individual athlete is not to make this request of the event organisers.

The athlete, if given permission, will have to enter and pay the entry fee as per normal. The athlete will still have to qualify in the stated OWNZ competitions as per this Qualification Policy.

Guest lifters will attend the weigh-in with their non NZ passport for ID purposes and to avoid confusion regarding team representation, earning medals and contributing to team points, will not be allowed to wear a NZ lifting suit.

*Note separate special visa requirements for non-NZ citizens on OWNZ website.

Team Selection:

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.

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 Committee 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 Committee 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.

Qualifying Events

Note: 2020 events are still being added to the OWNZ calendar.

The 2020 Qualifying events will be added to the list below as they are sanctioned by OWNZ.

<p>2020 Singapore International Open and Masters International Championships</p>	<p>1/ 2019 CSI Open (held 6/4/2019) 2/ 2019 North Island Championships & Rod Kennedy Team Series 2 (held 18 & 19 May 2019) 3/ 2019 South Island Championships (held 1st & 2nd June 2019) 4/ 2019 Masters Oceania, Commonwealth and Pacific Rim Tournament (held 14th – 16th June 2019) 5/ 2019 Central North Island Championships (held 20th July 2019) 6/ 2019 IWF World Masters Championships (held 16th – 24th August 2019) 7/ 2019 IWF World Masters World Cup (held 3rd – 6th October) 8/ 2019 OWNZ Junior, Senior National Championships (held 1st – 3rd November 2019) 9/ OWA Rod Kennedy Round 3 (held 30th November 2019) 10/ 2019 OWNZ Masters Nationals (held 6th & 7th December 2019) 11/ 2020 Championship events that are held prior to the end of the stated qualifying period.</p>
<p>2020 Oceania Masters Championships</p>	<p>1/ 2019 Masters Oceania, Commonwealth and Pacific Rim Tournament (held 14th – 16th June 2019) 2/ 2019 Central North Island Championships (held 20th July 2019) 3/ 2019 IWF World Masters Championships (held 16th – 24th August 2019) 4/ 2019 IWF World Masters World Cup (held 3rd – 6th October) 5/ 2019 OWNZ Junior, Senior National Championships</p>

	<p>(held 1st – 3rd November 2019)</p> <p>6/ OWA Rod Kennedy Round 3 (held 30th November 2019)</p> <p>7/ 2019 OWNZ Masters Nationals (held 6th & 7th December 2019)</p> <p>8/ Dunedin Championships (held 14th March 2020)</p> <p>9/ Singapore Masters Internationals (held 20th-22nd March 2020)</p> <p>10/ OWA Auckland Champs (14th-15th March 2020)</p> <p>11/ Wellington Championships (held 22nd March 2020)</p> <p>12/ Other 2020 Championship events that are held prior to the end of the stated qualifying period.</p>
2020 IWF Masters World Championships	<p>TBC but likely to include:</p> <p>1/ 2019 World Masters World Cup (held 3rd – 6th October)</p> <p>2/ 2019 OWNZ Junior, Senior National Championships (held 1st – 3rd November 2019)</p> <p>3/ OWA Rod Kennedy Round 3 (held 30th November 2019)</p> <p>4/ 2019 OWNZ Masters Nationals (held 6th & 7th December 2019)</p> <p>5/ Dunedin Championships (held 14th March 2020)</p> <p>6/ Singapore Masters Internationals (held 20th-22nd March 2020)</p> <p>7/OWA Auckland Champs (14th-15th March 2020)</p> <p>8/ Wellington Championships (held 22nd March 2020)</p> <p>9/ Other 2020 Championship events that are held prior to the end of the stated qualifying period.</p>
2020 Commonwealth, Pacific Rim and Masters World Cup	<p>1/ 2019 World Masters World Cup (held 3rd – 6th October)</p> <p>2/ 2019 OWNZ Junior, Senior National Championships (held 1st – 3rd November 2019)</p> <p>3/ OWA Rod Kennedy Round 3 (held 30th November 2019)</p> <p>4/ 2019 OWNZ Masters Nationals (held 6th & 7th December 2019)</p> <p>5/ Dunedin Championships (held 14th March 2020)</p> <p>6/ Singapore Masters Internationals (held 20th-22nd March 2020)</p> <p>7/OWA Auckland Champs (14th-15th March 2020)</p> <p>8/ Wellington Championships (held 22nd March 2020)</p> <p>9/ 2020 Championship events that are held prior to the end of the stated qualifying period.</p>
2021 World Masters Games	<p>1/ Dunedin Championships (held 14th March 2020)</p> <p>2/ Singapore Masters Internationals (held 20th-22nd March 2020)</p> <p>3/OWA Auckland Champs (14th-15th March 2020)</p> <p>4/ Wellington Championships (held 22nd March 2020)</p> <p>5/Rod Kennedy Auckland Team Series Round 2 (held 6th June 2020)</p> <p>6/2020 Oceania Masters Champs (held 5th-7th June 2020)</p> <p>7/South Island Championships (held 13th June 2020)</p> <p>8/ North Island Championships (Date TBC, so long as within qualifying period)</p> <p>9/Commonwealth, Pacific Rim and World Cup (held 14th – 18th October 2020)</p>

	10/2020 Championship events that are held prior to the end of the stated qualifying period (watch for ** on OWNZ 2020 Calendar or ask OWNZ Masters Committee members)

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Approved by OWNZ Executive Group on 22 November 2019

Amendments:

Amendment number	Date	Details
1	28 November 2019	IWF Masters World Championship dates and qualifying period/EOI amended and added Auckland Champs as qualifier
2	2 December 2019	Dates of qualifying competitions corrected
3	5 January 2020	Location and qualifying period of 2020 IWF Masters Champs, qualifying period for World Masters Games and known qualifying events so far
4	10 March 2020	World Masters Games change of qualifying period and events (as per organisers)