

2015 IWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



**NOVEMBER 20 -28
HOUSTON, USA**



REGULATION

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1. Dates

November 20-28, 2015 - Competition
November 15-28, 2015 – Training Hall Availability

2. Competition Venue

George R Brown Convention Center, General Assembly Theatre
1001 Avenida de las Americas
Houston, Texas 77010 USA
<http://www.houstonconventionctr.com>

3. Training Venue

George R Brown Convention Center, Hall B3
1001 Avenida de las Americas
Houston, Texas 77010 USA
<http://www.houstonconventionctr.com>

4. Lodging/Accommodations

- **Hilton Americas Houston**
1600 Lamar Street
Houston, Texas 77010 USA
The Hilton Americas Houston is connected via sky-walk bridge to the training and competition venue – no transportation is necessary.
<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-americas-houston-HOUCVHH/index.html>
- **Embassy Suites by Hilton**
1515 Dallas Street
Houston, Texas 77010 USA
<http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/embassy-suites-houston-downtown-HOUDNES/index.html>

Both Hotels are 100% non-smoking

Participants must accept accommodations in the hotel offered by the Houston Local Organizing Committee for a **minimum of four days**. No individual reservations can be made.



5. Fees

Participation fees are inclusive of accommodation, airport transportation and three meals.

Single Room: \$165.00 USD per person / per night

Double Room: \$125.00 USD per person / per night

Triple Room: \$105.00 USD per person / per night

Triples will be on a first come first serve basis

Entry Fee: \$250.00 USD per person (includes Anti-Doping fee)

No accommodation is guaranteed until full payment is received.

6. Payments

- A minimum of 30% of the total must arrive by 5:00 p.m. central U.S. time on October 20, 2015 to the account of the Harris County – Houston Sports Authority. If you are paying by wire transfer, please ask your bank and consider the time it takes to process the transfer in order for the payment to arrive by the deadline date and time.
- VIP Check-In: All participants that have paid their total amounts owed via bank transfer and have sent all required material in advance of their arrival to the Houston Local Organizing Committee will have a special line for expedited check-in services.
- Other Check-In: All participants must make total payment upon arrival in U.S. cash dollars to the Houston Local Organizing Committee.
- We kindly ask that you send, ten days before your arrival, the bank document that accredits the funds transfer to 2015iwf@houstonports.org in order to validate your payment with our bank.

All payments must be made in U.S. dollars currency and any bank charges for transfers or other transactions are the responsibility of the Member Federation. No accommodations or accreditations will be offered to any delegation member until funds have been received in full to the U.S.A. bank account.

7. Wire Transfers

Detailed wire transfer instructions will be sent upon receipt of entry forms or upon request

8. Deadlines

Forms must be sent together with the e photo and passport copies before the deadlines.

- Preliminary Entry Form / Preliminary Accommodation and Transport Forms are due on or before 5:00 p.m. central U.S. time on **SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**
- Final Entry, Accommodation, Transportation, and Media Accreditation Forms are due on or before 5:00 p.m. central U.S. time on **OCTOBER 20, 2015**



- After the submission of the final forms on October 20, 2015, should you require any additional hotel rooms, the Houston Local Organizing Committee will use their best efforts to accommodate your additional team members in the same hotel, however, this cannot be guaranteed. A supplementary invoice will be sent and due to the Houston Local Organizing Committee from the member federation. Cancellations will be accepted after October 20, 2015, but no refunds will be given.

