

Dear National Masters Chair,

You have been notified that the 2021 World Masters Games have been postponed to a later date in 2022.

The IWF Masters Committee are now looking into the possibility to organize A WORLD MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING ONLINE CHAMPIONSHIP - REAL LIVE VERSION. This is a huge challenge because of the different time zones.

We are trying to get technical support from the IWF who just concluded its IWF ONLINE YOUTH WORLD CUP with great success. Of course highly professional IT people are in the Background coordinating everything.

In case we will not be able to fulfill all technical needs, we are determined to provide at least A WORLD MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING ONLINE VIRTUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Pan Am Masters and the European Masters Committees successfully built and organized a Continental Weightlifting championship where Masters athletes can upload videos from each lift based on specific rules that allows good video submission and entry information in order to do a correct refereeing.

This event is to give continuous motivation and purpose to train and to take care of good health. We are aware that there are many areas world wide facing lockdown. It is an on and off situation, but we cannot give up!

Therefore, athletes can participate at HOME (e.g., garage, terrace, garden, etc.) or, where permitted, at your TRAINING VENUE (e.g., national training center, local club or gym, etc.). If the health and safety regulations allow it at a Competition Venue.

The date the IWF Masters Committee will organize the Online version World Masters Championship is from 21 - 29 May 2021.

The date we were suppose to be in Kansai - Japan.

The 2021 WMG/IWF Masters World Championship Preliminary Registration system will be converted. However each athlete will be notified if the participation is desired.

The 2021 IWF Masters Qualifying Standard will remain and therefore the Athletes Selection & Procedure Rules for participation based on 800 qualified participants.

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION WEBSITE: www.masterswreg.com

Closing date of Preliminary Registration: 30 January 2021

Entry Fee: EUR 90

All other regulations are attached for you to read and to communicate with all your Masters athletes.

You will find a screenshot of the updated IWF Masters registration website to identify to correct registration box.

You can contact us anytime to receive an updated list of received Preliminary registration of **YOUR** Masters athletes for mutual control.

From 1 - 7 February 2021 you will receive the list of selected and NONE selected athletes. You must then contact the selected ones and give them the new access code. The IWF Masters will notify **all** athletes accordingly as well.

The Final registration period will start 15 February 2021 and closes 30 March 2021.

The final registration and payment must be done in the usual way, where you as National Masters Chair need to collect each entry fee and send a NEW ACCESS CODE, which you will receive from the IWF Masters secretariat, to the selected athletes.

The Entry fees must be received into the IWF Masters Bank account no later than 7 April 2021.

Any access code you receive from the IWF Masters secretariat shall be shared only with permitted people.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact us.

We appreciate your patience and your support during these challenging times.

Keep Safe, keep Healthy,

Denise Offermann