

WORLD EQUIPPED POWERLIFTING FEDERATION/ WEPF



DISCIPLINARY CODE

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I. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1. World Equipped Powerlifting Federation/ WEPF (hereafter - WEPF) has jurisdiction over WEPF entities. This disciplinary code is applicable to any events organized under the auspices of WEPF and in other cases stipulated by WEPF norms and rules. The Disciplinary code is designed to provide a profound ethical foundation for the functioning and development of strength sports. The main goal of the Disciplinary code is to create conditions for a fair sports competitions, actions and regulations against negative behaviors and actions and thoughts in modern society, which undermine the basis of strength sports - voluntariness, camaraderie and equality of opportunity. The Disciplinary code cannot contain an exhaustive set of situations and standards of behavior, since it is not possible to foresee all possible situations, in this case the Disciplinary code is applied to a specific situation by analogy and based on the general principles of ethics in the Disciplinary code. Every athlete who in any form interacts with the WEPF is required to know and follow it.
- 1.2. In the disciplinary code, entities WEPF are understood to mean:
- active members of the WEPF;
 - officials;
 - organizers of competitions;
 - athletes of all age groups;
 - sports referees;
 - coaches;
 - team representatives and leaders;
 - medical workers;
 - other persons, defined in the competition rules as participants on the conduct of competitions.
- 1.3. WEPF federation recognizes the lists of suspended and disqualified athletes of the WRPF/WSF/WAF federations. Any athlete temporarily suspended or disqualified in these federations will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

II. THE STATEMENTS OF DISCIPLINARY CODE

2.1. Responsibility

- 2.1.1. The behaviour of the athletes should not be set in a way of open affection to the reputation of the WEPF, its Heads and Officials or strength sports in general.
- 2.1.2. On their authority, athletes must behave exclusively in faith, honestly and responsibly.
- 2.1.3. Athletes must not manipulate the results of sports competitions, make unlawful influence on the results of competitions or participate in other corruptive activities.
- 2.1.4. Athletes are not allowed to abuse their rights or powers.

2.2. Equality

- 2.2.1. No discrimination is permitted in the activities of the WEPF on the basis of racial, gender, national origin, color, culture, religion, political opinion, marital status, sexual orientation or any other unfair or irrelevant fact.

2.3. Dignity

- 2.3.1. Protection of the dignity of the person is a fundamental principle in strength sports, any form of violation of the honor and dignity of the person is prohibited.
- 2.3.2. Athletes must show goodwill towards each other, behave in mutual respect and trust.

2.4. Publicity

- 2.4.1. Athletes should not publicly, including on social networks of the Internet, insult in any way the WAF and strength sports, the WEPF officials and other athletes.

2.5. Confidentiality

- 2.5.1. Athletes must not disclose information entrusted to them in confidence in connection with their activities, unless disclosure is required in accordance with applicable law.
- 2.5.2. Any information that is confidential or not confidential, obtained in connection with the implementation of activities, cannot be used for personal gain or profit, and should not be used for malicious purposes to worsen the reputation of the WEPF.

2.6. Neutrality

- 2.6.1. Athletes must maintain political neutrality in their professional activities with governmental, state and international organizations.

III. APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS

- 3.1. Sanctions of the disciplinary code apply to any WEPF subject if it is found guilty of committing a violation, whether committed intentionally or through negligence.
- 3.2. Any WEPF subject consciously participating in the commission of a violation, either as an organizer, either as an instigator or as an accomplice, will be found guilty.
- 3.3. Complicity in violation it is the deliberate joint participation of two or more WEPF subjects in the commission of an intentional violation.
- 3.4. Attempts to commit a violation are the deliberate actions of a WEPF subject directly aimed at committing a violation, if the violation has not been brought to an end due to circumstances beyond the control of the subject.
- 3.5. The Disciplinary code applies to any actions that infringe on the authenticity, honesty and reputation of the WEPF and strength sports.
- 3.6. Athletes are personally responsible for reviewing the Disciplinary code.

