



INVITATION

To the President / General Secretary

of AWF Affiliated National Weightlifting Federation / Association

Dear Weightlifting Family,

We are delighted to share that the City of Ahmedabad in India has been entrusted with Hosting of 2030 Commonwealth Games as the City has world-class infrastructure and sports facilities and a rapidly growing “sports enclave” planned for multiple disciplines. This will be the centenary (100-year) edition of the Games, marking a major milestone. The Games are scheduled to take place in October 2030.

It gives us immense pride and great pleasure to extend a cordial invitation to the **2026 AWF Asian Senior Weightlifting Championships**, to be held in the vibrant city of **Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India**, from **9th to 17th May 2026**.

Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar are Gujarat's prominent "twin cities," an integrated urban area where Ahmedabad is the bustling economic/historic center and Gandhinagar serves as the planned, green capital, linked by seamless infrastructure like metro/roads, aiming to form a unified growth hub with shared development, education (IIM-A, GNLU), and smart city initiatives (GIFT City) between them.

The Championships will be organized in close collaboration with the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**, the **Sports Authority of India (SAI)**, the **Government of India**, the **Sports Authority of Gujarat**, the **Government of Gujarat**, and **local authorities** in the State, ensuring the highest standards of organization and hospitality.

Athletes and delegations will experience premier facilities and venues equipped with state-of-the-art weightlifting platforms, training zones, recovery centers, and modern amenities, all reflecting India's growing commitment to excellence in sports.

We are dedicated to delivering an unforgettable Championship that will not only celebrate the spirit of Asian weightlifting but also mark another milestone in the city's illustrious sporting journey. We look forward to welcoming you to **Gandhinagar** - the heart of Gujarat and a rising powerhouse in the world of sport.



Warm regards,

Dr. (Hon.) Sahdev Yadav
President

Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF)



COMPETITION REGULATIONS





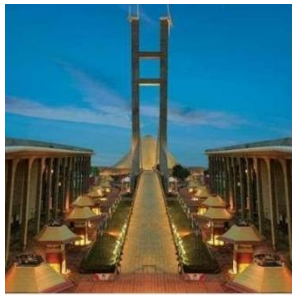
2026 ASIAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DATES & PLACE

9-17 May 2026, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

2. COMPETITION AND TRAINING VENUE

The Mahatma Mandir Convention & Exhibition Centre, Sector 13C, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382016 (INDIA)



3. ACCOMMODATION

- (i) **HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA, NEAR SHAPATH V, S. G. ROAD, SATELLITE, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT - 380015, INDIA**





- (ii) **VIVANTA HIGHWAY, 147, 53, SARKHEJ - GANDHINAGAR HWY, OPPOSITE BHAGWAT VIDHYA PEETH, SOLA, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT 380061 (INDIA)**



- (iii) **WELCOMHOTEL BY ITC HOTELS, ASHRAM ROAD, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT, INDIA.**



A minimum stay of 4 (four) nights is required for all participants.



NOTE: Check-in: after 15:00 / Check-out: before 12:00 (Early check-ins and late check-outs will be charged for full day)

4. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION FEE (with full board)

Single room: USD 180/person/night.

Double room: USD 160/person/night (king / queen size beds).

ENTRY FEE

USD 220/athlete (including USD 100 Anti-Doping Fee)

Delegates & Team Officials: USD 120/person

PAYMENT

All participants should pay the relevant fees by bank transfer to the Local Organizing Committee.

All payments must be made in US Dollar currency and any bank charges for transfers or other transactions shall be paid by the Member Federation / Association.

BANK TRANSFER PAYMENTS

Important rules for Bank transactions:

100% of the total payment (accommodation & entry fee) must be transferred by 9 April 2026 to the Bank Account of the Local Organizing Committee.

The countries unable to make wire transfers are required to submit a request to the AWF President and the AWF General Secretary to obtain permission to pay in cash upon arrival.

Please contact your bank and consider the transaction time of your transfer to be duly received on or before 9th April 2026 to the bank account of the LOC. Any short payment received on account of bank service charges deducted by the Bank should be paid in cash immediately upon arrival of team in Gandhinagar.

Name of Beneficiary -	Indian Weightlifting Federation
Name of Bank -	HDFC Bank Limited
Address -	B-222-223, Sector-16, Noida, U.P. 201301



Account No. - 50100477267200 (all numeric figures)
IFSC Code - HDFC0001351
(in words HDFC zero zero zero one three five one)
MICR Code - 110240154
(in wordsone one zero two four zero one five four)
SWIFT Code - HDFCINBB
IBAN No. - 50100477267200
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BSR CODE - 0510875-2710008
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No accommodations or accreditations will be issued to any delegation member until funds have been received in full by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

No accommodation is guaranteed until full payment is received.

