MALTA WEIGHTLIFTING ASSOCIATION

STATUTE

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A. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. This federation shall be called the **Malta Weightlifting Association (MWA)**, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

2. The Association shall be the only governing body of Olympic Weightlifting throughout the Maltese Islands, as recognised by the International Weightlifting Federation.

3. The Association is a non-profit Organisation.

4. The Association's address is: Malta Weightlifting Association 131, Cottonera Sport Complex, Cottoner Avenue, Bormla, BML9020.

5. The Association postal address shall be MWA 37 Springvale, Triq L-Ahmar, Marsaskala, MSK3750.

6. The objectives of the Federation shall be to:

   a. Organise, develop, and control Olympic Weightlifting throughout the Maltese Islands.

   b. Enhances friendship and co-operation between fellow lifters.

   c. Set up courses and examinations for those interested in learning Olympic Weightlifting, weight training, coaching and refereeing of this sport discipline.

7. The Association recognises the *Two Hands Snatch*, the *Two Hands Clean and Jerk* and their respective *Total* as the only criteria with which it holds competitions and records. Competitions held in the Association's premises with lifts other from those mentioned above are not permitted.

8. All the Association's equipment must be used primarily for Olympic Weightlifting events. Other use of such equipment must be authorised by the Association's Executive Committee.

B. OBLIGATIONS

9. The Association shall be affiliated to the International Weightlifting
   a. Federation (IWF), which is recognised by the International Olympic Committee.
   b. Other affiliations shall be with European Weightlifting Federation (EWF), Malta Olympic Committee (MOC),
   c. And any other organisations which the Committee finds necessary to affiliate itself from time to time for the furthering of the sport.
   d. The Association is registered with the SportMalta – reference: SM/A-010/09

10. The Association shall annually organise the:

    a. National Championships, which titles can be won by any Maltese citizen

    b. Any other competition or tournament it deems fit

11. The Association shall be responsible for the selection, management and control of teams and / or individuals to represent the Association at any local or international activities.

12. The Association shall ensure that no athlete or official other than a member affiliated to it or whose national Association is affiliated to the IWF may compete or officiate at any of the Association's championships or tournaments.

13. Dope Testing: The Association is bound with the International Weightlifting Federation's rules and conditions regarding random dope testing outside and within competition.

C. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

14. The Association shall have the following categories of membership:

    a. **Honorary members** - being persons whom the Association wishes to honour.

    b. **Ordinary members** - being its affiliated individuals having a vote at General Meetings.

    c. **Associate members** - being non-voting individuals

15. Applications for membership shall be dealt with at the following Executive Committee Meeting after receipt.

16. Affiliated Ordinary and Associate members shall each pay an annual subscription fee as decided by the MWA Executive Committee.

17. The Association reserves the right to reject any application, for membership, provided that the merits of the application have been discussed and subsequently rejected for a valid reason (which does not have to be disclosed), by a simple majority decision of the MWA Executive Committee.

18. Any individual being an active member in any other federation which governs other weightlifting techniques rather than those recognised by the MWA, are only eligible for an associate membership. Ordinary members officiating or competing within such federations are immediately transferred to an associate member's status as from the following Executive Committee meeting, upon verification of facts.

D. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

19. The Association shall be managed and administered by an Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions and regulations of its statute.

20. The Association's financial and administrative year shall be from 1st January to 31st December. All annual reports by Executive Committee officers are to be presented in writing at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be held during the month of January, or the closest possible date.

21. The Association's statute may be revoked, added to or altered by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of all the registered Members of the Association who are entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Association of which notice has been duly given specifying the intention to propose the revocation, addition or alteration, together with full particulars thereof.

22. Any motion to amend the statute is to be forwarded in writing to the Executive Committee General Secretary and duly signed by the proposer and seconder. Such motion is to be delivered to the Executive Committee General Secretary at least two weeks (14 days) prior to the AGM.

23. All motions for amendments submitted to the General Secretary are to be circulated to the eligible members at least five (7) days prior to the General Meeting.

24. An urgent motion to amend the statute may be voted upon in an Extraordinary General Meeting purposely convened within 30 days after receipt of a written request to the Secretary, endorsed by at least half the voting members plus one.

