

EUROPEAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1: NAME, TITLE AND PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 The European Weightlifting Federation (EWF) was founded on 20 September 1969 in Warsaw, Poland.
- 1.2 Its official name is the European Weightlifting Federation (EWF).
- 1.3 Its members are the National Weightlifting Federations of Europe **which are full members of the International Weightlifting Federation** ~~as listed in Annex 1 attached to this Constitution.~~
- 1.4 Each country may only be represented within the EWF by one National Weightlifting Federation.
- 1.5 The EWF operates under the guidance of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) and **accepts the** ~~abides by~~ the IWF regulations concerning Continental and Regional Federations ([refer to article 17](#) of the ~~2009-13-2016~~ edition of the IWF Constitution).

ARTICLE 2: AIMS AND TASKS

- 2.1 To promote and popularise the sport of Weightlifting throughout the **affiliated National Weightlifting Federations of Europe** ~~in the countries as listed in Annex 1 attached to this Constitution.~~
- 2.2 To strengthen the friendship and co-operation of all member federations and competitors, coaches, officials and delegates.
- 2.3 To promote the EWF's Championships and **other** competitions.
- 2.4 To conduct the EWF's Championships and **other** competitions in accordance with the IWF's Technical ~~Rules~~ **and Competition Rules and IWF Anti-Doping Policy.**
- 2.5 To assist member federations in their activities.
- 2.6 To resolve, within the EWF Constitution, any disputes that may arise between member federations. ~~during meetings and/or competitions.~~
- 2.7 To authenticate and register all European records.
- 2.8 To hold conferences and/or symposiums for coaches, **athletes**, doctors and referees.
- 2.9 To promote the fight against doping as well as the application of the Anti-Doping Policy of the IWF and WADA **Code.**

ARTICLE 3: EMBLEM, FLAG AND SEAL OF THE EWF

- 3.1 The EWF emblem is the continent of Europe in blue with a yellow barbell formed by the word 'Weightlifting' and three discs on each side. It has the words "European" above and "Federation" below in capital letters.
- 3.2 The EWF flag shall comprise the EWF emblem printed **on to** a white background.
- 3.3 The EWF emblem may only be used with the written authorisation of the EWF.
- 3.4 Only the EWF may produce and supply its emblem, badges, medals and/or any other materials or products bearing the EWF emblem.
- 3.5 **The General Secretary of the EWF shall have a seal for authenticating its official documents.**

ARTICLE 4: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 The EWF is recognised by the IWF as being responsible for the sport of Weightlifting **within the National Member Weightlifting Federation of Europe** ~~countries listed in Annex 1 attached to this Constitution.~~
- 4.2 Political, religious or racial discussions or demonstrations at any EWF Congress, Championship, competitions and/or meetings are forbidden.
- 4.3 No distinction may be made between countries and/or persons for any reason of race, colour, religion or politics.
- 4.4 **The EWF shall continue in perpetuity. (neverending – do we need this?)**
- 4.5 The Secretariat of the EWF shall be located in the home town of the EWF General Secretary.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE EWF

- 5.1 The official languages of the EWF are English, French, Russian, Spanish and German.
- 5.2 English shall be the working language of the EWF.
- 5.3 All representatives of the affiliated federations may speak in their native tongue, subject to providing an interpreter capable of translating into the English language.
- 5.4 All correspondence and publications of the EWF shall be in English language.
- 5.5 The meetings of the Executive Board and Committees shall be conducted in English language.
- 5.6 In the event of a disagreement over the interpretation of any articles and/or rules, the English language text shall be binding.
- 5.7 **Organisers of all EWF Electoral Congress shall provide simultaneous translation into the English and Russian languages and the language of the organising country.**
- 5.8 Organisers of all EWF Congresses **may** provide simultaneous translation into the English and Russian languages and the language of the organising country.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP OF THE EWF

- 6.1 Only **Member National** Federations, who are members of the IWF, may be affiliated to the EWF.
- 6.2 **Member National** Federations wishing to be affiliated to the EWF must send the following documents to the General Secretary of the EWF:
 - a written request signed by both their President and General Secretary;
 - a copy of their Constitution;
 - a letter from the IWF stating the payment of the membership fee and a written Confirmation of the IWF membership.
 - proof of their recognition by their National Olympic Committee.
- 6.3 Applicants shall confirm in writing their complete acceptance and recognition of the Constitution and Rules of the EWF.
- 6.4 Having provided the EWF General Secretary with the documents described at Article 6.2. above and paid to the EWF the prevailing annual subscription fee, the applicant federation will be provisionally affiliated to the EWF by the EWF Executive Board, pending confirmation until the following EWF Congress.
- 6.5 A Federation affiliated to the EWF may not be a member of another Continental Federation.
- 6.6 Following the payment of the EWF annual subscription fee referred to above, competitors, coaches and officials of the affiliated national federations shall be permitted to participate in the EWF's Championships and **other** competitions, conferences and all other EWF organised activities.
- 6.7 The EWF annual subscription membership fee referred to above is payable annually on or before 31 January by all affiliated members.
- 6.8 Affiliated members who fail to pay their annual subscription by 31 January of each calendar year shall receive one written reminder. In case the fee is not paid within 30 days from the receipt of the first written reminder article 26.1 may apply.
- 6.9 The annual subscription shall be decided by the EWF Congress.
- 6.10 The current annual subscription fee amounts to € 400 (**Euros**).

ARTICLE 7: EWF BODIES

- 7.1 The Congress
- 7.2 The Executive Board
- 7.3 The Committees

ARTICLE 8: CONGRESS

- 8.1 The supreme authority of the EWF is the Congress.
- 8.2 The annual Congress shall be held in conjunction with the **European** Men's and Women's Senior Championships.
- 8.3 The General Congress shall be organised annually in conjunction with the **European Junior & U23 Championships.**
- 8.4 Affiliated federations may be represented at the Congress and/or General Congress by two delegates who must provide documentation proving their authority to represent their federation. Who so ever reports a doping sanction and/or a final conviction for administrative crime shall not be eligible in any EWF's sport role.