Hotel “No-Show” charges: If one or more delegation participants do not arrive on the date specified on the Accommodation & Transportation Form and have not informed the Local Organizing Committee before 9 April 2026, the delegation must pay the charge of “No-Show” per person to the Local Organizing Committee. The charge is equal to the Accommodation Fee per person/day.

If one or more participants are delayed one or more days, the delegation must pay for all the days specified in the Accommodation & Transportation Form sent.

After the submission of the Accommodation & Transportation Form until 9 April 2026 at the last, should you require any additional hotel rooms, the LOC will try their best to accommodate your additional team members in the same hotel, however, this cannot be guaranteed.

Cancellations will not be accepted after 9th April 2026 and no refunds will be given.

5. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURES / ATHLETES' REGISTRATION

Athletes which were submitted on Preliminary Entry can be verified on Online Verification via AWF Entry Platform website a-entry.com on 25 April 2026. There is no any additional athlete submission can be made.



The following documents must be submitted to the Organizing Committee (by email):

- Accommodation & Transportation Form
- Excel file **soft copy data** form
- Passport Copy & Photos for Accreditation

All forms must be sent to E-mail sportseventswl@gmail.com.

MEDIA

All media participants must be approved by AWF by no later than 9th April 2026.

COACHES REGISTRATION:

Only the member federation coaches registered on the IWF ICL database and having valid license will be eligible to represent as a coach during at the 2026 Asian Championships in Gandhinagar.

To confirm that all federation coach registrations are correct for the Asian Championships kindly forward by email the list of your federation coaches who will participate in Gandhinagar.

6. VISA

- i) All participants (except countries mentioned in sub para ii) and iii) must apply for **Indian Business B-3 category (Sports visa X-SP)** before entering INDIA. **Please fill in the Excel file soft copy data form and return it together with passport copies before 25 March 2026 to E-mail sportseventswl@gmail.com.**

Important note: Invitation letter for visa will be processed in a minimum of two weeks. Passports should have at least six months of validity (**i.e. 15-10-2026 or later**) remaining from the date of your entry or departure to or from India.

- ii) Some of the countries fall under India's Prior Reference Category (PRC) category like **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan, and stateless persons**. Participants from these countries, as well as individuals of Pakistani origin, require special clearance for the B-3 sports visa and are required to apply for the visa in person with Indian Embassies in their Country / Region at least 120 days in advance to avoid procedural delays.
- iii) Countries such as Bahrain, DPR Korea, Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, Turkmenistan, Yemen and regions such as Hong Kong-China and



Macau-China must apply for the Indian B-3 sports visa in person at the Indian Embassy or Consulate in their respective country or region. Applicants are advised to submit their visa applications at least 30 to 60 days in advance to avoid any procedural delays.

- iv) Online visa facilities are available on website - <https://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/> for countries like Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Oman, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Tajikistan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

VISA INSTRUCTIONS IS ATTACHED SEPARATELY FOR APPLYING				
VISA	THROUGH	ONLINE	WEBSITE	PORTAL
https://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/				

LOC cannot guarantee any visa for participants submitting their visa application letter after the above deadline.

7. ACCREDITATION

- i) The Accreditation will take place at the designated Hotel in Gandhinagar.
- ii) It is essential to send clear photos (**as per details given in sub-para iii**) of each participant to the Organizing Committee by email (sportseventswl@gmail.com) to facilitate the preparation of ID/Accreditation cards.
- iii) These photos should be submitted along with the accommodation forms.
- Photo Specifications:**
- Size: 3.5 cm x 4.5 cm
 - File size: 100 KB to 500 KB
 - Background: White
 - File Format: JPG
 - File Name: The file name must include the full name and function of the participant (e.g., Full Name_Coach.jpg).

8. ANTHEM

Each Member Federation should bring two (2) national flags sized 100 x 150 cm and the national anthem on USB drive. This must be submitted upon arrival / accreditation to the Organizing Committee (OC).

The LOC/AWF cannot be held responsible for errors relating to the flag and anthem.



9. TRANSPORTATION

The LOC will provide a free shuttle bus service from/to Gandhinagar Domestic Airport and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport to hotels upon the arrival of delegations.

