

Dear IPF Family,

right now, the whole sports world and also the whole IPF Community is faced with the COVID19 pandemic. Therefore I want first send my best wishes to you and your families and that nobody in the IPF is personally affected by the virus.

As all of us can follow the difficult time and all the affects in our society, economy, but also in the world of sport via the different medias, I think I do not need to explain in detail, that also the IPF is challenged with our international events. Moreover all regional and national federations are also faced with canceling or postponing events.



Few weeks ago, the IOC decided to postpone the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo from 2020 to 2021. This has also a huge impact to many other international major events.



One of them are the **World Games**, which are Scheduled in July 2021. For the reason that both Games would clash now, the IWGA, together with the Birmingham Organizing Committee and all participating Sport Federations made the unanimous decision to postpone the World Games from 2021 to 2022. The new date of the World Games will be the 7th – 17th July 2022.

All events will be held in the same order as Scheduled for 2021, which means that Powerlifting will be on the first weekend from 8th – 10th July.

The qualification event for the World Games 2022 will be now the World Open Powerlifting Championships 2021 in Kiev/Ukraine.

All the selection criteria remain the same.

For the IPF World Championships and other events in 2020, the IPF Executive Committee, together with the organizers is looking for the best possible options to organize as many events as possible.

For now, we could postpone most of the events to the 4th quarter of the year and we hope that in this time it will be possible to travel and compete at the Championships.

Unfortunately we had to cancel also 3 events for now. The Sheffield Powerlifting Event in March, the University Cup in Dubai in July and the Arnold's in Brazil and South Africa. The Arnold's Europe are postponed to 11-13 December 2020. The IPF will evaluate a possible participation at this event.

Here is an overview about all events in 2020 which were postponed:

World Sub Junior, Junior and Open Classic Powerlifting Championships

Minsk/Belarus 24.09.-04.10.2020

This Championship is postponed from June.

World Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships

Ekaterinburg/ Russia 11.-18.10.2020

This Championship is postponed from May. It will be organized together with the EPF and so also European Championships will take place

World Sub Junior, Junior and Open Powerlifting Championships

Stavanger/ Norway 31.10.-08.11.2020

The Sub Junior and Junior World's in USA had to be canceled and so we will combine this Championship with the Open in Norway.

The IPF General Assembly will be held on Saturday 31st October 2020!

World Classic and Equipped Master Powerlifting Championships

Potchefstroom/ South Africa 13.-22.11.2020

This Championship is postponed from April. At the date in November there was no possibility to organize it in the original host city. Therefore we had to move to Potchefstroom who are able to host the event at this time.

We kindly ask all of you to have also a look on the IPF Webpage/Calendar <https://www.powerlifting.sport/championships/calendar.html> to check out all Championships also for your region, as they may also be changed.

The IPF as well as the regional federations are doing its best to organize as many events as possible in 2020, also in focus to give the lifters a goal they can train for.



Additional Information:

With the date of 1st May 2020, the IPF introduced a new bodyweight calculator. After evaluating the one we used over the last year, the conclusion of the steering group was, that the calculator we used is not really working for us. Therefore the IPF will use now the IPF GL Points, which are a much better and more fair bodyweight calculation formula as the old ones. We kindly ask all member federations to use this formula also on all national championships.

We hope that most of you will have an opportunity to have a regular training. We realized on social media, some of you are doing now a home training, or some are still able still to train at their clubs.

We believe that the IPF Community is stronger as the virus and that we will win also this competition against COVID19.

Finally I hope to see all of you soon at one of our Championships and I wish you all the best!

Stay safe,

Gaston Parage
IPF President