

Terms of Reference of the Eligibility Determination Panel

Overview

The International Weightlifting Federation (the “Commissioning Body”) commissions an Eligibility Determination Panel (“EDP”), to undertake the eligibility determination of candidates for election to the IWF Board and committees in respect of the March 2021 elections.

The EDP will operate pursuant to and in accordance with part C of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission Interim Rules (the “Interim Rules”), which have been amended to provide it with the necessary jurisdiction to replace the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (the “EDC”) in relation to the task specified below.

Appointment

The EDP will constitute of up to 5 members appointed independently by Sport Resolutions, drawn from its Panel of Arbitrators at its entire discretion. Each member will be required to complete a declaration of independence prior to any eligibility assessment being undertaken and keep that position under review throughout the process.

The EDP will perform its function entirely independently of the IWF.

Sport Resolutions will act as Secretariat to the EDP in the course of this appointment.

Scope

The EDP will assess candidates against the general eligibility criteria set out in Rule 8 of the IWF Constitution and the specific criteria set out at article 94 of the EDC Interim Rules based on, but not limited to, the information and evidence provided by candidates and independent verification it may undertake.

In the course of this assessment, should information come to light that may render a candidate ineligible based on the set criteria, including Rule 4.2.11 of the IWF Constitution (not bringing the sport of weightlifting into disrepute), the EDP will consider the information, but will not undertake investigations as to whether the conduct did in fact occur, beyond the assessment necessary in the eligibility context.

The EDP will not be tasked with assessing the legality, validity or enforceability of the criteria, nor that of any of the IWF rules, Constitution or By-laws.

Independent Verification

The Commissioning Body will comply with all reasonable requests from the EDP and its Secretariat in relation to the provision of information within the knowledge or control of the Commissioning Body provided that the request relates to matters that fall within the TOR.

Determinations

The EDP's determinations are to be communicated to the IWF by 15th March 2021. The EDP's determination in relation to each candidate will also be communicated to said candidate by the EDP Secretariat.

The IWF Executive Board undertakes to fully implement the EDP's determinations in the finalisation of its list of candidates for the election.

Where the EDP determines that a candidate is ineligible, that determination is not to be construed as a finding of fault or as a sanction, which are not matters for the EDP.

Costs

The costs of the Eligibility Determination Panel and its Secretariat are to be met by the Commissioning Body.

These Terms of Reference will be made public. Any information or questions regarding the eligibility verification process can be sent to the EDP via its Secretariat at EDCSecretariat@sportresolutions.co.uk.