- 8.5 Affiliated federations are entitled to only one vote at either the Congress and/or the General Congress.
- 8.6 Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- 8.7 Athletes ~~Competitors~~ in the European Championships are entitled to act as delegates if their federation is not represented. In such a case, competitors must provide documentation proving their authority to represent their federation.
- 8.8 The credentials of all delegates shall be verified by a three member Commission before access is granted to the Congress and/or General Congress.
- 8.9 The Commission described in Clause 8.8 above shall comprise the EWF General Secretary together with two members of the Executive Board nominated by the EWF Executive Board.
- 8.10 The President and General Secretary of the EWF attend all EWF Congresses.
- 8.11 Federations without participating athletes at the European Championships shall be entitled to send one delegate to Congress and/or the General Congress.
- 8.12 Only matters listed on the official Agenda may be discussed during the Congress.
- 8.13 Proposals, questions and/ or subjects to be included in the official Agenda may only be submitted in writing to the EWF General Secretary by affiliated federations not later than **thirty (30)** ~~sixty~~ calendar days prior to the published date for the Congress.
- 8.14 The Agenda shall consist of propositions submitted by the **Member affiliated** Federations, the EWF Executive Board and the EWF Committees and shall also include the discussion of the following items:
- the affiliation of new members;
 - the examination and approval of the **written** annual reports of the President;
 - the examination and approval of the annual reports of the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Executive Board, the EWF Committees and the EWF Auditors;
 - the filling of vacancies in the Executive Board and/or in the EWF Committees;
 - the allocation of the European Championships;
 - propositions submitted by the **Member affiliated Federations**;
 - the date of the next Congress.
- 8.15 Thirty calendar days before the Congress, the EWF General Secretary shall send the Agenda to all affiliated federations.
- 8.16 During the Senior Men's and Women's European Championships during the Olympic Year, the EWF General Secretary shall ~~may~~ organise an 'Electoral Congress' to determine the election of the EWF President, General Secretary, Treasurer, the members of the EWF Executive Board and the EWF Committees. In any case the "Electoral Congress" shall take place during the Olympic Year.
- 8.17 The agenda of the Electoral Congress must be approved by the EWF Executive Board.
- 8.18 All EWF Congresses shall require in first call a quorum of 50% plus one of the federations affiliated to the EWF. If the above required quorum is not present a second call meeting shall be convened on the same date foreseen for the planned EWF Congress. During the second call meeting the quorum shall be met with a minimum of twenty (20) federations being present.
- 8.19 If a quorum is not present at any EWF Congress, a meeting of the federations may be held, but without the powers of the Congress.
- 8.20 EWF Congress decisions must be approved by a majority vote of 50% plus one vote of the delegates present.
- 8.21 The EWF General Secretary shall send an official communication by letter, fax and/or e-mail to all **Member affiliated** federations detailing the decisions and all other matters **agreed pertaining** to each Congress.
- 8.22 The EWF President shall control the agenda of the Congress by determining the number and duration of speeches without discrimination and giving to all members equal opportunities.
- 8.23 The sessions of the Congress are private.
- 8.24 Modifications to the EWF Constitution may be proposed and determined during any EWF Congress.
- 8.25 Members of the EWF Executive Board and EWF Committees shall be elected during the Electoral Congress by secret ballot and by a simple majority. In case of a tie vote the candidates shall be subject to a second ballot. The candidate who reaches the simple majority during the second ballot shall be elected.
- 8.26 The EWF President and EWF General Secretary must be elected by an absolute majority of the delegates present.
- 8.27 The decisions of all EWF Congress shall be recorded by the EWF General Secretary.
- 8.28 The EWF General Secretary shall send a written copy of the Congress' minutes to all **Member-affiliated** Federations **and IWF** no later than sixty calendar days after each Congress.
- 8.29 Objections to the minutes may only be made by the **Member affiliated** federations and must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary no later than thirty days from the receipt of the minutes.

- 8.30 The EWF Congress shall determine the outcome of any objections during its next meeting.
- 8.31 Disciplinary decisions of the EWF Congress are final and may not be subsequently discussed and/or changed by the Executive Board and/or the EWF Committees.
- 8.32 If requested in writing by one third or more of the EWF affiliated federations the ,EWF General Secretary must convene an Extraordinary EWF Congress with agenda to be held within thirty (30) ~~sixty~~ calendar days from such request being received in writing by the EWF General Secretary.
- 8.33 **The term of office for an Officer of the European Weightlifting Federation shall end prior to elections at the EWF Electoral Congress.**

ARTICLE 9: EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 9.1 The EWF shall be administered by the members of the Executive Board, who are bound to the Constitution and to the decisions taken by the Congress.
- 9.2 The EWF Executive Board shall consist of:
- the EWF President
 - five **EWF** Vice Presidents
 - the EWF General Secretary
 - the EWF Treasurer
 - eight members elected by the EWF Congress.
- 9.3 The Executive Board shall be elected at each Electoral Congress **for four (4) years**.
- 9.4 **Retiring members are eligible for re-election, subject to being nominated by their respective federations or in accordance with art. 8.1.5. of the IWF Constitution edition 2013. For the Continental elections, any members of the Executive Board or Committees with a minimum of 12 years service may be a candidate in his/her own right to any position on these bodies provided that his/her nomination is supported by minimum of 30% of the National Federations affiliated to the Continental Federation concerned. Proof of support by the National Federations must be confirmed in writing and presented with the candidature.**
- 9.5 An Assistant to the EWF General Secretary may be appointed by the EWF General Secretary and he/she may attend the meetings of the Executive Board, but will have no **voting rights to vote**.
- 9.6 Should the General Secretary be unable to attend a EWF Executive Board meeting, the Assistant General Secretary shall have the right to vote in the place of the EWF General Secretary.
- 9.7 With the exception of the EWF General Secretary and Assistant EWF General Secretary only one member from each country may be elected to the EWF Executive Board.
- 9.8 The First Vice President shall be elected among the five Vice Presidents, by the EWF Executive Board with a simple majority.
- 9.9 The EWF Executive Board shall meet at least twice a year during the European Senior and European Junior **& U23** Championships.
- 9.10 Additional meetings of the Executive Board may be convened.
- 9.11 Decisions of the EWF Executive Board shall be determined by a simple majority.
- 9.12 The meetings of the EWF Executive Board are exclusive to members of the EWF Executive Board **and invited persons**.
- 9.13 If requested in writing by ~~nine (9)~~ seven or more members of the Executive Board an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Board ~~may~~ **shall** be called by the EWF President within thirty days (30) ~~sixty (60) calendar days from such request being received in writing by the EWF President~~.
- 9.14 The EWF Executive Board shall decide on all urgent matters, instruct the EWF Committees on their work, receive reports and guarantee the orderly preparation of all EWF European Championships.
- 9.15 The EWF General Secretary shall draft minutes of Executive Board meetings and shall send copies to the members of the Executive Board **and IWF** within thirty ~~calendar~~ days following each meeting.
- 9.16 **Decisions concerning Member ~~affiliated~~ federations shall be published in the EWF Bulletin or EWF Web Page.**
- 9.17 Objections **and comments** to the minutes shall be made in writing to the EWF General Secretary within 30 days from the distribution of the minutes.
- 9.18 All nominated members of a **Member ~~affiliated~~** federation are eligible for election, subject to being a citizen and holding the nationality of the country of their **Member ~~affiliated~~** federation. Whoever reports a doping sanction and/or a final conviction for administrative crime shall not be eligible in any EWF's sport role.
- 9.19 Should the EWF President be unable to fulfil his/her duties, the first Vice President shall act as President until the EWF President can resume his/her duties and/or until the next Congress which shall may ~~determine the election of~~ **elect** new EWF President.

