



## **Australian Weightlifting Federation Limited**

### **COMPETITION BY-LAW**

***This Policy is made by the Australian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) Board under Clause 7.2 of the AWF Constitution. It is binding on AWF and all members of AWF.  
Approved by the AWF Board on 15<sup>th</sup> March,2015***

#### **Amendments**

28 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Section 2.2 added
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Section 6.1-6.4 added
31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	Section 2.6 amended. Section 2.7 expanded to become sections 2.7 – 2.11. Section 2.12 added. New Section 3 added. New Section 4 added. Previous Sections 3 - 7 renumbered.



## 1. AWF COMPETITION BY-LAW

This By-law outlines the criteria and requirements that must be adhered to when conducting endorsed State based weightlifting competitions that have been submitted by the respective State Member to the AWF and subsequently achieved approval to be added to the AWF Events Calendar. All performances at these AWF approved events will be recognised for purposes of qualification, records and rankings.

## 2. COMPLIANCE

All competitions that comprise the respective AWF Events Calendar are officially sanctioned events and therefore must comply with the by-laws and technical rules of the Australian Weightlifting Federation.

- 2.1. Any event listed on the approved AWF Calendar **can only** be contested by a person who has met the financial and administrative requirements of the respective State Member and whose contact details have been entered onto the AWF website membership database (**note**: Guest Lifters are allowed so long as they have written permission to contest the event from the State Members or National body and the endorsement of the AWF Office refer to clauses 6.1- 6.4).
- 2.2. Once the respective Annual AWF Events Calendar has been publicised no additional events can be added to it. This is not to say that State Members cannot run extra events, they can, but the event will not be covered by AWF Insurance or count toward ranking, qualification or records as the results will not be recorded within the AWF's results management system.
- 2.3. Each approved AWF event is required to have a Competition Secretary who should provide the respective State Member with a list of entrants and competition times no later than 72 hours before the commencement of the event.
- 2.4. The State Member is responsible for checking the details of the preliminary list of entrants and session times provided by the Competition Secretary.
- 2.5. It is the responsibility of the State Member to check the details of the entrants. Should the State Member determine that an entrant is not a financial member then that person should not be allowed to contest the event and should be removed from the list and the Competition Secretary should be notified in writing.



- 2.6 The State Member should send the finalised and endorsed list directly to Sport Integrity Australia by email: [national.testing@sportintegrity.gov.au](mailto:national.testing@sportintegrity.gov.au) and/or via the AWF ADO, Mr Ian Moir, [imoir@awf.com.au](mailto:imoir@awf.com.au) no later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the approved AWF event.
- 2.7 All competitors, coaches and technical officials must be suitably attired.
- 2.8 Each competition must have a minimum of three (3) competitors.
- 2.9 The weigh-in which must be conducted by a minimum of two qualified technical officials, must begin two (2) hours before and end one (1) hour prior to the Presentation of athletes for each session.
- 2.10 The Field of Play should be marked (example- using rope and bollards) and only accessible to competition personnel (athletes, coaches, loaders and technical officials).
- 2.11 Coaches and technical officials must sign the appropriate paperwork, copies of such will be transferred to the State Member and kept for the full duration of the respective calendar year.
- 2.12 The platform performances must be judged by three weightlifting referees who, at a minimum, hold qualifications that are commensurate with the level of the competition as follows:  
  
Club Competitions: 1 State Referee + 2 Club Referees  
State Competitions: 2 State Referees + 1 Club Referee  
National Competitions: 2 National Referees + 1 State Referee

### **3. AGE GROUPS**

Competitors may be classified in age groups. For all age groups a competitor's age is the age that they will be on 31 December of that year.

The age groups recognized by the AWF are:

- Under 13: 10 – 12 years of age
- Under 15: 13 – 15 years of age
- Youth: 13 – 17 years of age
- Junior: 13 – 20 years of age
- Senior: 13 years of age and older
- Masters: 35 years of age and older



#### 4. RECORDS.

AWF State and National Records can be set at any endorsed competition provided that the performances claimed as records are judged by weightlifting referees who, at a minimum, hold qualifications that are commensurate with the level of the record(s) as follows:

State Records: 2 State Referees + 1 Club Referee

National Records: 2 National Referees + 1 State Referee

#### 5. RISK MITIGATION.

Should a Competition Secretary knowingly allow a non-member to contest the event after receiving notification from the State Member then the Competition Secretary leaves him/herself open to risk as the non-member is not covered by AWF Insurance and this could have a negative impact on the individual and other people engaged in the competition including AWF members.

#### 6. POLICY BREACH

Having a non-member contest an approved AWF event may result in ASADA imposing disciplinary sanctions upon the AWF as this will be seen as a breach of the AWF Anti-Doping Policy. The AWF may also impose disciplinary sanctions on a Competition Secretary who knowingly ignores the instruction of the State Member to not allow a non-member to contest an AWF approved event.

#### 7. AWF POWERS

7.1 Should the AWF determine that a result book contains the performances of a nonmember then the AWF has the authority to declare **all performances** at that event to be null and void and as a consequence no performances will be recorded or will be considered for the purposes of qualification, rankings or records.

7.2 In the instance where a State Member provides the AWF with indisputable evidence that an event has been conducted which has failed to comply with AWF by-laws and technical rules, the AWF Board may declare that all or some of the performances will not be considered for the purposes of qualification, rankings or records.

#### 8. GUEST LIFTERS

8.1 Any individual member of the AWF who wishes to contest an event outside of his/her domiciled State in which that person is a financial member, he/she must gain the written permission of their own State Member office, the AWF office and the State Member office where the event is taking place.



- 8.2 No competition fee may be applied to any individual who has been given permission to lift as an international guest.
- 8.3 In the instance where an athlete, who is a member of another National Federation affiliated with the IWF, applies to lift as a guest in an approved AWF event that athlete must have been granted permission to contest the event from the office of the AWF, office of their own National Federation and the office of the respective State Member who is hosting the event.
- 8.4 The event Competition Secretary must ensure that the guest athletes personal details are submitted in accordance with clause 2.6.