IV. TYPES OF VIOLATIONS

Violations for which disciplinary sanctions are applied (the list is not exhaustive):

- 4.1. Non-observance of sports discipline in the conduct of competitions.
- 4.2. Failure to comply with the principles of the Disciplinary Code of the WEPF.
- 4.3. Insulting the honor and dignity of WEPF subjects when carrying out sports and other events, in the media, on the Internet.
- 4.4. Wrongful actions against WEPF subjects.
- 4.5. Communication of knowingly false and unreliable information.
- 4.6. Incitement (or incitement to) discord between the subjects of the WEPF and / or other powerlifting federations.
- 4.7. Discrimination on the basis of racial, gender, national origin, color, culture, religion, political opinion, marital status, sexual orientation or any other unfair or irrelevant fact in relation to all subjects of the WEPF.
- 4.8. Violation of the symbolism and / or award attributes of WEPF.
- 4.9. Negligent attitude to WEPF property.
- 4.10. Untimely report on the occurrence of a situation that poses a threat to the life and health of people, the security of WEPF property.
- 4.11. Non-appearance without good reason for sports and other events organized by WEPF, with prior consent to participate in these events.
- 4.12. Non-fulfillment of decisions of the governing body of WEPF.

V. SANCTIONS APPLIED

5.1. Applied sanctions against WEPF subjects for committed violations:

- a reprimand ;
- a warning;
- fine;
- deprivation of the won awards (WEPF titles);
- disqualification (for a certain period, lifelong).

5.2. Sanction in the form of a reprimand is an oral reminder of the inadmissibility of violations in the future specified in the disciplinary code.

5.3. A sanction in the form of a warning is an oral or written warning to a WEPF subject about applying more significant measures in the event of further violations of the disciplinary code. Valid for a year from the date of the announcement.

5.4. Sanction in the form of a fine instructs the WEPF subject for transfer to the WEPF settlement account the money amount determined by the WEPF Presidium. The accredited regional represent of WEPF is responsible for the implementation of the sanction. In case of refusal to pay a fine to this WEPF subject applies a sanction in the form of lifetime disqualification.

5.5. In cases of serious violations of the competition rules and the disciplinary code, applies a sanction in the form of deprivation of the won awards (WEPF titles) to the WEPF subject. The application of this type of penalties obliges the WEPF subject to return all awards (medals, prizes, etc.) received at the specified competition. Automatically, the WEPF subject is deprived of the titles won in this competition. The accredited regional represent of WEPF is responsible for the implementation of the sanction. In the case of refusal to return the rewards applies a sanction in the form of a disqualification for a period determined by the Presidium of the WEPF to this WEPF subject.

5.6. Sanction in the form of disqualification is the most stringent measure of impact and is used in cases of multiple serious violations of the disciplinary code by WEPF subjects. Disqualification provides for a ban on participation and presence in any official capacity at all WEPF events for the period of validity of the disqualification (in the case of lifetime disqualification - a lifetime ban).

VI. FORMS OF SANCTIONS APPLICATION

- 6.1. Sanctions for violations committed in the area of this jurisdiction are imposed by the decision of the Presidium of WEPF on the basis of requests from WEPF subjects (except for an oral comment), after a check by the disciplinary commission of the WEPF.
- 6.2. The Disciplinary Commission consists of the Deputy Chairman of the WEPF (Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission) and two members of the WEPF Presidium, elected for a period of 3 years.
- 6.3. The Disciplinary Commission accepts explanations from the requesting party, witnesses and eyewitnesses of the committed violation, from the person or group of persons suspected of committing the violation, records the evidence of the violation. Upon completion of the audit, the commission shall decide whether the composition of the offense was in the actions of the suspect or not. When establishing the guilt of a suspect, the Disciplinary Commission may recommend that the Presidium of the WEPF apply this or that penalty. Recommendations of the disciplinary commission are not binding.
- 6.4. The Presidium of the WEPF determines the size and duration of the sanctions. When determining them, all the circumstances of the case are taken into account. In particular, the age of the subject of WEPF, which is sanctioned, the absence or presence of past violations, the circumstances of the personal plan, the degree of guilt (intent or negligence), the reasons that led him to commit the violation, the systematic nature of the violations, and the severity of the violation.
- 6.5. The form and content of the decision of the Presidium of the WEPF with the imposition of disciplinary sanctions:
 - a summary of the facts;
 - legal justification of the decision;
 - the operative part of the decision;
 - the timing of the implementation of sanctions;
 - notification of the procedure and terms of appeal.
- 6.6. Appeals on disciplinary sanctions are considered by the Presidium of the WEPF.