- 9.20 Should the EWF General Secretary be unable to carry out his/her duties, the Assistant General Secretary shall act as General Secretary until the EWF General Secretary can resume his/her duties or until the next Congress, which shall be elected ~~may determine a new~~ EWF General Secretary.
- 9.21 Should any member of the Executive Board be unable to fulfil his/her duties, a replacement shall be elected ~~determined~~ at the next Congress.
- 9.22 With the sole exception of the Assistant General Secretary, the EWF Executive Board is entitled to suspend any EWF Executive Board and/or Committee Member who has been absent, without good reason, for two consecutive meetings of the Executive Board and/or one of the EWF Committees.
- 9.23 ~~The equipment, projects, courses and seminars will be given to those national federation who have neither debts nor outstanding administrative matters with the EWF.~~

ARTICLE 10: THE EWF EXECUTIVE BOARD and COMMITTEES

- 10 The Executive Board and Committees to be elected by the Congress are as follows:
- The Executive Board;
 - The Technical & Scientific Committee;
 - The Medical Committee;
 - The Auditors Committee.

ARTICLE 11: TECHNICAL & SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The Technical and Scientific Committee shall consist of:
- ~~ten~~ members elected by Congress ~~whereof four (4) members shall be former or actual referees, 4 members shall be former or actual coaches, and 2 members shall be former or actual athletes.~~
- ~~The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the Executive Board from among the members of the Executive Board Technical and Scientific Committee elected by the Congress.~~
- 11.2 Only Members of the Committee may vote at the meeting of the Technical and Scientific Committee, although the President and General Secretary of the EWF shall be entitled to attend all meetings.
- 11.3 Should the Chairman of the Committee be unable to attend a meeting he/she shall appoint another member to act in his/her place.
- 11.4 ~~The Technical and Scientific Committee~~ is an advisory and active part of the EWF administration and is responsible to the Executive Board for its activities.
- 11.5 ~~The~~ Chairman of the ~~Technical and Scientific Committee~~ recommends ~~the selection of Technical Officials for European Weightlifting Championships.~~ ~~all referees affiliated to the EWF, and maintains an up-to-date register of the said referees.~~
- ~~the selection of Technical Officials for European Weightlifting Championships.~~
- 11.6 ~~The Technical and Scientific Committee~~ investigates and reports on methods of improving weightlifting, both in training and in competition.
- 11.7 ~~The Technical and Scientific Committee~~ cooperates ~~liaises~~ with the Medical Committee on matters of common interest.
- 11.8 ~~The Technical and Scientific Committee~~ investigates the quality and suitability of ~~the~~ equipment and seeks methods and ideas to improve ~~the equipment.~~
- 11.9 ~~The Technical and Scientific Committee~~ seeks solutions to any problems in the field of refereeing and technical matters, and investigates ~~on any matter requested by the Executive Board.~~
- 11.10 ~~The Technical and Scientific Committee~~ suggests the Executive Board regarding the financial and other commitments pertaining ~~the~~ referees ~~of the European Championships.~~
- 11.11 The Technical and Scientific Committee shall hold at least two meetings a year during the European Senior and Junior & U23 Championships. These meetings shall be arranged by the Chairman of the Committee, in consultation with the EWF General Secretary, who is responsible for the practical organisation of such meetings.
- 11.12 Duties of the Committee shall include:
- 11.12.1 ~~The promotion of conferences and courses for coaches for referees.~~
- 11.12.2 ~~To Assisting Member affiliated~~ federations ~~in the organisation of~~ such events.
- 11.12.3 ~~Monitor and evaluate Observing~~ the activities of referees ~~during the~~ competitions and reporting to the Executive Board on such matters.
- 11.12.4 The appointment of referees for ~~the~~ EWF Championships ~~and, competitions and tournaments~~ from the ~~register stated at article 11.5 above and~~ from whom ~~the Technical & Scientific Committee received~~ written applications at least 60 days prior to the first competition day of the ~~relevant~~ event.

11.12.5 To organise Technical Officials Meetings ~~Organising a consultative meeting of referees during~~ the European Championships.