All forms must be sent to the following email address by the designated deadlines:

2015iwf@houstonsports.org

9. Visas

- All participants who require visas in the United States of America shall apply in their own nation. **It is strongly advised to apply for your United States visa four months in advance of your travel at <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html>**
- **The following countries must travel to get visa interviews: Antigua and Barbuda, Belarus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Islamic Republic of Iran, Libya, Macau, Mauritius, Nauru, Somalia, St. Vincent and The Grenadines, Syrian Arab Republic, and Yemen**
- The following nations may apply for the Visa Waiver Program (ESTA):
Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan and the United Kingdom
<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

Please send confirmation that you have applied for your visa, together with the names, dates of birth, and passport numbers for the individuals for whom you have applied to: 2015iwf@houstonsports.org **as soon as you have applied.**

10. Accreditation

- The accreditation will take place in the **Hilton Americas Houston** hotel, 1600 Lamar Street, Houston, Texas 77010, USA.
- Houston Local Organizing Committee will make accreditation cards before the arrival of each team, in order to avoid undesired queues at the hotel it is required that each delegation email by October 20, 2015, the **name list and e-photos** (passport size and style) of your entire delegation to 2015iwf@houstonsports.org.
- Those countries that have completed all payments and emailed copies of all passports and photos will have an express accreditation line to further speed their check-in process.
- All media participants must be approved through the HLOC and IWF. Please submit your information to SBlanton@houstonsports.org.



11. Hotel Information

- All incidentals will be turned off in all guest rooms including In-room movies, long distance telephone charges, room service, resort fees, and other such amenities. Participants must pay for incidentals with cash at the Front Desk at their own expense.
- Bottled water will be available in the Training Hall and Warm-Up Room only. Tap water is safe to drink in the United States.
- No cooking devices will be permitted in any areas of the hotels. Any use of a cooking device will result in guest being locked out of their hotel room.

12. Flag and Anthem

- Each delegation participating in the competition should bring a minimum of two national flags sized 100cm x 150cm. This must be submitted at the Accreditation Center. Additionally at check-in, each Member Federation must listen to their country's national anthem and authorize it is accurate.

13. Transport

- The Houston Local Organizing Committee will provide shuttle transfer and welcome services between Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), and return.
- The Houston Local Organizing Committee will provide shuttle transfer only on request between Houston William P Hobby Airport (HOU), and return.
- Accommodation and Transportation forms shall state which airport, airline and flight number each delegate will be arriving on, and will be returned on October 20, 2015.
- No transportation will be provided between the host hotels and the competition venue.

14. Competition Regulation

The 2015 IWF World Championships will follow the IWF Technical and Competition Rules and Regulations (TCRR).

15. Terms and Conditions of Participation

- Accredited Participants - athletes, team officials, technical officials (TOs), media, guests, etc. must:
 - Acknowledge and fully comply with IWF Constitution and By-Laws, TCRR, Anti-Doping Policy (ADP)
 - Abide by all reasonable directions given by the IWF, the Houston Local Organizing Committee (HLOC), TOs
 - Agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, interviewed and otherwise recorded during the Event for the purpose of the media coverage and the promotion of the sport
 - Agree that any of the above mentioned images may be used by IWF and/or HLOC
 - Assign with full title guarantee in perpetuity to the IWF all rights of any nature in any such recordings



- Accept any prize or award given by IWF and/or HLOC/sponsors, and will attend all special award ceremonies where prizes or awards are presented
- Attend a Press Conference upon request of the IWF/HLOC
- Not participate in, support, or promote illegal betting
- Participate in the Event at their own risk and take all reasonable measures to protect themselves from any risk
- Be responsible for all property they bring into the Event - the IWF and/or OC shall have no responsibility in any loss or damage of this property
- Irrevocably release IWF & HLOC from liability for any loss, injury, or damage that they may suffer in relation to their participation in the Event
- Guarantee that they participate in the Event with the permission of their parent(s) or guardian(s) in case they are minors
- Acknowledge that by not following the above mentioned terms and conditions, sanctions may be imposed
- Be a Member Federation of the IWF in good standing
- Agree that entry is subject to payment of all fees inclusive of entry, anti-doping, accommodation, food and transportation payment prior to use of any HLOC or IWF facility, save for airport transportation
- Acknowledge that no accommodation is guaranteed until full payment is received
- Agree that the use of syringes is banned in all areas of the IWF World Championships, inclusive of accommodation areas
- Acknowledge that Member Federations participating in the World Championships do so at their own
- Undertake full moral and financial responsibility of their registered/accredited delegates with regard to their health and wellness, and in the case of accidents or damages not attributable to the HLOC

