



Information Bulletin August 2019

The AWF Board of Directors met on Sunday August 18, 2019. The following is a summary of outcomes from that meeting, plus additional information for members.

South Australian Weightlifting Association

All members may not be aware that the AWF assumed administration of weightlifting in South Australia in 2017 and since September 2018, Jamie Nguyen has been managing regular operations in SA for the AWF. The AWF Board is now confident of being able to re-activate the South Australian Weightlifting Association with a new Constitution and duly elected Board of Management, and this will happen as soon as possible.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The Weightlifting event of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will take place from 25th July to 5th August next year. The AWF High Performance Commission has been tracking the T2020 Qualification Rankings of eligible athletes within the Oceania Region to ensure that Australian athletes with a realistic possibility to qualify for Tokyo are well placed in the ranking system. To this end, the AWF Board has approved the participation of certain athletes in T2020 Qualification events that would not otherwise be on the AWF's radar, e.g. 2019 San Diego Open; and the Qatar International Cup. Funding support for athletes participating in these supplementary events is considered on a case-by-case basis. Where funding is not applied to all athletes, some may be permitted to participate on a self-funded basis.

The Australian contingent at the 2019 San Diego Open will be: Stephanie Davies (71kg), Ebony Gorincu (71kg), Kaitlyn Fassina (87kg), Brandon Wakeling (73kg), and Robert Mitchell (Coach).

Qualifying Standards for 2020

The AWF High Performance Commission is currently working to finalise the Minimum Qualification Standards (MQS) for next year's national teams and events. The new standards will be published as soon as possible.

2020 AWF Events

The 2020 AWF Events calendar will be finalised soon and released in conjunction with the relevant event MQS and applicable Athlete Whereabouts filing periods. Two competitions are already scheduled and once the full calendar is set, State Members will be invited to apply to host various events.

As a general guide, the AWF Board has approved the following tentative event dates in 2020:

7 – 9 February: Australian Open; location TBC

May/June: Australian Junior & Under 23 Championships

5 – 7 June: Australian Masters Championships & Oceania Masters Championships; location: Cairns Qld.

Early September: Australian Youth & Under 15 Championships

October: Australian Senior Championships

2021 Arafura Games

The Northern Territory Government will support the next Arafura Games in Darwin on 14 – 22 May 2021. Following the success of this year's Arafura Games weightlifting competition, the AWF will apply to be included in the sport program again in 2021.

Athlete Eligibility

The AWF By-Law on Athlete Eligibility has been reviewed and amended to clarify the eligibility of some types of Australian residents, particularly those who reside in Australia under the Special Category Visa issued to New Zealand Citizens. The amended By-Law is on the AWF website: [Athlete Eligibility](#)

Insurance

The AWF welcomes Sportscover Australia as our insurance provider for 2019 – 2020. The AWF's policies with Sportscover extend to Professional Indemnity, Public Liability, Athlete Injury, and Travel. Insurance cover for this period has been obtained at the total cost of \$23,702.18, which represents a saving of over \$10,000 on last year's insurance premiums.

The Sportscover Insurance policy documents are on the AWF website: [Insurance Policies](#)

Technical and Competition Rules & Regulations (TCRR)

The AWF Technical Commission submitted the following recommendations to the AWF Board and all were endorsed by the Board for adoption:

Minimum Age of Competitors:

In line with the IWF TCRR, the minimum age for competitors in all AWF-sanctioned weightlifting events will be set at 13 years. Competitors must be at least 13 years of age on 31 December in the year that they compete. Children under 13 years of age can still join weightlifting clubs and State Weightlifting Associations and the AWF. State Members and Clubs are encouraged to organise modified activities for young children.

Minimum Requirements for the Validation of Competition Results and Records:

Club Competitions – 1 State Referee + 2 Club Referees

State Competitions and State Records – 2 State Referees + 1 Club Referee

National Competitions and National Records – 2 National Referees + 1 State Referee

Video Replay

A video replay system will be trialled at the 2019 National Senior Championships. This trial will NOT include the right to challenge decisions of the Referees and/or Jury. Following the trial, a decision will be made about implementing the full video review and challenge system at national events in 2020.

High Performance Program

The AWF High Performance Plan includes the appointment of State High Performance Coordinators to provide support and information to athletes and coaches across the nation, in four regions.

Following an application and assessment process, the following appointments were approved by the AWF Board:

New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory: **Luke Borreggine**

Queensland & Northern Territory: **Greg Hobl**

Western Australia & South Australia: **Jay Saxton**

Victoria & Tasmania: **Emily Muskett**

The State High Performance Coordinators will come online as soon as possible, and they'll provide a local point of contact for athletes and coaches.

Since the launch of the new AWF Squad Program in June, Squad members have been reaping the rewards of performance bonuses applied to the achievement of new Personal Best Totals and National Record-breaking performances. There's also been movement within the Squad structure, with some athletes being promoted to higher levels and others qualifying for inclusion in July. The results from events in August indicate that more additions will be made to the National, Junior and Youth Squads very soon.

More information about the [AWF High Performance Plan](#) and the [AWF Squad Program](#) is available from the AWF website.

AWF Squad Athletes at 1 August 2019

Squad	Athlete	Squad	Athlete
Super Squad	Charisma Amoe-Tarrant	Junior Squad	Sabah Chamoun
Super Squad	Erika Yamasaki	Junior Squad	Ben Ward
Super Squad	Sarah Cochrane	Youth Squad	Nelson Harris
Super Squad	Brandon Wakeling	Youth Squad	Bronwyn Dunne
Super Squad	Kiana Elliott	Youth Squad	Maddison Power
National Squad	Ridge Barredo	Youth Squad	Jaspa Hope
National Squad	Jackson Roberts-Young	Youth Squad	Dillon Fisler
National Squad	Stephanie Davies	Youth Squad	Jett Gaffney
National Squad	Matthew Lydement	Youth Squad	Kolby Green
National Squad	Ebony Gorincu	Youth Squad	Amber Fielder
National Squad	Kaitlyn Fassina	Youth Squad	Alicia Jokic
National Squad	Boris Elesin	Youth Squad	Oliver Saxton
National Squad	Joel Gregson	Youth Squad	Indi Waller
National Squad	Seen Lee	Youth Squad	Tori Gallegos
		Youth Squad	Michael Nides

AWF Annual General Meeting

The 2019 AGM of the Australian Weightlifting Federation will be held in Canberra ACT, on Monday 21st October. State Members are invited to submit motions for the AGM and these must be received by the AWF CEO no later than Monday 23rd September.

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