ARTICLE 12: MEDICAL COMMITTEE

- 12.1 The Medical Committee shall consist of:
- ten qualified medical doctors elected by the Congress.
- ~~The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the Executive Board among the members of the Executive Board~~
~~Medical Committee elected by the Congress.~~
- 12.2 Only Members of the Committee may vote at the meeting of the Medical Committee, although the President and General Secretary of the EWF shall be entitled to attend all meetings.
- 12.3 Should the Chairman of the Medical Committee be unable to attend a meeting he/she shall appoint another ~~member of the Medical Committee qualified doctor member~~ to act in his/her place.
- 12.4 The Medical Committee is an advisory and active part of the EWF administration and is responsible to the Executive Board and Jury for all medical matters.
- 12.5 **The duties of the Medical Committee are as follows:**
- 12.5.1 The Medical Committee shall hold at least two meetings a year held during the European Senior and Junior & U23 Championships. Such meetings shall be arranged by the Chairman of the Committee in consultation with the EWF General Secretary, who shall be responsible for practical organisation of the meeting(s).
- 12.6.1 To be responsible for medical questions on weightlifting.
- 12.6.2 To safeguard the health of competitors, coaches and officials.
- ~~12.6.3 To organise and control anti-doping testing procedures at the EWF Senior, Under 23, Junior and Youth Championships, within the IWF rules and in consultation with the IWF Drug Control Officer.~~
- 12.6.43 To submit proposals and participate in coaching conferences on the medical aspects of weightlifting.
- 12.6.54 To organise and participate in medical symposiums and workshops.
- 12.6.65 To collect medical data on the effects of weightlifting upon the human body.
- 12.6.76 To investigate information on sport injuries for prevention and rehabilitation.
- 12.6.87 To publish medical information relevant to weightlifting.
- 12.6.98 To prepare promotion material to demonstrate the merits of weightlifting with regard to the improvement of health and fitness.
- 12.6.409 To develop educational programmes **pertaining** to bodyweight control, overtraining, **prophylaxis**, dangers of doping etc.
- 12.6.4410 To cooperate with all EWF Committees and the Medical Committees of the IWF and all other affiliated continental and national federations on matters of mutual concern.
- 12.7 The doctors of the Medical Committee shall act as 'Duty Doctors' at the EWF Senior, Under 23, Junior and Youth Championships **at least once a year**.
- 12.8 Such doctors shall, subject to their appointment, contact the respective Organising Committee to ensure the provision of:
- 12.8.1 Qualified medical personnel, facilities and supplies.
- ~~12.8.2 Anti-doping control facilities and supplies.~~
- 12.8.32 The transportation and medical services, as required by the regulations.
- ~~12.8.4 Governing the EWF's Championships and competitions.~~
- 12.8.53 Advise, in a consultative capacity, the Organisers of the European Senior, Under 23, Junior and Youth Championships, and related events on medical matters including hygienic and the nutrition of competitors.
- 12.8.4 **Tasks of DOD's**
- 12.8.65 Be present at the introduction of the participants.
- 12.8.76 Fulfil the duties from the beginning of the **presentation weigh-in** until the end of the competition including the **victory ceremony completion of all anti-doping procedures**.
- 12.8.87 To advise the athletes on the relevant IWF and IOC Medical Rules.
- 12.8.98 To familiarise themselves with the medical facilities ~~and to co-operate in the taking of the anti-doping samples~~.
- 12.8.409 To be ready to render medical assistance in case of injury or illness.
- 12.8.4410 To co-operate with team doctors and to advise coaches, officials and the athletes with regard to their persistence in the competition.
- ~~12.8.12 To supervise and/or assist with the application of plasters.~~
- 12.9 At the European Senior, Under 23, Junior and Youth Championships, two (2) doctors must be on duty at the same time. If necessary, qualified team doctors may assist the 'Duty Doctors'.

- 12.10 At the European Senior, Under 23, Junior and Youth Championships, doctors representing the organising country and/or federation may attend the meeting(s) of the Medical Committee but shall have no voting rights not have the right to vote.
- 12.11 The EWF President and General Secretary may participate in the Medical Committee's meetings but shall have no voting rights not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE 13: AUDITORS COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Auditors Committee, consists of three members, elected by the Congress. The Auditors Committee comprises members who can read and understand financial statements and/or are otherwise financially literate. At least one member of the Auditors Committee shall have financial expertise either as a qualified accountant or as a financial professional with experience in financial and accounting matters. Among those having the latter qualifications the Executive Board shall appoint the Chairman of the Committee.
- 13.2 The Auditors Committee is charged with the annual supervision and approval of the EWF's accounts.
- 13.3 Once every year, the Auditor's Committee shall verify the income and expenditure of the EWF and shall through one of its members, submit an audited balance sheet and report to **the Executive Board then** Congress.
- 13.4 The annual EWF financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.
- 13.5 The Members of the Auditors Committee shall attend the Executive Board meeting in an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE 14: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE COMMISSION

- 14.1 The Disciplinary Committee Commission shall consist of three members which shall be elected by the EWF Executive Board. At least one member shall be an attorney with experience in sports law. . Among those having the latter qualification the Executive Board shall appoint the Chairman of the Committee Commission.
- 14.2 The Committee Commission shall be entitled to examine and resolve any written complaint addressed to the Committee Commission against a Member (i.e. athlete, official, coaches, referees and/or national federation, etc.) of dishonest or unfair dealing either to the public or to a fellow Member and/or in relation to the national/international office(s) she/he carries out.
- 14.3 The Committee Commission shall be entitled to sanction any unsportsmanlike or disqualifying behaviour and/or intentional and/or flagrant threatening or intimidating behaviour during Competitions.
- 14.4 Where misconduct occurs the Committee Commission shall examine and resolve any written complaint addressed to the Committee Commission against a Member of dishonest or unfair dealing. The Committee Commission shall hold a hearing and determine any specified allegation of misconduct on the part of a Member. The hearing may be held also by video-conference.
- 14.5 If the Committee Commission, in its discretion, considers the charge against the Member whom the compliant complaint has been made ("the Respondent") to be sufficiently serious it will have the power to impose one or more of the following:
- a) a verbal or written apology;
 - b) a fine;
 - c) referral of counselling;
 - d) suspend the membership of the Respondent for a stated period of time;
 - e) revoke the membership of the Respondent.
- 14.6 The Member which is subject to the one or more of the above mentioned punishments by the Disciplinary Commission may appeal the said decision within 21 days from the announcement issuance of the decision in front of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.
- 14.7 The Disciplinary Committee Commission shall submit an annual report of its activities to the EWF Executive Board and may make such other reports to the EWF Executive Board as it considers appropriate.
- 14.8 **Decisions of the Disciplinary Commission shall be approved by the EWF Executive Board and finally by the Congress, which sets the decision into force.**

ARTICLE 15: FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE COMMISSION

- 15.1 The Fair Play Committee Commission shall consist of three members which shall be elected by the EWF Executive Board.

- 15.2 The ~~Committee~~ **Commission** shall preserve and promote the spirit of fair play and the values it represents in sport as well as in daily life, in particular the observance of written and unwritten rules, the respect for the opponent and combating violence and doping.
- 15.3 The activities that the ~~Committee~~ **Commission** may carry out include the organization of events of any kind, the distribution of publications, the recommendation to the Executive Board of awards in recognition of sporting conduct demonstrating a spirit of fair play and activities promoting fair play in weightlifting sport.
- 15.5 ~~4~~ The Fair Play ~~Committee~~ **Commission** shall submit an annual report of its activities to the EWF Executive Board and may make such other reports to the EWF Executive Board as it considers appropriate.

ARTICLE 16: HONORARY MEMBERS.

