



**Matthew Curtain, CEO**

**British Weight Lifting updates**

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Dear members

March has been a month of progress across performance, governance, and community development, with a number of important announcements and opportunities for our members.

We were proud to see Cyrille Tchatchet II appointed to the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Health, Medical and Research Standing Committee**. This is a significant achievement and a reflection of Cyrille's expertise and commitment to clean sport, not only within weightlifting but across the global sporting landscape.

We were delighted to see outstanding success at the **World Para Powerlifting European Championships**, where the GB team delivered an exceptional medal haul of **17 medals, including 10 golds**, alongside multiple personal bests and record-breaking performances. This result is a testament to the strength and progression of our para powerlifting programme and reflects the dedication of athletes, coaches and support staff across the pathway.

On the performance pathway, we announced the **GB team for the 2026 IWF World Junior Championships**, providing another valuable opportunity for our emerging athletes to gain international experience and continue their development on the world stage.

Volunteers remain at the heart of our sport, and we were pleased to open applications for the **BUCS Championships** and **British Championships 2026**. These events rely on the dedication and passion of our volunteer workforce, and I encourage anyone interested to get involved and support the delivery of our flagship competitions.

We also launched an **Invitation to Tender for a new commercial partner**, marking an exciting step forward as we look to strengthen our partnerships and support the long-term growth and sustainability of British Weight Lifting.

Maintaining integrity in sport continues to be a top priority, and this month we published our **Anti-Doping Summary of Activities for 2025**, highlighting the ongoing work being undertaken to promote clean sport and uphold the highest standards across weightlifting and para powerlifting.

In addition, the **British Weight Lifting Foundation** announced the recipients of its latest **coaching scholarships**, helping more individuals access coaching qualifications and further strengthening the development of our coaching workforce. The Foundation is also currently seeking applications for an **Independent Trustee**, offering an opportunity for individuals to contribute their expertise and help guide its important work.

With excitement building towards the **Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games**, we launched a competition giving members the chance to win tickets to the closing session of the weightlifting competition - a fantastic opportunity to be part of what promises to be a memorable Games on home soil.

Finally, nominations are now open for the **British Weight Lifting Annual Achievement Awards**, providing an opportunity to recognise the individuals and clubs who make a lasting impact across our sport. From athletes and coaches to volunteers and officials, these awards celebrate the people who go above and beyond, and I encourage all members to take the time to submit a nomination.

As we move into April, attention turns to the **BUCS Championships** and continued preparations for a busy competition season ahead. Thank you, as always, to our athletes, coaches, volunteers and partners for your ongoing commitment and support.

Kindly,

**Matthew Curtain**

CEO