

## IPF STAYS ACTIVE DURING COVID-19

The world of powerlifting as other sports has been heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. All international powerlifting events had to be canceled in 2020. This resulted in revenue from nomination fees, anti-doping fees etc. being wiped out. At the same time the daily work and important projects have been pushed forward by the IPF management.



“2020 has been a trying year for us all in IPF but I’m happy to say that we have used this time extremely well to strengthen IPF’s position in the international sport community and improve and prepare the IPF for the future. A new Strategy Plan for 2020-2024, has now been approved by the IPF Executive Board.” says Mr. Gaston Parage IPF President.

The IPF has signed an agreement with The Canadian Center for Ethics in Sport (CCES)



With this change IPF’s anti-doping activities have been transferred to an independent testing authority ensuring professional, comprehensive anti-doping service, independent from sporting or political powers.

We have used COVID-19 times to revise our Constitution and By-Laws in order to improve still further good governance, transparency, athletes’ representation, best practice, and accountability. A draft will be presented and voted on at the next General Assembly.

Since 2017 the IPF has been working very closely with FISU and in 2022 there will be the first FISU Powerlifting World Cup. A very good conversation is ongoing with the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) and the Special Olympics (SOI). IBSA and IPF will sign a MOU shortly.

The IPF is also very pleased and honored to be part of the AIMS’s Virtual Youth Festival from United Through Sports. We are excited to follow how our lifters will perform in the competition with the other athletes from more than 60 International Sports Federations.

The IPF is currently working on new competition formats which can be used on “traditional” events with physical presence like a world championship, but also as an online format to give lifters in difficult times like now with the COVID-19 pandemic a platform to compete. Additional to this the IPF will implement an online youth tournament, which is mainly foreseen to attract youths to the sport without lifting heavy weights.

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