- 16.1 The Executive Board may honour former , Vice Presidents, General Secretaries or Executive Board Members and Committee Members for their work within the EWF by bestowing the following titles upon them:
- 16.2 “Honorary Life Vice President”, “Honorary General Secretary” or “Honorary Member” of the E.W.F.
- 16.3 Honorary Vice Presidents, General Secretaries and/or Members may participate in the EWF Congresses by invitation of the EWF Executive Board, and may attend Executive Board meetings in a consultative capacity **with no voting rights**.
- 16.4 The outgoing President of the EWF shall automatically become Honorary Life President and may shall attend the Executive Board meetings with no out-voting right.

ARTICLE 17: ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, and THE COMMITTEES, THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY AND VICE PRESIDENTS

- 17.1 The election of the Executive Board and other Committees shall be carried out, according to article 8.16 above. The election shall may be carried out by the EWF Congress held during the Olympic Summer Year on occasion of the **European** Senior Men’s and Women’s Championships.
- 17.2 Nominations for the various positions must be made to the office of the EWF General Secretary, by registered letter not less than sixty days prior to the Congress.
- 17.3 Only **Member affiliated** National Federations may propose candidates for the various EWF Committees, or refer to art. 9.4.
- 17.4 The order of the election shall be as follows:
- The EWF President
 - The EWF General Secretary
 - The EWF Treasurer
 - The five Vice Presidents
 - The eight Executive Board Members
 - The ten members of the Technical & Scientific Committee
 - The ten members of the Medical Committee
 - Three members of the Auditors Committee
- ~~17.5 Whoever seeks election may only present its candidacy to one position; consequently, candidates may only be elected to one position.~~
- ~~17.6 Unsuccessful candidates are not automatically eligible for election to another position.~~
- ~~17.7~~ 5 The EWF President shall nominate three scrutinizers to distribute, collect and count the voting papers.
- ~~17.8~~ 6 In case two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes for positions in the Executive Board or other EWF Committees, there shall be a second **secret** ballot.
- ~~17.9~~ 7 Should two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes after the second ballot, a third ballot shall be held: If after a third **secret** ballot two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the position shall be determined by way of a random draw.
- ~~17.10~~ 8 Electoral procedures for the office of the EWF President, ~~and~~ EWF General Secretary **and Treasurer**:
- ~~17.10.48.1~~ 1 The election of the EWF President and General Secretary shall be decided by the absolute majority of the National Delegates attending the EWF Electoral Congress.
- ~~17.10.28.2~~ 2 After the first round of voting, should none of the candidates either for the office of EWF President and/or for the office of EWF General Secretary achieve an absolute majority, only the top two candidates for each of the respective offices shall advance to the second and final round of voting. During this second round of voting the EWF President, and/or the EWF General Secretary and / or Treasurer shall be elected by an absolute majority vote.

17.41 9 Only cards with the following votes will be considered:

President	1 vote
General Secretary	1 vote
Treasurer	1 vote
Vice Presidents	5 votes
Executive Board Members	8 votes
Members of the Technical and Scientific Committee	10 votes
Members of the Medical Committee	10 votes
Members of the Auditors Committee	3 votes

17.42 10 ~~The General Secretary shall discretionally designate the Assistant General Secretary.~~

17.43 11 ~~During the first Executive Board's meeting after the Electoral Congress instalment, the members of the Executive Board shall appoint the first Vice Presidents from among the five Vice Presidents by simple majority vote.~~

ARTICLE 18: DUTIES OF THE EWF PRESIDENT

18.1 The President shall direct the debate, control and keep order during the Congress and meetings of the Executive Board according to the rules and traditions of democratic parliamentary debate.

18.2 The President shall attend the European Senior, Junior & U 23, and Youth Championships as the official representative of the EWF.

18.3 The President shall represent the EWF in the various organisations and bodies and shall report to the next Executive Board session and/or the EWF Congress.

18.4 The President may shall preside over Jury 'A' or alternatively delegate this responsibility.

18.5 The President may shall take a leading part in the Opening and Closing ceremonies at the EWF European Championships.

18.6 The President may shall present medals to the winners in the victory ceremony at the EWF European Championships, or delegate this responsibility.

18.7 The President shall co-operate ~~liaise~~ with the President of the IWF and the other affiliated continental and ~~Member national~~ federations.

18.8 The President shall negotiate the sale of the EWF's television rights on behalf of the EWF.

18.9 The President shall ensure that the EWF Constitution and IWF ~~Technical & Competition Rules and Regulations~~ are correctly applied at all Championships and ~~competitions tournaments~~.

18.10 The President shall have the casting vote in the case of a tie.

18.11 In his absence the President may be replaced by the first Vice -President

ARTICLE 19: DUTIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

19.1 The EWF General Secretary shall be responsible for the communication, ~~cooperation liaison~~ and correspondence with the ~~Member Federations~~ ~~affiliated to the EWF~~, the IWF, ~~other~~ Continental Weightlifting Federations and all other weightlifting organisations and individuals.

19.2 Shall attend the Senior, Junior and Under 23, and Youth Championships, as an official representative of the EWF.

19.3 Ensure that all EWF Championships ~~and~~, competitions ~~and tournaments~~ are duly organised according to the EWF Constitution and the IWF ~~Technical & Competition Rules and Regulations~~ and shall take an active part in the organisation and conduct of such Championships ~~and competitions and tournaments~~.

19.4 Prepare the complete list of the lifters and referees entered for the EWF's Championships, tournaments and competitions and present this to the Executive Board.

19.5 Authenticate and register all weightlifting records for Europe and ~~twice a year~~ report by in writing to all ~~Member Federations at the Annual Congress and General Congress this information to all affiliated federations~~, or publish on EWF web page.

19.6 ~~Prepare~~ Compile an EWF Ranking for ~~list of the ten best lifters~~ in each age group and bodyweight category in Europe and forward his list to all affiliated federations or publish on EWF web page.

19.7 ~~Prepare~~ Draw up and distribute the agenda for the Congress to the ~~Member affiliated~~ federations not less than thirty calendar days prior to the Congress.

19.8 ~~Prepare~~ Draw up and distribute the agenda for the EWF Executive Board and EWF Committee meetings to the Executive Board and Committee members not less than thirty days prior to the date(s) of the respective meetings.