25. The Executive Committee shall call an Annual General Meeting during the month of January or the closest possible date. The agenda, which is to be sent three weeks (21 days) in advance, must include:

    a. Reading and approval of the last Annual / Extraordinary General Meeting minutes

    b. Presentation of all annual reports

    c. Motions to amend the statute

    d. Election of Executive Committee officials

26. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called if requested by the Executive Committee or upon the written request by at least HALF the voting members plus ONE, stipulating the reason for such a meeting. Such Extraordinary General Meeting is to be convened within a month (30 days) of request and shall deal only with the matter for which it is called.

27. 1/3 of all voting members shall form a quorum for a General Meeting. However, after thirty (30) minutes, the members present shall form a quorum.

28. All members may attend General Meetings, but only Ordinary members affiliated at least SIX (6) months prior to the meeting can vote.

29. All General, Extraordinary or Executive Committee meetings shall be chaired by the President, but in his absence, either one from the General Secretary or Treasurer shall chair the meeting.

E. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

30. The Association's Executive Committee shall be composed of:

    President
    General Secretary
    Treasurer
    Two Officials

31. Only members over the age of eighteen (18) may be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee.

32. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month.

33. Any Executive Committee member may request an Executive Committee meeting by writing to the General Secretary stating the purpose of such meeting.

34. The Executive Committee shall call such a meeting within seven days of receipt of the written request.

35. The agenda for the Executive Committee meetings is to be sent to all Executive Committee members at least seven days in advance.

36. In the event of an urgent Executive Committee Meeting, the General Secretary shall be dispensed from sending the Agenda, but is bound to inform all Executive Committee Members by any other means.

37. Any five Executive Committee members shall form a quorum for an Executive Committee meeting.

38. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by a simple majority of votes.

39. All Executive Committee members shall each have one vote. The Chairperson shall have the right to use his casting vote in the event of parity in votes.

40. Executive Committee members, who fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without any valid reason, shall automatically cease to be considered as members of the Executive Committee.

41. The Executive Committee shall amongst other things, be responsible for:

a. The nomination of a Technical and a Disciplinary Board as provided for in clauses H and I.

b. The correct performance of the duties of its members

c. The taking of disciplinary measures when necessary

d. The setting up of sub-committees, which are always to be chaired by a Executive Committee Member, who in turn will be responsible and answerable to the Executive Committee

e. The appointment of any duties to its members

f. The determining of the annual subscription fees for affiliated members

42. No unauthorised expenditures can be incurred by Executive Committee members, without the prior approval of the President or the General Secretary or the Treasurer.

43. The Executive Committee is empowered to summon to its meetings any individuals as required. Such persons summoned shall obviously have no voting powers.

44. The President and the General Secretary are to be the legal representatives of the Association.

45. Press releases and television and radio appearances and broadcasts will need to have prior approval of the Association's P.R.O., Secretary or President.

F. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

46. Executive Committee members shall normally be elected during the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot.

47. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee can co-opt a member of the Association, to serve as an official member of the Executive Committee, with full voting rights. The Executive Committee may also nominate non-voting members for specific duties from time to time.

48. Nominations for Executive Committee Members from either members or non-members are to be sent to the General Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the General Meeting.

49. All nominations are to be duly proposed and seconded by a voting member, and accepted by a nominee.

50. Elections are to be held in the following order:

Election for all the Executive Committe members are to be held every four (4) years in the month of January or the nearest.
President, Treasurer, General Secretary and Two Officials.

The election with the above terms will be held in the next Annual General Meeting after the Summer Olympic Games.

51. If the committee agrees prior the AGM may propose a Honorary President. The Honorary President will be approved during the AGM with the majority of the present members.

G. DUTIES

52. **The President**

a. The President shall represent the Federation at all times, unless unable to do so. He / She shall preside over Executive Committee, General Meetings and all Association functions.

b. The President may, if or when necessary, delegate any other Executive Committee member to represent the Association in his / her place.

c. The President is responsible, in conjunction with the General Secretary, to formulate the agenda for, and to call Executive Committee and General Meetings.

