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## Secretary General Report 2024



The WKSF Secretary General brings the Report 2024. It was a challenge for all organisation and an opportunity to grow in different areas. In each challenge it was possible to improve, bring new standards to the commission, to all organisation and also to all our members.

For WKSF it was a year very important to grow on Education, on important projects and also at personal level.

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

With the news about the dissolution of GAISF and waiting for SportAccord and AIMS guidelines, the WKSF participated in the SportAccord General Meeting (Online) to understand the future and the decisions to get the AIMS recognition. In October 10th, the Secretary General, with Mr. President, represented WKSF and got more information to our path on AIMS Recognition

The AIMS – Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sports is one of the new structures of the Sport Accord - the main organisation that receives and recognize all international sports, to a sport aims to become an Olympic Sport – For WKSF is very important and vital to get high standards and also help many of our members to get national recognitions.

Also, in the beggining of April, the Secretary General represented WKSF at the Sport Accord Summit 2024 in Birmingham, UK. It was an opportunity to create some network and get informations of many other sport organisations that work in similar projects as WKSF.

Finally, at the end of the year, the Secretary General did an online meeting with Sport Accord to understand the specifications of a WKSF candidature at AIMS and in December was possible to start the process with an AIMS Intent Membership Application (letter) hoping to start all process of WKSF Candidature.



With TAFISA, the WKSF participated at an Education Network Course in Lausanne, under the support of EU at the Erasmus+ project. The Interact + sessions were very important to WKSF create the grassroots of new ideas under our project “Kettlebell Sport For All”.

In Africa, the Secretary started a Meeting Group at the WhatsApp and did 4 online Webinars to promote our sport, explain some regulations and also support our member. The Project for Africa will continue in 2025.

## **2. Competitions and Events**

The secretary worked directly with hosters of World, European, North America, South and Asian/Oceania Championships.

The World Championship was well organized by our Polish 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. During the Europeans in Italy, everything went well, with the new challenge at the new discipline of 12’ Snatch the Secretary Commission did a great work.

The North America Championship 2024 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 2024, was an amazing event, organized by the WKSF Brazilian Representative. This year everything was improved by the Brazilian Representative and hoster.

The Asia/Oceania Championship 2024, was an amazing event. 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 2024 supported the Anti-Doping Commission in every events. With Anti-Doping tests at the World’s, European’s and Asia/Oceania events, with was important to have a good communication between all and, needing every year to improve, everything went well.

During 2024, the Secretary General already started the Education Program ADEL and will be important to spread it to all organisation.



#### 4. 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, environment support, etc...

#### 5. To continue working in 2025

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. We hope that the new regulations can support even more the expenses of WKSF.
- It is important to work on the representatives/athletes Education, no only at regulations level but also on Anti-Doping Code Knowledge. Continue and promote the WADA Education Adel program is vital to all organisation.

All best to all our community,



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