- 19.9 Prepare ~~ublish~~ and distribute the minutes of the Congress, the Executive Board and Committee meetings to the ~~Member-affiliated~~ federations and members of the Executive Board.
- 19.10 Once a year publish a Bulletin and magazine containing information concerning weightlifting in Europe.
- 19.11 Control and supervise the work of the EWF Secretariat.
- ~~19.12 Manage the following income and expenditure on behalf of the EWF :~~
- ~~a – any contributions from the IWF and other public or private bodies;~~
 - ~~b – affiliation fees;~~
 - ~~c – any income and expenditure deriving from sporting events and championships;~~
 - ~~d – TV rights and sponsorships;~~
 - ~~e – service management and cession of assets in favour of members;~~
 - ~~f – donations of any kind from private individuals, bodies or firms approved by the Executive Board;~~
 - ~~g – any funds from institutional activities, a sole example of which being any fees or sanctions paid by members;~~
 - ~~h – funding from any other instrumental activity, including sales, deliberated for institutional purposes.~~
- 19.43~~12~~ Negotiate the EWF TV rights, in collaboration with the President and Treasurer and present the agreement to the Executive Board for approval.
- 19.44~~13~~ Negotiate and sign contracts on behalf of the EWF for European Championships and competitions ~~tournaments~~ under the direct supervision of the EWF.
- 19.45~~14~~ Present all sponsorship contracts for approval to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 20: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

- 20.1 The Treasurer shall be elected by the Congress and is responsible and accountable for managing the EWF's finances and ~~prepares the Budget together with the President and General Secretary.~~
- 20.2 The EWF Treasurer shall ~~apply General Accounting Policies and Procedures:~~
- issue receipts for all amounts received;
 - obtain a receipt for all expenses and accounts he/she pays;
 - keep the cash book updated and present a report on the financial situation at every session of the Executive Board;
 - annually submit the accounts for auditing to the President, the Executive Board and the Congress;
 - report at each meeting of the Executive Board as to the current state of the EWF's finances;
 - the Treasurer will pay all expenses up to € 2,000 (two thousand) without the consent of the Executive Board;
 - present the balance sheet to the ~~Executive Board and Annual and General Congress~~ for approval on an annual basis;
 - inform the Executive Board of the current account number and the name of the bank where EWF funds are deposited;
 - send all information requested by the Auditors;
 - prepare one single EWF balance which represents the Federation's financial situation following General Accounting Policies and Procedures, and distribute the EWF balance sheet to all Member affiliated federations and members of the EWF Executive Board.
- 20.3 Financial transactions shall be made in Euro.
- 20.4 The Executive Board shall decide on all necessary expenditure and shall give priority in respect of the expenses of the EWF Secretariat including the costs for telephone, fax, email, photocopying, translation, the ~~storage compilation~~ of the EWF archive and the preparation and publication of the EWF Magazine and Bulletin and stationary and office expenses.
- 20.5 Financial management is based on the provisional annual balance deliberated by the Executive Board within December 31st November 30th of each year. At the closing date of the financial year, a copy will be distributed to the affiliated federations and to the members of the EWF committees. The annual balance shall be completed with the President's, Treasurer's and Auditors' report.
- ~~20.6 The position of Treasurer and the relative tasks will be come into force with the elections for the next Olympic cycle 2012-2016~~
- ~~49.42~~ 20.6 Manage the following income and expenditure on behalf of the EWF :
- a – any contributions from the IWF and other public or private bodies;
 - b – ~~affiliation~~ membership fees;
 - c – any income and expenditure deriving from sporting events and championships;
 - d – TV rights and sponsorships;
 - e – service management and cession of assets in favour of members;

- f – donations of any kind from private individuals, bodies or firms approved by the Executive Board;
- g – any funds from institutional activities, a sole example of which being any fees or sanctions paid by members;
- h – funding from any other instrumental activity, including sales, deliberated for institutional purposes.

ARTICLE 21: DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- 21.1 The EWF Vice-Presidents shall:
 - 21.1.1 Ensure that the EWF Constitution and **IWF Technical & Competition Rules and Regulations** are correctly applied at all EWF Championships, tournaments and competitions and represent the EWF at such events in the absence of the EWF President.
 - 21.1.2 To preside over any specially designated Juries, Committees and Commissions.
 - 21.1.3 Participate in the activities of the EWF and carry out all the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Board.
- 21.2 The Chairman of the Technical & Scientific Committee shall:
 - 21.2.1 Be responsible for resolving any technical problems.
 - 21.2.2 Prepare the **4 Year Working Plan** for the Technical & Scientific Committee.
 - 21.2.3 Co-ordinate and conduct the activities and meetings of the Technical & Scientific Committee.
 - 21.2.4 Attend and assist the EWF conferences for coaches and referees **organised under the patronage of the EWF.**
 - 21.2.5 Submit proposals to the Executive Board on behalf of the Technical & Scientific Committee.
 - 21.2.6 Co-operate with the other Committees of the EWF **and IWF Technical Committee.**
 - 21.2.7 Preside over Jury 'AB' during the European Championships, **or delegate for the President over Jury 'A'.**
 - 21.2.8 Organise a **Technical Officials referees'** conference before the European Championships for all **Technical Officials (including Doctors on Duty) the referees** officiating at the Championships.
- 21.3 The Chairman of the Medical Committee shall:
 - 21.3.1 Be responsible for resolving any medical problems.
 - 21.3.2 Prepare a **4 Year Working Plan** for the Medical Committee.
 - 21.3.3 Co-ordinate and conduct the activities and meetings of the Medical Committee.
 - 21.3.4 Co-operate with the other Committees of the EWF **and IWF Medical Committee.**
 - 21.3.5 Submit proposals to the Executive Board on behalf of the Medical Committee together with a list of doctors who will be on duty during the respective European Championships.
- 21.4 The Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission Committee shall:
 - 21.4.1 Be responsible for resolving any disciplinary issue arising within the EWF in a timely manner.
 - 21.4.2 Co-ordinate and conduct all investigation necessary to resolve any complaint.
- 21.5 The Chairman of the Fair Play Commission Committee shall:
 - 21.5.1 Submit to the Executive Board any nomination for fair play awards.
 - 21.5.2 Make proposals to the EWF Executive Board on behalf of the Commission Committee on any measure necessary to promote sportsmanship through the establishment of and in adherence to the highest standards of conduct in all EWF Competitions.

ARTICLE 22: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

separate into Appendix for Technical Rules?

- 22.1 The EWF shall stage annually the Senior, Under 23, Junior and Youth Championships. Each year, the respective organisation of these Championships shall be entrusted to a **Member affiliated** federation.
- 22.2 Applications to organise any of the EWF's European Championships must be submitted in writing to the EWF General Secretary together with the prevailing administration fee.
- 22.3 The President and **General** Secretary must inspect the facilities and accommodation to give the definitive approval **for conditions of the organisation of the Championships.** Travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by the organising National Federation.
- 22.4 Applications must include details of the proposed competition timetable, competition hall, training facilities, transportation, accommodation (with costs) an outline budget demonstrating the federation's ability to finance the staging of the Championships in accordance with the required EWF's standards.

