



**2021 WORLD MASTERS GAMES/IWF MASTERS WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ATHLETES SELECTION &
PROCEDURAL RULES OF PARTICIPATION**

ENTRY RULES:

- There is no maximum registration number. **Procedural rules** will be applied to reach a **final approximate entry of 800 athletes**, and those not selected will be informed a few days after the closing date of PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION.

Registration

Eligibility for participation: Athletes must be at least 35 years of age by 31 December 2021 and reach the 2021 IWF MASTERS QUALIFYING TOTALS accordingly.

1. Preliminary registration will be by the IWF Masters Registration System: www.masterswreg.com
Preliminary registration opens **16 Sept. 2020 and closes 15 December 2020**
2. When registration in the Preliminary System is completed athletes must register for WMG through the WMG website to pay the entry fee and receive accreditation before competing.
3. WMG website registration opens 20 Dec. 2020 and closes 28th February 2021
<https://www.wmg2021.jp/en>
4. Procedural rules will be applied to reach a final approximate entry of 800 athletes, and those not selected will be informed a few days after the Closing date of the PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION.
5. **THOSE SELECTED WILL RECEIVE AN ACCESS CODE FROM THEIR NATIONAL MASTERS CHAIR IN ORDER TO REGISTER AND PAY ON THE OFFICIAL 2021 WMG WEBSITE: <https://www.wmg2021.jp/en>**
6. **THE ACCESS CODE RECEIVED MUST NOT BE SHARED WITH ANYONE ELSE!!**
7. The official Competition Schedule will be produced based on the number selected lifters.

SELECTION RULES:

- The total number of lifters allowed in all groups, i.e., bodyweight category within age group will be 12.
- All nations will be allowed a minimum of one entry in every session.
- National Masters Chairmen will be responsible for the following rules:
 - In all groups, a maximum of 5 lifters will be allowed from one nation.
 - Lifters must be capable of achieving the qualifying standard.
 - Lifters must achieve the qualifying standard in an officially recognised competition within a qualification period.
 - **In the case of identical entry totals, the first submission of date/hour received will be ranked higher. The National Masters Chair/Committee determines which event(s) are recognized for a Masters athlete to qualify.**

DUE TO THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN THE QUALIFYING PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED. START DATE 16 AUGUST 2019 – END DATE 15 DECEMBER 2020. ALL POSTPONED (correction provided by M. Gomes)



NATIONAL/CONTINENTAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE NOW INCLUDED WITHIN THIS DATES.

Procedural Rules

- The system will operate by selecting a group.
- There are 10 age group for men, with 10 bodyweight categories each.
- There are 8 age groups for women with 10 bodyweight categories each.
- For example, the first group selected for men will be M35 and bodyweight category 55kg, and the first group for women will be W35 and bodyweight category 45kg.
- Any group with less than 5 lifters registered will result in all being selected and the next group will be selected (i.e. M35/-61kg or W35/-49kg, respectively).
- If a group has more than 5 lifters from one nation registered, the 5 lifters with the “best totals” registered will be selected and the remaining lifters highlighted for deselection.
- If the same group now has less than 12 lifters they will all be selected, the next group will then be tested.
- For a group with more than 12 lifters registered.
- The 12 with the highest “best total” will be selected.
- The remaining lifters in the group will be highlighted for deselection.

The above procedures will be applied to every group.

During these procedures, it will be ensured that sole athletes of one nation will not be excluded from the registration process by systematic application of the above procedural rules.

After the closing date, athletes are still allowed to move up or down a bodyweight category within their age group. It is advised that anyone who does change their bodyweight category is aware of the new 80% rule which has replaced the 15/10kg rule.

Moving up or down a bodyweight category is allowed, although it might result in a group having more than 12 lifters and the possibility of more than 5 lifters from a nation.

If the total selected entry is less than 800 the final procedural rule will be applied.

Where the total registered entry is under 800 the system will examine all groups, men and women, with more than 12 lifters to check the option to allow a deselected entry to be selected.

The 13th ranked lifter will then be selected if he or she is not the 6th lifter from that country to be selected.

This procedure will stop when the registration has reached 800 and when this happens there may still be some deselected registrations.

Please see the following example.

The IWF Masters Committee agree that these procedures are the most equitable method of selecting the best lifters across all nations.

Example for groups where there are more than 12 registered and the total registered is less than 800.

Men M50/81kg



Group Rank	Overall Rank	Nation	
Selected entries for group			
1	74	ESA	
2	197	CHN	
3	320	LBN	
4	436	CAN	
5	526	CAN	
6	609	USA	
7	672	USA	
8	721	USA	
9	764	USA	
10	800	USA	
11	830	FRA	
12	858	CAN	
Deselected entries for group			
13	880	FRA	selected
14	899	POL	selected
15	913	CAN	selected
16	921	USA	not selected, 5 from USA in the group
17	931	JPN	selected
18	937	CAN	selected
19	942	UZB	selected
20	970	CAN	not selected, 5 from CAN in the group
21	980	GBR	selected