



NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM & TIMELINE: **IWF World Masters Championships 2019**

Dear National Masters Delegate,

The IWF Masters Committee introduces a new Registration system for a 1 year trial period; based on a group of 4 Masters Weightlifters, who are professional mathematicians/ statistician and most of them have a very long experience in computer systems used for weightlifting and calculations like the Sinclair Meltzer/Faber points etc..

The Main reasons for the new Registration System are:

- National Masters Chair must have the full control of their athlete's registration.
- To control the total number of entries to max. 700.
- To use the IWF Masters World Championship as THE EVENT, where the best Masters Weightlifters will perform and compete against each other.
- The reduction of entries will ensure that there are always enough Technical Officials in place to run each session.
- The biggest entries from the youngest age groups will balance out with the older age groups.
- This code will give you full control of which athlete is eligible to register. The Access code is therefore also your responsibility to share it only with people (coaches/regional clubs/national committee members and/or athletes) who will help you conduct and survey all your national registration!
- The access code cannot be shared with inappropriate people. You have the control and the responsibility.
- You can contact the IWF Masters secretariat anytime during the registration period to request a list of your athletes that registered.
- Any changes, correction etc..MUST be communicated with the IWF Masters secretariat.

REGISTRATION SYSTEM EXPLAINED:

The entry method is simple: the best lifters in each age/bodyweight group will be given preference in the registration process. There will be *no* arbitrary quotas; instead, the top contenders for medals will all be guaranteed the right to enter the IWF Masters World Championships.

The entry process will involve two phases. In the first phase, everyone who can make the qualifying total will be allowed to submit their entry information, including their name, e-mail address, postal address, exact date of birth, and qualifying meet information, including exact bodyweight, total, and date and venue of the meet, also some minor medical details; no entry fees would be paid at this time. Lifters will submit their entry online to the IWF-Masters Entry System, and these entries will be visible at first only to the lifters' national chairman or -woman (called "chair" in the following). The national chair will then log on to the system to confirm the information, and click a button to submit the entries to the IWF-Masters Secretariat.

After all entry information has been received—but before anyone is required to pay an entry fee—the entrants in each age/bodyweight group with the highest entry totals will be identified by the IWF-Masters Entry System. Those lifters will then be given authorization by the IWF Masters Secretariat to

complete their registration form online (with any necessary medical details) and pay the entry fee to their national chair. The National chair will then submit all payments to the IWF Masters by electronic bank transfer. Anyone who does *not* pay their entry fees by a specific deadline date will be replaced by some other lifter whose entry total would place them among the top lifters in their group.

Important Note: For this entry process to work, the Masters 15/10 Kilogram Rule will be applied to the **entry** total—not to the qualifying total—and this rule must be **strictly** enforced during the competition. (For exceptions when entry total was made in WMC or CMC, see “Entry-Total Change Rules” below.)

Summary: Method

All entries will be submitted online via the IWF-Masters Entry System. The lifters will enter their data, the national Masters chairs will verify the data, and the chairs will use the online system to forward the entries to the IWF Secretariat. After the deadline for the entries, the computer system will identify the top lifters in each age/bodyweight group according to their entry totals. The system will fill in as many places as it can—the top 5, or 6 or 7—as many as possible without going over the limit. Some age/weight groups may have fewer entries than this number. All of these lifters will be given authorization to finalize their registration by paying registration fees.

If the total number of authorized athletes is close to the target but still below, then additional entrants will be identified, using the criterion of highest percentage of qualifying total, and those will be given authorization to register. After the deadline for payment of entry fees by the national chairs has passed, the computer system will calculate how many people failed to pay their registration fee. A new list will be automatically compiled of those who submitted entry information, but who were not among the first selected set of athletes. This new group of lifters will be given authorization to enter and pay registration fees, to replace those who failed to pay in the first phase. The number of authorized entries will be chosen so that the number of final paid entries will be as closest to 700.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BELOW EACH STEP AND TIMEFRAME.

May 1, 2018: Beginning of qualifying period: totals made on and after this date may be used as entry totals, up until the close of entries.

February 1, 2019: Start of Entries: prospective competitors begin to submit their names, entry totals, etc. to the IWF Masters Online Entry System.

February 1, 2019-April 30, 2019:

- (a) System automatically verifies that qualifying total has been met by entrant;
- (b) National chairs can view entries from athletes of their nation;
- (c) National chairs can check box and press button to validate each entry and submit it to the IWF Masters Preliminary Start List.

April 30, 2019: End of qualifying period and End of Entries: This is the last day on which a qualifying total may be posted, the last day on which prospective competitors may submit their entry data to the System, and the last day on which national chairs may validate and submit entries to the IWF Masters Preliminary Start List.

May 1, 2019-May 3, 2019 (approximate): System automatically produces ranked entry list; IWF Masters Secretariat reviews entry list and allows system to send notification of authorization

to pay entry fees to highest-ranked lifters and their national chairs. These are the "*Phase One*" authorized entrants.

May 3, 2019-May 14, 2019: Individual authorized entrants submit entry fee to their national chairs. National chairs click box on Entry System record to verify "Entry Fee Payment Received By National Chair." As soon as national chairs receive full payment from all their authorized entrants, they may transmit total payment to IWF Secretariat via bank transfer. IWF Secretariat confirms that total payment received matches number of lifters from that nation marked "paid," and allows System to transfer those names to the IWF Masters Final Start List.

May 14, 2019: Final day for Phase-One payments to IWF Masters: After this day, Phase-One authorized entrants who have not been marked "paid" will be removed from the list of entrants. No further payments will be accepted by IWF Masters for lifters on initial (Phase One) list of authorized entrants after this date.

May 14-June 7, 2019: System automatically prepares list of Phase-Two authorized entrants; IWF Secretariat allows system to send entry authorization notification to those selected by System and their national chairs. Payments are made and transmitted to IWF Masters as in previous phase.

June 7, 2019: Final day for payments. No payments will be accepted by IWF Masters after this date. All authorized Phase-Two entrants who are not marked "paid" by this date will be removed from entry list. Complete IWF Masters Final Start List is created by System and disseminated by IWF Masters Secretariat.

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