- 22.5 Applications must be accompanied by written letters of approval and support from the national, regional and city authorities.
- 22.6 The Executive Board shall evaluate all applications and award the responsibility for organising each of its competitions to the federation that best meets the EWF's criteria.
- 22.7 Four months before the confirmed dates for each of the EWF's Championships, the respective organising federation shall forward in writing the following information to the EWF and all of the EWF's **Member affiliated** federations:
- a detailed timetable of the competitions and related activities;
 - a detailed description of the competition venue and training facilities;
 - confirmation of the accommodation arrangements and costs;
 - local transportation arrangements;
 - press accreditation forms;
 - Preliminary Entry' and 'Final Entry' forms and Athletes Biography Forms;
 - the exact date and time for the verification of 'Final Entries' ~~by the~~ representatives of each federation
- Organising Federation is obliged to arrange website of the Championships one month before its start and give the results immediately after each category.
- 22.8 Entries ~~can~~ only be submitted by **Member affiliated** federations.
- 22.9 On the 'Preliminary Entry' form, **Member affiliated** federations must confirm, not less than sixty days before the first day of competition, to the organising federation of their intention to participate together with the number of participants of their delegation.
- 22.10 ~~The Final Entry form must also be sent by fax or e-mail to the Organising Committee and EWF Secretariat not later than fourteen (14) days before the Verification of Final Entries Meeting.~~ **Member Affiliated** federations must re-confirm their entries on the 'Final Entry' form which must be received by the organising federation not later than **fourteen (14) ten** days prior to the ~~first day of competition the~~ **Verification of Final Entries Meeting of Competition.** ~~The Final Entry form must also be sent by fax or e-mail to the Organising Committee not later than fourteen (14) days before the Congress / Technical Conference / Verification Meeting Congress.~~
- 22.11 **Member Affiliated** federations must provide the following information on the 'Final Entry' forms:
- The competitor's name **& surname**, dates of birth, category and the ~~actual results Snatch, Clean and Jerk and~~ **entry** total with an indication of the reserves lifters;
 - The name **& surname**, date of birth and precise function of their coaches and officials.
- 22.12 The organising federation shall be entitled to use the names entered by each **Member affiliated** federation on the 'Preliminary' and 'Final Entry' forms in order to reserve accommodation in the EWF official designated Championship Hotels for athletes, coaches and officials.
- 22.13 Should any of the reserved hotel rooms referred to above be unused, the respective **Member** Federation shall be liable to pay the Organiser a cancellation fee for the entire duration of each individual room reservation.
- 22.14 Before the Congress or the Technical **Conference Meeting** of the European Championships, a representative of the participating teams must verify and sign the 'Verification of Final Entries Form to confirm the names **& surname** of and details of their athletes: including their competition categories, dates of birth and **Entry** Totals.
- 22.15 When the 'Verification Form' has been signed and returned no changes will be permitted.
- 22.16 Should a delegation not attend the ~~Congress~~ **Verification of Final Entries Meeting**, the details contained on its original 'Final Entry' shall be used to determine the category and group in which each lifter shall participate.
- 22.17 In the absence of a delegate to verify their Final Entry, the EWF reserves the right to correct any incorrect entries.
- 22.18 Protests or request for corrections in respect of decisions made by the EWF in respect of above are not permitted.
- 22.19 The Verification process cannot be made by proxy.
- 22.20 Athletes not listed on the Final Entry form cannot take part in the Championships.
- 22.21 The announced Entry Total indicated on the Final Entry **and /or Verification** form will be accepted and considered for the group allocation. The aggregate weight of the starting attempts in the snatch and the clean and jerk cannot be less than 20 kg below the announced Entry Total for the men competition, and less than 15 kg below the announced Entry Total for the women competition. **The observation of this rule is the responsibility of the Competition Secretariat and/or the Chief Marshal. The following rule shall apply unless otherwise stated:**

The 20kg rule at the European Youth championships, with IWF decision granted to reduce the total of 15 kg for boys and 10 kg. for girls.

~~(For example: for an athlete entering an unverified Total of 200 kg the sum of the first attempts in the Snatch and Clean and Jerk must not be lower than 180kg (Snatch 80kg + C&J 100kg or Snatch 70kg +C&J 110kg or another combination)~~

- 22.22 The Competition Secretary and/or appointed EWF Delegate shall allocate the participating athletes into Group A, Group B or Group C according to the ~~results~~ **Entry Total** indicated on the 'Final Entry **and/or Verification Form**'.
- 22.23 Federation entrusted to organise the EWF **European** Championships must guarantee unconditional entry to all eligible federations and athletes.
- 22.24 Organisers of the EWF Championships shall provide seats at the competition venue for members of the EWF Executive, the EWF Committees and each participating federation.
- 22.25 The organisers of the EWF Championships shall provide at its own cost accommodation, meals, local transportation and accreditation for:
- ~~40~~ **6** Jury members – **except for Olympic Qualification Event where there will be 10 Jury Members.**
 - ~~16~~ **20** Referees
 - ~~and 4~~ technical controllers
 - **2 Chief Marshall**
 - 4 Doctors
 - the 2 IWF ~~Drug~~ **Doping** Control Officers
 - 2 EWF Assistant
- 22.26 The **Member affiliated** federations of the participating athletes, coaches, officials and delegates shall pay an 'Accreditation' Fee of € 150 per person to the organising federation.
- 22.27 The Organising Federation shall pay 50% (€ 75) of each 'Accreditation' fee to the EWF and shall be entitled to retain the remaining 50% (€ 75).
- 22.28 The EWF President, EWF General Secretary, Treasurer, members of the EWF Executive Board and Committees, **two EWF Assistant**, bona fide journalists, broadcasters and officials shall not be required to pay the Accreditation Fee. **If Member Federation's Delegates attend only the Congress, the Member Federation's Delegates shall not pay the Accreditation Fee.**
- 22.29 Members of the EWF Committees only attending the Congress shall ~~not be required also be exempted~~ to pay the accreditation fee.
- 22.30 The Organising Federation shall provide and pay for all the travel and accommodation expenses of the President, General Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries of the EWF and the two IWF ~~Drug~~ **Doping** Control Officers.
- 22.31 Competitors and Officials participating in the EWF's Championships and competitions are obliged to stay in the hotel accommodation arranged by the **Organising Federation** ~~respective Host Federation and/or Organising Committee.~~
- 22.32 The EWF shall ensure that the quality and cost of the accommodation referred to above shall be of the correct standard and price.
- 22.33 The **Organising Host** Federation shall provide the following transportation for all participants:
- to and from the local airport and/or railway station;
 - to and from the official hotel(s);
 - to and from the competition and training halls.
- 22.34 National Federations wishing to ~~nominate propose~~ **referees Technical Officials** to officiate at the EWF's Championships must submit their names in writing to the General Secretary not less than sixty days before the first day of competition.
- 22.35 **Member affiliated** Federations choosing to participate in the EWF's Championships shall do so at their own risk.
- 22.36 **Member Affiliated** Federations shall be responsible for the health and welfare of their participants and shall ensure that for the duration of all the EWF Championships in which they participate they take out adequate healthcare insurance in order to cover any treatment and all subsequent costs resulting from any injury and/or loss suffered by any of their participants.
- 22.37 The Organising **Federation Committee** of the European Championships and other official EWF competitions must provide each competitor and delegate with primary medical care in relation to any illness or injury that may occur.
- For this purpose, a doctor with an assistant, if possible, must be stationed at the venue during the competition hours. A medical room must be provided containing the basic important medical equipment, bandages, medicines and the necessary facilities for the examination and initial treatment of the patients.

