



Marshal duties at competition

In this article we are discussing the general rules of the Chief Marshal and Assistant Marshal at a BWL Tier 1 and 2 competition.

Previously we have discussed the Referee and their role at any BWL competition from a Tier 1 to Tier 3, as well as the weigh-in procedure and what goes on during the Weigh-in at a BWL competition.

For this edition we are discussing the roles that the Chief Marshal must undertake during the Tier 1 and 2 championships. We will be discussing the 20kg rule and other rules the Marshal must follow and is in line with the international rules.

The Electronic system for the Chief Marshal and Assistant Marshal

It is the responsibility of the marshal to **‘Accept or Refuse any modification made by coaches on an attempt’ and ‘to communicate the information to the recorder and speaker about the changes’**.

The Chief and Assistant Marshal are only used at a BWL Tier 1 and 2 Championships. BWL has a new electronic system, which works via wi-fi. The main computer is now connected to tablets. After lifters have entered the competition via the Sport80 portal each lifter's information is loaded on to the competition computer and tablets. They will be listed in body weight categories. At the competition the weigh-in TO is given a tablet, with all the information on. We follow the weigh-in procedure and check that the lifters' total is within 20kg of their entry total. If they give a total more than 20kg they must change the total. After the weigh-in the system is ready for the competition.

When the TO arrives at the Marshal Table there will be 6 tablets, each tablet will be ready with the body weight category and list of lifters for lifters and coaches to come and make any changes.

When the competition starts coaches will come to the table to make any changes and it is here that the Chief and Assistant Marshal need to ensure the correct coach is making changes for the right lifter. The coach needs to look for their lifter, then make a weight change and confirm the scoreboard will automatically adjust to the new weights.

The paper system for the Chief Marshal and Assistant Marshal

The paper method is used at international events. The Chief Marshal is given a number of 'Athlete Cards'. These cards have all the information of each lifter such as name, club, date of birth, opening weights and is used by the coach to make changes for the lifter as the competition progresses

Example:



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2019					
Start no.	Name:	Steven	Cosham	BWL No.	Birth date:
	Club:	Unattached			
Age Category: SENIOR	Weight Category: 61KG	Body weight:	Signature:	Entry Total 190	
Clean & Jerk					
1st Attempt	2nd Attempt	3rd Attempt	Automatic Increment:		
Declared Weight at the Weight					
Declared Weight:					
Sign: 1st Change Sign: 1st Change					
Sign: 2nd Change Sign: 2nd Change					
Sign: 20KG RULE Sign:					
Snatch					
1st Attempt	2nd Attempt	3rd Attempt	Automatic Increment:		
Declared Weight at the Weight					
Declared Weight:					
Sign: 1st Change Sign: 1st Change					
Sign: 2nd Change Sign: 2nd Change					
Sign: 20KG RULE Sign:					



At the weigh-in the lifter/coach will write in their opening lifts in the yellow boxes and the 20kg rule (which can be seen in the top right box) is checked. The Chief Marshall must also check this and make any corrections with the lifter/coach before the start of the competition.

The Chief and Assistant Marshal are advised to carry their own black and red pens, which are used to differentiate who has written the information down. The black pens are used by coaches to make any changes and sign their signature. The red pens are used by the Chief and Assistant Marshal to write in the 1kg increment, the automatic weight and mark out the change boxes for attempts after the time has run out.

Example:

The process is clear when **black** and **red** pens are used.

Start no. 3	Name: CHINEN Yuki		Birth date: 29 / 07 / 1998	
Lot no. 159	Category: 56	Body weight: 55.87	Signature: RC	Entry total: 280
Snatch				
1st Attempt		2nd Attempt		3rd Attempt
Declared Weight at the Weigh-in: 115 RC		Automatic Weight: 121 Declared Weight: 130 RC		Automatic Weight: 130 Declared Weight:
1st Change 120 RC		1st Change		1st Change
Sign:		Sign:		Sign:
2nd Change		2nd Change		2nd Change
Sign:		Sign:		Sign:

Coaches



black

Marshals



red



The lifter/coach is able to make 2 changes, which they may make anytime in the first 30 seconds of their 1 minute once the lifter has been called to lift. If the lifter has consecutive attempts they are given 2 minutes from being called. If the lifter is going to be tactical the coach must go and acknowledge the 1kg increment by signing next to the increment. This is their declaration and once they have done this they may have the remaining time up to the last 30 seconds to make their final changes.

The competition clock needs to be in the Marshals eye line to be able to close the remaining attempt boxes after the final 30 second buzzer has sounded.

Coaches may try to sneak another attempt by signing next to the `1kg increment`, then add a `declared weight` and then try to make 2 changes using the 2 boxes. The Chief Marshal must be aware once the coach signs the 1kg increment it *becomes* the declaration and the coach is now left with the 2 changes.

