

Policy



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Subject	Policy on the Recognition of Results from Overseas Domestic Competitions

a. Executive Summary

British Weight Lifting (BWL) recognises the value of athletes competing in domestic competitions outside the United Kingdom and the need for clarity and consistency in how such results are treated.

While BWL's position is clear in respect of IWF, EWF, CWF and recognised multi-sport competitions, there has historically been no formal written policy governing the recognition of results achieved at overseas domestic competitions. Instead, a pragmatic, case-by-case approach has been applied.

This policy formalises a simple, proportionate framework for recognising overseas domestic competition results for ranking and qualification purposes only, ensuring alignment with international practice, domestic standards, and anti-doping requirements, while avoiding unnecessary administrative burden.

b. Background

Athletes affiliated to BWL may, from time to time, compete in domestic competitions organised outside the UK under the authority of another National Federation.

Historically, results from such competitions have been considered on an ad hoc basis, typically where:

- An official scoresheet or results document was provided.
- The competition was confirmed as sanctioned by the relevant National Federation; and
- The competition was assumed to have been conducted to acceptable technical standards.

This approach has generally worked well but has relied on individual judgement and informal processes. In addition, variations in officiating practice between federations (for example, the use of fewer than three referees) and the need to ensure appropriate anti-doping alignment highlight the benefit of clearer guidance.

c. Policy Position

1. Recognition of Results

Results from overseas domestic competitions may be recognised by BWL for ranking and qualification purposes only, provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- The competition is sanctioned by the relevant National Federation.
- An official scoresheet or results document is submitted.
- The competition is conducted under IWF Technical Rules, or the recognised domestic equivalent of the host federation.
- The competition aligns with the anti-doping policies and procedures of the host National Federation in good standing, which must be consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- Results from overseas domestic competitions are not eligible for British records.

2. Officiating Standards

BWL recognises that officiating practices may vary between National Federations. There is no requirement for a specific number of referees to have officiated a competition.

Officiating standards must be consistent with the accepted domestic practice of the host National Federation, and referee numbers alone shall not be a barrier to the recognition of results.

This approach is consistent with BWL's own domestic competition framework, including Tier 3 events.

3. Submission of Results

To be considered for recognition, overseas domestic competition results must be submitted in accordance with the following process:

- Results must be submitted to the designated email address; competitions@britishweightlifting.org
- Submissions must be made within one month of the date of the competition.
- Submissions must include:
 - o The official scoresheet or results document.
 - o Confirmation that the competition was sanctioned by the relevant National Federation.
 - o The competition was conducted under IWF Technical Rules, or the recognised domestic equivalent of the host federation.
 - o The competition aligned with the anti-doping policies and procedures of the host National Federation in good standing, which must be consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code.
 - o Late or incomplete submissions may not be considered.

d. Administration and Discretion

The recognition of overseas domestic competition results will remain centrally administered by BWL. Any results that fall outside the scope of this policy may be considered as exceptions, without creating precedent. BWL also reserves the right to request additional information where necessary.

e. Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains aligned with international regulations, domestic competition structures, and anti-doping requirements.