Throughout the entire period of the Championships, primary medical care must be available at any time to all accredited participants.

In case of treatment at hospital for [any](#) reason, the **Member** federation concerned is responsible for all expenditures in that connection concerning competitors, coaches, officials and delegates.

[22.38](#) A qualified medical doctor must be on duty at the competition hall during the competition, possessing sufficient knowledge about the medical facilities in the surrounding of the championship as well.

~~[22.39](#) Competitors, coaches, officials and delegates with private healthcare insurance cover shall, wherever possible, reimburse the Organising Committee for any medical costs incurred on their behalf.~~

~~[22.40](#)~~ [39](#) Further treatment and/or medical investigations following any emergency medical care for injuries and /or illnesses occurring during such competitions shall be subject to the authorisation and discretion of the Organising **Federation Committee's** Doctor who may consult the members of the Organising [and](#) /or EWF Medical Committee's members.

~~[22.41](#)~~ [40](#) **National Member** Federations participating in the Championships will be responsible for their team and for any damages caused to objects or persons.

ARTICLE 23: TOURNAMENTS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS.

[23.1](#) **Member** Federations affiliated to the EWF shall send to the EWF General Secretary copies of the results on completion of their domestic competitions and national championships

ARTICLE 24: TELEVISION

[24.1](#) The EWF is the exclusive owner of the TV [broadcasting](#), marketing, internet broadcasting (web casting), post event production of video recordings and advertising rights and all other multimedia coverage of the European Championships and other events organised and controlled by the EWF.

[24.2](#) To obtain these rights or part of these rights, a fee must be paid to the EWF. The President and General Secretary decide the amount in consultation.

[24.3](#) **Member Affiliated** Federations wishing to host the **European** Senior Men's and Senior Women's Championships must guarantee and be able to demonstrate in writing within their bid submission that they have secured the host broadcast coverage and origination of the international television signal according to the standards of the EWF as detailed.

[24.4](#) The European Championships may not be held in conjunction with other competitions.

[24.5](#) Should [any](#) action of a member federation, association or union of the European Weightlifting Federation (EWF) for whatsoever reason, including doping violations according to the codes, rules and regulations of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) and/or the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA), [be a result](#) either directly or indirectly [of a financial loss to the EWF](#) including but not limited to its television and/or sponsorship revenues, such member federation, association or union shall reimburse the EWF for all and any such financial loss and associated costs including legal costs.

Until [the](#) costs equating to the EWF's financial loss have [not](#) been paid in full to the EWF [by the chargeable member federation, association or union](#), the EWF shall have the right to suspend such member federation, association or union including its athletes, coaches and officials from participating in and/or attending any European Weightlifting Championship and competition organised and/or approved by the EWF.

ARTICLE 25: RECOGNITION

[25.1](#) For special merits sporting awards may be granted to persons affiliated or not to the EWF. See Rule **ANNEX 2**.

ARTICLE 26: PENALTIES

[26.1](#) The **EWF** Executive Board may suspend federations who have not paid their subscriptions.

[26.2](#) Should a competitor, coach or official commit a doping [violation](#) during any EWF competition, the rules of the IWF shall prevail ([please refer to IWF Anti-Doping Policy](#) edition and subsequent modifications and updates).

[26.3](#) **Member Affiliated** federations may only penalise and/or discipline competitors, coaches, official and/or delegates who are members of their own federations.

- 26.4 Any rule infringement, offence and/or violation by a [competitor, coach](#), official and/or delegate shall be reported to the EWF General Secretary [and will be submitted to the attention](#) of the EWF **Disciplinary Commission Executive Board**.
- 26.5 Any Federation violating the EWF Constitution may be suspended by the IWF Executive Board, on the understanding that the person or Federation concerned shall be given the opportunity to personally defend him/herself at the hearing.
- 26.6 Competitors, coaches and / or team officials may be suspended for:
- **breaching the code of ethics**
 - a prohibited competition or against a suspended competitor;
 - unsporting conduct
 - disobedience towards officials;
 - dishonesty.
- 26.7 Discipline and penalties shall be [applied](#) according to the terms of the IWF Constitution, art. ~~19~~ **12**.

ARTICLE **27**. FINANCE

- 27.1 **Member Affiliated** federations shall pay an annual subscription [as determined under article 6.9](#)
- 27.2 **Member Affiliated** Federation organising the EWF's European Championships shall pay the fees [determined from time to time by the EWF Executive Board](#).

ARTICLE **28**: IWF RULES

- 28.1 For all matters not detailed within the [present EWF](#) Constitution, the regulations of the IWF shall prevail:
for example:
IWF Constitution
IWF Technical & Competition Rules and Regulations
IWF Anti Doping Policy

~~technical regulations, constitution and IWF Anti-doping policy 2009 edition and subsequent modifications and updates.~~

~~**The position of Treasurer and the relative tasks will come into force with the elections for the next Olympic cycle 2012-2016**~~

Approved by the Congress held on _____ in _____