16. Eligibility

- Participating athletes must be 15 years of age and over (year of birth 2000 or earlier).
- With reference to Article 5.6.4 of the IWF Anti-Doping Policy, the Athletes who are not listed in the IWF's Registered Testing Pool and who want to enter an IWF Event shall nevertheless register to the ADAMS system and submit proper whereabouts information at least two months before and during the IWF Event in question. The Athletes who do not comply with this provision are not eligible to compete. Only competitors of Member Federations that has no arrears towards the IWF are eligible to participate.

17. Event Categories

Men: 56kg / 62kg / 69kg / 77kg / 85kg / 94kg / 105kg / +105kg
Women: 48kg / 53kg / 58kg / 63kg / 69kg / 75kg / +75kg

18. Minimum Entry Totals

- To ensure that only athletes deserving to lift on the World Championships platform can participate, the Executive Board approved the introduction of Minimum Entry Totals. The Minimum Entry Total in each bodyweight category is **65% of the reference number for women**; and **75% of the reference number for men**.

Reference number = Average result of the winner in each category of the 2010, 2011 & 2013 World Championships.

| Men | Reference number (kg) | Minimum Entry Total (kg) | Women | Reference number (kg) | Minimum Entry Total (kg) |
|--------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 56kg | 291 | 218 | 48kg | 207 | 135 |
| 62kg | 320 | 240 | 53kg | 223 | 145 |
| 69kg | 345 | 259 | 58kg | 238 | 155 |
| 77kg | 376 | 282 | 63kg | 252 | 164 |
| 85kg | 384 | 288 | 69kg | 264 | 172 |
| 94kg | 404 | 303 | 75kg | 290 | 189 |
| 105kg | 423 | 317 | +75kg | 325 | 211 |
| +105kg | 460 | 345 | | | |

19. Awards

- Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in the Snatch, the Clean & Jerk, and the Total in each bodyweight category.
- Trophies will be awarded to the best six teams respectively for both Men's and Women's competitions in accordance with IWF Team Classification.
- The OC shall award Best Lifter Titles in the Men's and Women's events. The best lifter will each receive an Eleiko competition barbell.
- IWF shall also award its IWF Media Trophies for Best Male and Female Lifters.

6. Doping Control

- Doping Control will be conducted in accordance with the IWF Anti-Doping Policy.

20. Barbell

- The IWF approved ELEIKO barbells will be used in Competition & Training.



21. Insurance

- All participating Federations must undertake full moral and financial responsibility of their registered/accredited delegates with regard to their health and wellness and in case of any accidents or damages not attributable to the Houston Local Organizing Committee. Any medical team doctors wishing to practice in the United States must acquire a Texas license.

22. Tickets

- Tickets for the 2015 IWF World Weightlifting Championships in Houston, TX are still available! Go to <http://www.houstoniwf2015.com/tickets/> to purchase tickets and enter in the promo code VISA for a 10% discount! Don't miss your chance to check out the best weightlifters in the world at the George R. Brown Convention Center from November 20-28!
- The HLOC kindly requests that all Member Federations make this link available to their members and fans.

For more information about Houston, Texas, USA: <http://www.HoustonSports.org>

- Average temperature during the Championships will be approximately 16 degrees Celsius or 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The electricity in USA is 110v. Electricity outlets in the USA are the "Type B" North American NEMA 5-15 standard. If your appliance does not match this type of socket, you will need an adapter to plug in.
- The local currency in the United States is the U.S. Dollar.
- No outside food and beverage will be permitted in the hotel public areas due to health and safety reasons.

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