53. **The General Secretary**

Beside the normal secretarial duties, the General Secretary shall also be responsible for:

a. Distributing the agenda for all Association meetings

b. Keep the minutes of every meeting

c. Handling the Association's correspondence

d. Distributing any relevant information to affiliated members

54. **The Treasurer**

Besides the normal financial duties, the Treasurer shall also be responsible for:

a. Keeping proper records of the Association funds, assets and / or liabilities

b. Preparing and submitting financial reports when required

c. Collecting subscription fees from affiliated members and keeping Executive Committee informed about those who failed to honour their dues

d. Supervising and eventually taking over the funds of any sub-committees

e. Collecting the funds derived from any fund-raising or any social activity organised by the Federation and produce reports

f. Taking the necessary measures to safeguard the Association's finances and pay the international affiliation fees

55. **Records and Equipment Officer**

a. The Records and Equipment Officer shall be also responsible for servicing and keeping an inventory of all the Associations' equipment, which is either being used or stored and present an annual report at the AGM, on the state of the afore mentioned equipment.

b. Keep detailed data on the results of any competition organised by the Association or in which the MWA took part.

c. Keep records of all material relevant to the history of the Federation.

d. Collect and produce an updated list of all books, magazines and trophies the Association receives.

56. **The Public Relations Officer**

a. The PRO shall be responsible for the promotion by all possible means the good image of the Association and the sport of Olympic Weightlifting.

b. The PRO is to organise, in conjunction with the Treasurer, any fund-raising and social activities, besides normal public relations duties.

57. **Representative of MWA Centres**

The representative shall be responsible:

a. for the general maintenance of the premises.

b. to liaison with the Treasurer on collection of affiliation fees.

c. for chairing any sub-committees that could be organised from within the centres members.

d. for submitting financial and administrative reports, annually to the Executive Committee.

H. THE TECHNICAL BOARD

58. **The Technical board** shall be appointed annually, by the Executive Committee and shall be composed of:

a. The Technical Commissioner (chosen from among the Executive Committee Members or any other qualified person).

b. Two other Executive Committee Members (one of whom is to chair the meetings).

59. **The Technical Board** shall be responsible for:

a. The drawing up of the Annual Weightlifting Calendar

b. An annual update of recognised coaches

c. The appointment of Referees

d. The setting of the required standards for any particular event

e. The final choice of the lifters to represent the Association for any particular event, after consultation with staff coaches. Once lifter accepts to participate he or she cannot withdraw their candidature without proper and verifiable reason. Disciplinary actions will be can taken it a withdrawal is found to be unjustified

60. **The Technical Commissioner** shall be responsible for:

a. The supervision of weightlifters that qualify to represent the Association

b. The provision of weightlifting guidelines to all coaches

c. The organisation of coaching and related courses for lifters and coaches.

61. **The Honorary President** shall be responsible for:

a. Can be hired by the committee to representing in various activities,

b. May also attend for meetings in the committee, but no right to vote.

I. THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD.

62. Whenever required, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Disciplinary Board to investigate any allegation of breach of the statute or of misbehaviour by any

Officer or Member, and will submit its findings and recommendations. in writing, to the Executive Committee.

63. The Disciplinary Board shall be composed of one Executive Committee Member as Chairperson, and two other Executive Committee Members, who are not involved in such a dispute.

64. The Disciplinary Board will be allocated a time limit by the Executive Committee to submit its findings and recommendations.

65. The Disciplinary Board shall be appointed for each specific occasion only and will automatically dissolve again once the Executive Committee takes the final decision on the matter being dealt with

J. DISSOLUTION

66. The Association may not be dissolved except by way of a General Meeting especially convened for this purpose and at a motion carried by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the vote cast. In this event, the MWA General Secretary should be informed in the best delays. Upon dissolution, all assets of the Association shall be applied in favour of another non-profit organisation with similar purposes as the Association, which may be selected by the administrators

K. RULINGS

67. In cases, were extraordinary affairs are not covered by the statute, or were the statute rules give rise to conflicting interpretations, the Executive Committee shall notify all voting members of the matter in hand, and the said members are to give an opinion to the General Secretary in writing within 15 days. The Executive Committee will then decide on the matter on hand, by a majority vote.

L. Current Committee Members:

Malta Weightlifting Association Committee elected on **14.01.2021**

- President:..... ..... Mr. Jesmond Caruana, ID: 0240166M, Signature:
- General Secretary:... .Mr. Matthew Camilleri, ID: 0055184M, Signature:
- Treasurer:..... Mr. Matthew Abela, ID: 0178294M, Signature:
- Executive Committee: Ms. Ramona Borg, ID: 0065580M. Signature:
- Executive Committee: Mr. Rodmar Pulis, ID: 0432494M. Signature;

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