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## **Secretary General Report 2023**



The WKSF Secretary is bringing the Report 2023 and the full work of WKSF. Not only the WKSF internal work but also all network developed to continue promoting our sport and share the Mission, Values and Vision globally.

The WKSF had new challenges during all the year. All situations were a special opportunity to learn and create the strategies to control and resolve it.

In this Report, the Secretary will try to bring a clear vision about all the work and the most significant and important items to be developed, by all WKSF structure, from the Secretary to the Members and Athletes.

### **1. World Kettlebell Sport Federation vs Global Network**

The WKSF still working with the same effort to create the partnerships and recognition by the most important international organizations. With the news of GAISF ending, the WKSF received the GAISF Candidature back and needed to understand the new process to bring the WKSF to the new main organization that recognized all international sports, the AIMS.

The AIMS – Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sports is one of the new structures of the Sport Accord - the main organization that receives and recognize all international sports, to a sport aims to become, if wishes, an Olympic Sport – the AIMS doesn't has the full guidelines to receive all candidatures and it brings a new challenge to the WKSF. After several contacts, network and meeting, the WKSF understood that must wait until exist news about all process of candidature.

With TAFISA, the WKSF continue the work of partnership. The Direction Board and Secretary participated at the TAFISA Congress in Dusseldorf, Germany. It was an amazing event and was an opportunity to create new connections, networks, contacts and understand the full panorama of the international sport laws, signatures, recognitions, etc...

After TAFISA Congress, it was possible to develop a network to understand a the WKSF international position with AIMS; Sport Accord and WADA, the World Anti Doping Agency and the main target of WADA.



## 2. Competitions and Events

The secretary worked directly with hosters of World Championship, European, North America and Asian Championship, supported organizers of Open Continental Cups 2023 in Oceania and was not so involved at South America Championship 2023.

The World Championship was well organized by our Hungarian Representative was the event was a challenge to the Secretary. The use of the new Coefficients to calculate new merged body weights categories was a challenge. Some changes at last time, disciplines or body weights brought an extra work to change the prepared protocols and find the winners. During the Europeans in Italy, everything went well and the Secretary was prepared and with more experience to resolve any situation.

The North America Championship 2023 was a challenge to the Secretary. It was necessary to explain the importance of the WKSF Standards, to understand and follow the guidelines. At the end, the Secretary had some issues to receive correctly the Results Protocols. It is necessary to continue working to make it standard in all WKSF main events.

The South America Championship 2023, was an amazing event, organized by the WKSF Brazilian Representative. However, the Protocol Results, the Coefficient was not used and the work must continue to support all this main events during 2024.

The Asia/Oceania Championship 2023, was an amazing surprised. The Secretary worked several days with the Indian Representative and hoster of the event. The Secretary supported and helped directly to make sure that all WKSF Standards were followed. It was amazing to see that Protocols, Anti-Doping Tests, Judges, Banners, Stage was perfect and the effort of so many people was a positive feeling that in the future Asia and Oceania will bring amazing events.

## 3. Anti-Doping

The Secretary during 2023 developed, as in 2022, several guidelines to the Anti-Doping Tests at any WKSF event. At the World's in Hungary, a last time lab decision of incapacity to be at the venue to collect the blood samples was a very sad moment to the WKSF. In Italy, at the Europeans all went well with the Anti-Doping Process and the Lab, as in India at the Asia/Oceania Championship 2023. It was great to have "3 main events" with the opportunity to have Anti-Doping Tests. We hope to have in 2024 at the South America and North America Championships the opportunity to have also Anti-Doping Tests.

## 4. War Crisis

It was a challenge to accept the actual situation in Europe with the war situation between Russia and Ukraine. The WKSF decided to continue helping the Ukraine Team and continue following the IOC guidelines. Also, the conflict in Israel also brought some sadness to all our community. The WKSF did a state of support to all our members involved asking to an "End of Conflicts". Also, the WKSF decided to not be involved in any situation of conflict and decided to give a step forward for inclusion, with: Kettlebell Sport For All



## 5. Kettlebell Sport For All

Working in partnership with many organizations and in particular with TAFISA. The WKSF decided to bring a special section for “Kettlebell Sport For All”. The inclusion of all under the Kettlebells as a way of lifestyle and wellbeing. The WKSF decided to create:

- Several actions for all members
- Create new challenges to get funds
- Get funds to support Juniors athletes and Disable athletes
- Create and share several documents of inclusion, enviroment support, etc...

## 6. To continue working in 2024

The Secretary understood the importance of the 100% commitment of all members, in particular the members that has a charge at the WKSF, as Direction Board, Executive Committee, Commissions, etc...

- Understand the commitment of the members and support at 100% those that are exclusively committed with WKSF
- Develop the process of events registration to avoid registrations errors, etc..
- The WKSF Direction and Secretary must be involved and present at all WKSF main events. With that, can follow, support and confirm that the WKSF Standards are followed.
- The WKSF must create tools to get more funds. With more funds will be possible to bring more quality, support and more high standards to our organizations.
- The WKSF must follow a universal standard for all livestream/digital Information shared at the main events. It is important to get a standard for all events.

All best to all our community,