



South America Commission Report 2018



WKSF OPEN CUP SOUTH AMERICA 2018 was held at Nov 11th, Dec 1st and 2nd in the municipality of Guarulhos, São Paulo State, Brazil, at University ENIAC facilities.

The event gathered 33 athletes from Brazil, Argentina, Chile and United States of America. That was the first official WKSF Championship in Brazilian lands, which also had the role of athletes' classification for WKSF 2019 World Kettlebell Sport Championship at Dublin, Ireland, from May 23rd to 26th, 2019.

The opening ceremony has been conducted by WKSF South America Coordinator, the Brazilian Mr Christian Thier, along with Mr Fredy Escobar (Chile), Ms Sabrina Aguilera (Argentina) and Mr Hetmanenko Serhiy (USA). WKSF Brazil Staff also participated (Mr Claudio Novelli, Mr Lindolfo Neto, Mr Renato Skubs), besides all of the athletes, trainers and team managers.

The athletes performed classic races of the sport at Elite and Amateur categories, plus Under 15 one. This championship was mandatory to validate an athlete's spot in the Brazilian Kettlebell Sport National Team 2019.

Great results were achieved, and nowadays the Brazilian Team can count on 16 athletes, nine men and seven women. Spots on Emanuel de Oliveira, aged only 12 years old, competing on 16kg bells at U15 category.

Three highlights from the event:

- At first, the elite races, both male and female.
- At second, under 15 races, gathering Brazil and Chile on rep to rep flights at TALC and Biathlon 16kg.
- At last but not least, the relay race closing the event. It was a TALC 24kg race performed by three different teams, two from Brazil and one from Chile, three athletes each, three minutes every athlete.

Podium:

1st place – Brazil / 2nd place – Chile / 3rd place – Brazil

That International event has certainly been the biggest and most important one ever performed on South America. Several gestures of approval from athletes, coaches and trainers were written down and worded out.

Coaches, trainers, athletes, referees and event's staff behavior brought serenity and professionalism to the atmosphere, besides an overall sense of joy and smoothness.

For 2019, WKSF South America Open Cup is booked in Chile, Sep 13th to 15th, at the City of Concepción.

WKSF Open Cup Brazil is also on schedule at the municipality of Guarulhos, São Paulo State, Nov 30th and Dec 1st.

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