

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 BYLAW CHANGES

In 1996 our group of Masters Weightlifters believed themselves to be a Committee of the CWFHC, yet nothing in the CWFHC Constitution noted that arrangement. There has never been any constitutional inclusion of the Masters Committee in the CWFHC Constitution even when we referred to ourselves as their Masters Committee.

In 2002 we added the 30-age category and changed the titles of our Executive. We changed our name to “Canadian Weightlifting Federation Halterophilie Canadienne Masters Committee” even though there remained no record that we were ever indeed part of that Federation. Our group continued to evolve, making changes to our Masters Record Criteria developing “Guideline/Protocol for Canadian Masters Weightlifting Championships.” As of 2018, there is no reference to our group in any By-law of the CWFHC and according to some of the Executive members, there never was.

Our new By-laws will clarify who we are, how we are organized and our aims and aspirations in affiliation with, but not part of the CWFHC. They address and update the following:

- **Impressing upon the membership** that we are not a Masters Committee of the CWFHC, but instead a **separate Canadian Weightlifting organization**. (Articles II, III, IV, and V)
- **Establishing to our members**, other Weightlifters, other weightlifting organizations and the general public that we are **referred to as the Canadian Masters Weightlifting Federation Halterophilie Canadienne** with an abbreviation of CMWFHC. (Article I).
- **Including in our By-laws a past AGM decision that includes one younger age group**. (Article VI)
- **Maintaining the administration of the Federation** with the same three elected Executive Officers (with room for additional members if needed) and naming them “**the Board**.” The work of the Board will be alleviated by **an Advisory Committee**. This complies with Corporations Canada regulations should the Board later decide to incorporate the Federation (Article VII)
- **Updating the roles and responsibilities of the three elected Board members** (President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer). (Articles VIII & X)
- **Including the Canadian Masters Weightlifting Championships** as a By-law in order to ensure it remains under the ownership of the CMWFHC and a mandatory event of our Federation. (Article XVI)
- **Inserting clauses in Financial Management** to include a Public Accountant, if required; flexibility to change the fiscal year, if needed; clarify signing authorities and indemnification of members. (Article XIV)
- **Clarifying how our rules or By-laws can be amended, adopted or repealed** or our Federation dissolved. (Articles XVII to XXIII). The 2/3 majority of members present at the AGM is unchanged. What is changed is that we do not need the approval of CWFHC to amend our By-laws.

Our AGM still stands as our democratic standard for ratifying our By-laws and approving any amendments. Motions can still be presented at the AGM (Article 9.06). If those assembled are of the view that the number of members present at the AGM is not appropriate for a truly representative vote of the membership, then that vote can be suspended and a motion made to conduct the vote using another format. The Board and its Advisory Committee would then have to decide on how best to conduct that vote.

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