



Information Bulletin

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AWF Events and COVID-19

On 31 March the AWF met in a teleconference of representatives of each State and Territory Association and the AWF Board of Directors. This meeting addressed the effect that COVID-19 response measures were having on weightlifting activities and started the process of planning for a return to business as usual when restrictions are eased, and eventually lifted completely.

Please note the following decisions taken at this meeting:

- The 2020 National Junior & Under 23 Championships is postponed until further notice.
- The 2020 National Masters Championships and Oceania Masters Open is postponed until further notice.
- Entrants in postponed AWF events may request an immediate refund of their entry fee, or let their entry stand as it is.
- When postponed events are rescheduled, qualifying periods will be reviewed and the entry process will be re-opened.
- The dates of the 2020 National Youth & U15 Championships and the 2020 National Senior Championships will be reviewed at the end of June. If it's feasible for the events to go ahead as scheduled in October, qualification periods will be revised to take into account the time lost due to the COVID-19 "shutdown".
- The AWF High Performance Commission is tasked with planning scenarios for the rescheduling or cancellation of AWF events according to a speculative timetable for the lifting of restrictions on gatherings and interstate travel. Ensuring that potential participants have enough time to properly prepare for events will be an important part of every scenario.

To request a refund of payments made to the AWF for the 2020 National Masters Championships and/or 2020 Oceania Masters Open and/or the event's closing function, entrants should email a copy of their payment receipt to imoir@awf.com.au

To request a refund of entry fees paid to State and Territory Associations for the 2020 National Junior & Under 23 Championships, entrants should contact their State or Territory Association directly.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The IOC announced that the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are now scheduled to take place on 23 July – 8 August 2021. No information about changes to the T2020 Weightlifting Qualification System has been received to date.