

COMMONWEALTH WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION



September 2nd 2021

Dear CWF Member Countries,

As you are fully aware the Commonwealth Senior, Junior and Youth Championships which was scheduled to be held in Singapore on October 20th to 24th has been cancelled. The Government of Singapore is very concerned with the coronavirus and its continual spread throughout the world. Therefore they have cancelled all major events in Singapore, including the Commonwealth Championships.

NEW VENUE 2021 COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

After a number of high level consultations and discussions with the IWF, and the CGF, it has been decided now that the Commonwealth Senior Championships will be held **in conjunction** with the World Senior Weightlifting Championships to be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. This is a marvelous opportunity that the IWF has agreed to give to the Commonwealth nations.

Therefore we are now officially advising you that the Commonwealth Senior Weightlifting Championships will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 6th December to 17th December, 2021.

The results of the athletes from Commonwealth Countries will be extrapolated for the purpose of direct qualification for the 2022 Birmingham Games.

- Importantly, for the purpose of the qualification system, the IWF will allow the participation of athletes from GB Home Countries if not selected in the GB team. This refers to lifters from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland.
- Therefore please note, there will be no Commonwealth Junior and Youth Championships for this year 2021, due to the coronavirus. It is regrettable but again like last year we have no other choice.

With regards to the final entries please disregard our prior entry forms, as the new Preliminary and Final entries for the World Championships **will also serve as Commonwealth entries**. This will now be done via the IWF E-Entry system. We will advise you of this as soon as the Preliminary and Final Entries are available from the IWF.

All accommodation, accreditation, etc. will be also handled by the Organizing Committee of the World Championships.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION EVENTS

To offer an additional opportunity to athletes and Commonwealth Countries for a face to face competition, which because of travel restrictions or cancelled events etc, negotiations are in process to have one additional event in each Continent, between 1 January 2022 and **before 28 February** 2022. At this point in time from Oceania, we have New Zealand. From PANAM we have Barbados. From Asia we have Singapore. And we are in the process of finalizing Africa and Europe. We will give you more information on this once we receive the go ahead from CGF and then dates will be finalized. For this purpose, we have asked the CGF to extend the Qualification System by two (2) weeks to the 28th February, 2022.

The CWF is very grateful to the IWF for their kind assistance given to the Commonwealth countries and also a special thanks to the CGF for their understanding of the difficult circumstances being faced and their cooperation.

Kindest regards,

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