

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER NO 6 2004

Proposals to Rules Congress 2004

A final list of proposals has been drawn up and will be voted on by delegates representing Member Nations at Congress to be held one day prior to the opening of the World Men's Open Championships, in Capetown RSA. November 9th. We ask delegates on behalf of their Members to carefully study items numbered 1 - 2 - 9 -10 -11 - 14 - 20, which may be found under Technical Committee Newsletter on the IPF Web Site.

Scoreboard

As mentioned on many occasions, the lack of a clearly visible and readable scoreboard by all who attend a championships is still a major cause of concern by the Technical Committee. The projected computerised image is the modern method, and excellent, but should be large and of high brilliance.

We implore Meet Directors to take heed. It is in their interest to see that the spectators can follow the championships.

Perhaps some form of penalty should be levied if scoreboards fall short of the requirement. The Executive Committee and Disciplinary Committee have been informed of our intention !

Logos

Referees please note:-

The Executive Committee of the IPF at a meeting in June decided that logos measuring no more than 10 cm X 4 cm / 4" X 1 1/2" displayed by Commercial Manufacturers of for e.g. "off the shelf" non-supportive costumes and T. Shirts will not now need to be masked /covered with tape.

"New" Referees

Congratulations to the following having recently passed the International Referee's Examination.

Cat 1 John Halfacre GB

Cat 11 Carol Springett GB
Rodney Owers GB
Gerard Larue France
Dusan Skirkanic Slovakia
Ron Burnett USA
Eric Steiner USA

Referee's Examinations

Referee Registrar Goran Gunnarsson administrator of examinations, wishes to inform candidates for the Category One Exam that at least three months notice must be given and the set criteria followed as under Qualifications for a Category One Referee item (g) IPF Technical Rules.

New Support Shirt

Titan Support Systems have forwarded their new SHP (Super Hi-Performance) Bench Shirt for Committee sanction. It meets all IPF specification, and will be added to the list of approved equipment.

Questions e:mailed to the Chairman

Q If I cut the back out of my support shirt and replace it with a material that would make it easier to put on, and remove. Would it still be a legal shirt.

A No, defacing an approved shirt from one of our licensees would make it illegal. Tightening, letting out, or neat repairs only.

Q My lift was failed because I forgot to remove the thumb loop of the wrist wrap from my thumb. There was no jury to protest to. Should it have been called a "NO LIFT " for this reason.

A No. It is the duty of the referees to see that the lifter is properly attired (within the rules) before the start signal is given.

Q Why is it necessary to make a total to achieve a record on an individual lift.

A Lifters are expected to be team players. Only by making a total will they gain team points.

Q My bench shirt was refused because the examining (gear check) referees thought that the shirt was too long i.e. covering the buttocks. Should it have passed.

A Yes. This rule only applies to the shirt (Erector) when worn while performing the squat.

Q There is a lifter wishing to lift in a three lift meet, who needs to wear a(because of a slight disability) lower leg brace. Is it legal.

A Yes. As in the bench press rule for the disabled. The lifter must weigh in wearing the brace and follow the rules of competition.

Q Can a lifter be granted a fourth attempt for a World Record attempt at an Open Championships which is not an Open Record, but may be a Sub-Junior, Junior, or Masters Record.

A No, under WORLD RECORDS item 5
----- he may at the discretion of the Jury or the Chief Referee in the absence of a Jury, be granted a fourth attempt outside the Competition.
i.e. Records for which belong to the Competition / Championships in which he is competing.

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