



Dear friends,  
we are at the end of this year 2021, the second “particular” year, due to COVID, nevertheless, thanks to the work carried out, we have seen again a growth of WKSF.

During 2021 we had 61 affiliated nations from 5 continents and 2 nations in talks to join WKSF.

In the WKSF 2021 event calendar we had foreseen 23 competitions in 4 continents (America, Asia, Europe, Oceania) a number that demonstrates the important growth of interest in Kettlebell Sport in the world.

The Federation is constantly growing, at the beginning of the year 2021 we have realized the project concerning the material for the award ceremony, specifically we talk about the brooches for JUDGES-CMS-MS-MSEC and the WKSF brooch for the committee and for the commission coordinators ( to highlight that the brooches are delivered free of charge).

The Kettlebell Sport is growing and it is necessary to change the culture of lifting in the competition; the year 2020-2021 unfortunately was penalized by the pandemic, but we organized online competitions, it was a great experience for the judges and for the athletes, however, it is necessary to improve the technical aspect of the execution of the exercise, in compliance with the WKSF regulation, in one word, many athletes lack FIXATION which leads to difficulties in judging and, for the athlete, receiving penalties.

We have carried out the following events:

- Online World Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Stage
- World Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage in Italy
- World Championship in Italy
- European Championship in Sweden
- Open Cup South America in Brazil
- Online Open Cup Asia
- Online Open Cup North America
- Online Open Cup Oceania
- World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage in Italy

We improved the registration methods of the World Records for the ELITE category, for men and women, for the Long Cycle and Biathlon disciplines, it has also been applied to OALC and Snatch women and we have also continued to manage records for the Master category and records in the discipline Half Marathon for men and women.

During the competitive season the judges worked very well, especially in the most important competitions of the year.

In total we have 94 certified judges, in the various categories.

The Online competitions were also an opportunity for the judges to gain additional experience in the function. In season 2021 WKSF expense for the Judges € 9.460,00.

Thanks to the close and continuous contact they had with the jury commission, the judges had the opportunity to improve their preparation in evaluating the valid movements in the various competitions, a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be used in live competitions.



## ● GLOBAL WORK PROJECTS

One of the main goals we have set as WKSF has always been to make our organization and our discipline known in order to obtain ever greater visibility in the world of sport.

For this reason one of our commitment is to establishing and maintain contacts at an international level in order to introduce ourselves and acquire the necessary information to be able to join organizations that can help us achieve our goal.

During 2021 we maintained active contacts with the organizations with which we had established relationships in 2020.

- ISNO : International Sport Network Organization (**Official Member**)
- SRE : Sport REcognized Association (**Official Member**)
- TAFISA : The Association For International Sport of All  
(**Official Member** with international code: **IT IM 003 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION**).
- GAISF : We are working on it

**TAFISA:** with TAFISA we still have big projects.

During 2021 we should have participated in the ONLINE WORLD GAMES TAFISA in Portugal.

In 2021 we should have presented the Kettlebell Sport during the ASIAN GAMES TAFISA in Malaysia but, unfortunately, for political issues the games have been canceled and TAFISA will look for a new Country for 2022.

In 2022 we will present the Kettlebell Sport during the EUROPEAN GAMES TAFISA in Italy-Perugia.

WKSF will participate in the 2022 WORLD CONGRESS in Slovenia. During the year 2021 we have attended, in online mode, Assemblies, Conferences and Workshops promoted by TAFISA

**ISNO:** also with ISNO we aim at interesting projects.

Thanks to close contacts with ISNO, we have recently received useful information related to anti-doping for our sport.

I remind you that, at the moment, the access to WADA is only possible through GAISF, while in the past it could be accessed directly.

ISNO has a proposal relating to the use of a Finnish doping control agency (many sports that do not yet have access to WADA use this strategy to have doping controls for their business). The procedural method provides that all athletes participating in important competitions of the year are registered at a subsidized cost of about € 40-50 per athlete / per year, but a minimum amount of € 10,000.00 must be reached, and this could be feasible.

**SRE:** with SRE we aim to consolidate a fruitful collaboration:

We are cooperating with the international organization SRE, organization of which we are official members, in order to participate at the “World Games SRE” with our “World Cup WKSF” event.

**GAISF:** During the year we worked with GAISF to give WKSF the possibility to be observer member, we paid GAISF registration about 3.800 €, the secretariat provided all the necessary documentation and we await the decision of the GAISF executive committee.

## ● THE COMMISSIONS



Some Commissions, even in the situation in which we had to operate, have faced problems in their area of competence, providing the results.

- Judges Commission: coordinator Enrique Quesada Sanchez, members Matteo Castiglioni and Vasyly Potokii

In the four main Events of 2021, the WKSF Online World Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Stage 2021, WKSF Online North America Cup 2021, WKSF Online Asia Open Cup 2021, WKSF Online Oceania Cup 2021, European Championship 2021, World Championship 2021, WKSF Open Cup South America 2021, WKSF World Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage 2021, WKSF World Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage 2021 the Commission verified the technical specifications defined for the judges and they did an excellent job of coordinating and managing the competition judges.

