



October 28, 2021

**To: Provincial Sport Association Representatives**

**Re: Updates**

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The following memo serves to provide an update to PSO's and their membership regarding the operations of Weightlifting Canada Haltérophilie (WCH).

**1. Election of officers under new bylaws.**

WCH is seeking to hold general elections for new board members on November 29, 2021. Details regarding process will be provided within one week of today's date.

**2. Junior Nationals**

We are seeking feedback from our PSO's regarding this years Junior National Championships. There has been a request to consider an online competition for the 2022 Championships. In light of current challenges with COVID-19, Saskatchewan will not be able to host the competition as an in-person event. Please provide any feedback to us prior to November 5, 2021 via email.

**3. Virus Apparel**

We are considering offering an opportunity for PSOs and/or affiliated clubs to purchase discounted virus singlets and track suits for team use. The apparel would be unbranded and potentially available in a variety of colors/styles. If you are interested in purchasing team apparel for your province or club please reach out to Deanne Friesen and provide her with your desired colour (see virus website), quantity and sizes. We will work with Virus to determine price, stock and availability of your desired items. Items are not to be purchased for personal use. This initiative will be limited to provincial or affiliated club use only.

**4. Interpoedia**

Multiple provinces and WCH are working with Interpoedia to build an improved membership, event registration and coach management platform. The platform will ensure we are current on safe sport obligations and allow us to better manage events and results. If you are interested in more information about the program, please contact Deanne Friesen for more details.

**5. Eleiko**

As you are aware, we have a partnership with Eleiko. We have now received a product price list from them. If you are interested in making a purchase, please reach out to Craig Walker to discuss options.

**6. International Competitions**

There has been a great deal of activity regarding international competitions in the last few months. Each of these competitions takes a great deal of effort to organize. We ask that PSO's ensure their athletes are current with their whereabouts submissions and that they remind athletes of their responsibilities to have passports that don't expire within 6 months of travel.

**Summary from Junior Pan American Championships**

7 athletes attended – 5 Quebec, 2 British Columbia – 4 females, 3 males

10 medals won

Youri Simard – 3 Silver (3 Junior Canadian Records)

Matt Darsigny – 1 bronze

Jeenat Billen – 3 bronze

Emma Friesen – 2 silver, 1 bronze (3 Junior Canadian Records)

Funded athletes were: Youri Simard, Matt Darsigny, Emma Friesen, Charlotte Simoneau

Self Funded Athletes: Georgia Cameron, Jeenat Billen, Shad Darsigny

Funded Coaches: Yvan Darsigny, Raf Korkowski

No funded Team Lead

**7. Reminder regarding competition schedules**

Please send competition schedules to Deanne Friesen so that events can be uploaded to the competition calendar on our website. Please also send results from competitions to Deanne Friesen so that they can be placed on the website and included for National ranking purposes.

**8. Competitions Subject to Doping Control**

Attached is the updated form to notify CCES and WCH of your competition so that it is considered subject to doping control. Please note that doping control activities may occur at any event and all clubs/PSO's should be prepared to support these activities at their events.

**Upcoming Competitions**

Senior Pan American Championships- Ecuador- November 2021

Senior World Championships/Commonwealth Championships – Uzbekistan - December 2021

TENTATIVE: Last chance Commonwealth Qualifier for Pan American athletes – Barbados January 2022 (More information to be released once received)