Accommodation & Transportation Form must be provided by 9 April 2026.

All forms must be sent to the email address of AWF and Organizing Committee

Transportation form shall state which airline, flight number, and exact time each delegate will be arriving and departing. Any change in the travel schedule must be communicated well in advance, otherwise, the LOC cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet the new requests.

Local shuttle bus service will be provided for all participants to get from/to the venues (accommodation, competition/training venue, meetings and any other official program).

10. COMPETITION REGULATION

The 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships will follow the IWF Technical and Competition Rules and Regulations (TCRR).

11. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Accredited Participants - athletes, team officials, technical officials (TO), media, guests, etc. must:

- Acknowledge and fully comply with IWF Constitution & Rules, IWF TCRR, IWF Anti-Doping Rules (ADR), IWF Policies & IWF COVID-19 Protocols;
- Abide by all reasonable directions given by the AWF, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), TOs;
- Should accept any prize or award given by AWF and/or LOC/Sponsors, and will attend all special award ceremonies where prizes or awards are presented;



- Should attend Press Conference upon request of AWF/LOC;
- Should not participate in, support, or promote illegal betting;
- Should be responsible for all property they bring into the Event - the AWF, and/or LOC shall have no responsibility for any loss or damage of this property;
- Should irrevocably release AWF & LOC from liability for any loss, injury, or damage that they may suffer in relation to their participation in the Event;
- Should guarantee that they participate in the Event with the permission of their parent(s) or guardian(s) in case they are minors;
- Should acknowledge that by not following the above-mentioned terms and conditions, sanctions may be imposed;
- Agree that entry is subject to payment of all fees inclusive of entry, anti-doping, accommodation, food and transportation payment prior to use of any LOC or AWF facility, or for airport transfers;
- Should acknowledge that no accommodation or arrangement is guaranteed until full payment is received in advance;
- All participating Federations should undertake full moral and financial responsibility of their registered/accredited delegates with regard to their health and wellness, and in the case of accidents or damages not attributable to the LOC.

12. ELIGIBILITY

Participating athletes must be 15 years of age and over (year of birth 2011 or earlier).

In accordance with article 5.5.16 of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules whereabouts information about the athletes shall be submitted at minimum three (3) months prior to the event, that is 11th February 2026, and the 31st March 2026 is the deadline for the 2nd Quarter of the ADAMS submission.

13. BODYWEIGHT CATEGORIES

MEN: 60kg, 65kg, 71kg, 79kg, 88kg, 94kg, 110kg, +110kg
WOMEN: 48kg, 53kg, 58kg, 63kg, 69kg, 77kg, 86kg, +86kg

14. AWARDS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in Snatch, Clean & Jerk, and Total in each bodyweight category.



Team trophies will be awarded to the best six teams respectively for both Men's and Women's competitions in accordance with Team Classification.

Best Lifters trophy in Men & Women section will be awarded as per IWF TCRR.

15. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be carried out by the Sample Collection Authority appointed by ITA on behalf of IWF in accordance with the IWF Anti-Doping Rules.

16. BARBELL

IWF approved ELEIKO barbells will be used during the competition and training.

17. INSURANCE

According to IWF Regulations, all participants must be under coverage for travel and accident/injury issuance by their respective Federations before their departure from their hometown.

18. TEMPERATURE & ELECTRICITY INFORMATION

Climate during the proposed period: The average temperature in Gandhinagar is 40°C ~ 27°C in May.

Electricity for India associated three main types of plugs: D and M. Indian switches operates on a 220-240V supply voltage and 49.5 Hz and 50.5 Hz.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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Local Organizing Committee

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PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE 2026 AWF ASIAN WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS-GANDHINAGAR

Day	Date	Event
1	9-05-2026	Arrivals of the teams & delegations
2	10-05-2026	Anti-Doping Seminar
		Technical Officials Meeting
3	11-05-2026	48kg Women
		60kg Men
4	12-05-2026	AWF Executive Board Meeting
		AWF Congress
		Opening Ceremony
5	13-05-2026	53kg Women
		65kg Men
		58kg Women
6	14-05-2026	71kg Men
		63kg Women
		79kg Men
7	15-05-2026	Anti-Doping Seminar
		Technical Officials Med-Meeting
		69kg Women



8	16-05-2026	88kg Men
		77kg Women
		94kg Men
9	17-05-2026	86kg Women, +86kg Women
		110kg Men, +110kg Men
10	18-05-2026	Departure of the teams & delegations