- Continental Commissions

Some of the Continental Commissions have started work, others have continued the work started last year, we congratulate the respective coordinators.

- ❖ EUROPE Commission: coordinator Per Olhans  
Per is also a member of the WKSF Executive Committee and Coordinator for Records, an activity in which he has done an excellent job.
- ❖ ASIA Commission: coordinator Dwypaiana Khruisnamurti,  
thanks to him for the work done during the year.
- ❖ SOUTH AMERICA COMMISSION - coordinator Christian Thier,  
Christian is working hard for the dissemination of Kettlebell Sport in the area of competence, we hope and trust, for the future, in an ever greater commitment by the Commission.
- ❖ OCEANIA Commission: coordinator Cheryl Schneider,  
thank to Cheryl for the work done during the year
- ❖ NORD AMERICA Commission: coordinator Yuri Petunov  
In this area we are working on a situation that has room for improvement, improvements that could be achieved if internal divisions were overcome. We need to focus on a fruitful collaboration from which everyone would benefit, remember that our common goal is always the development of the Kettlebell Sport
- ❖ AFRICA Commission: coordinator Joseph Kaneka Kanu  
For the year 2021 we have not received any news relating to activities carried out by the Coordinator for this Area.

Other commissions not mentioned in this report have not yet been activated for various reasons, certainly the Covid pandemic was a primary cause, having reduced the opportunity to participate in traditional competitions "on the platform", however we should aim for an improvement of the current situation.

## ● SECRETARIAT

The WKSF secretarial staff did a great job, Virtual competitions take a lot of time to manage the registrations, protocols, videos, the jury and much more.

I want to thank the general secretary Eduardo Fonseca for the excellent work done during competitions and the secretary Franco Gianella for his willingness to help when needed.

## ● NICE TO HAVE



More than a desired it should be an "obligation", we would like to have a strong commitment from everyone, each for their own role in WKSF, and in this way we will be able to have an even more united and efficient organization.

In particular, we ask more attention on the following points:

- Commitment by the Country Representatives to respond to requests from the General Secretariat and / or the President regarding the sending of documentation for registration to participate in events, for when relating to affiliation with WKSF and / or when additional documents requested to complete or update the existing one.
- We must work with a global vision in favor of Kettlebell Sport, therefore is necessary to abandon personalities for the benefit of all and the results that, in this way, we can obtain.

Only a common vision and a uniqueness of purpose can lead us to reach the ambitious goals that we have set ourselves and that we can achieve if we are really all united.

## ● FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

I want to thank everyone, Athletes, Coaches, Judges, National Referees, for their commitment during this difficult year, a commitment that, despite the situation, has allowed us to grow "our" WKSF.

A big thank you goes to the Coordinators and the members of the Commissions and to the Executive Committee for their contribution to the definition of the technical / sporting aspects.

I conclude my fourth annual report by reminding everyone that, despite the difficulty of the situation in which we found ourselves, in this 4th year of life of WKSF we have organized:

- ✓ The WKSF WORLD CUP 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Stage, with the participation of 10 countries and the presence of 110 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF ONLINE NORTH AMERICA OPEN CUP, with the participation of 3 countries and the presence of 29 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF ONLINE ASIA OPEN CUP, with the participation of 7 countries and the presence of 34 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF ONLINE OCEANIA OPEN CUP, with the participation of 2 countries and the presence of 31 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF SOUTH AMERICA OPEN CUP, with the participation of 3 countries and the presence of 28 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, with the participation of 15 countries and the presence of 113 athletes
- ✓ The WKSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, with the participation of 15 countries and the presence of 142 athletes

Many official WKSF member countries have organized traditional, field, and online events in their countries.

Both types of competitions, virtual and traditional, have always been held in an atmosphere of friendship and healthy sporting competition and the hope is that this positive climate will continue into the future.





➤ **FINANCIAL 2021**

I provide, in full transparency, the summary data for 2021 (ytd):

Income € 27.350,00

Expense € 36.516,00

(minus € 9.166,00)

**EVENTS 2022:**

- \*WKSF World Championship 02-05 June 2022 in Portugal (Porto)
- \*WKSF European Championship 06-09 October 2022 in Greece (Spata).
- \*WKSF Asian Championship 26-27 August in Phillipines (Bacolod).
- \*WKSF South America Championship 12-15 November in Brasil (Porto Alegre).
- \*WKSF World Cup 19-20 March 2022 in Italy (Vanzaghello).
- \*WKSF European Cup 00-00 August 2022 in Ukraine (Uzhgorod).
- \*WKSF Oceania Open Cup in New Zealand
- \*WKSF North America Open Cup in USA



Our main goal is to grow and to have an ever better organization and we will only be able to do it if we all really want to and if we all move in unison to achieve the goals we have agreed upon and which, again, we will define in the future.

Trusting in a new year that will help us to leave behind the difficulties of this 2021, I wish you

Happy New Year 2022 !!!!

President WKSF, Oleh Ilika

