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TO: ALL PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS IN INDIAN POWERLIFTING

RE: WORLD POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS, BATALA, 3-6 DECEMBER

You are no doubt aware of the great interest throughout Indian Powerlifting in the World Powerlifting Championships to be held in Batala in December. This excitement is greatly heartening, however we need to clarify the parameters around the Championships as there have been some inaccurate communications put out by certain parties that have confused some.

Firstly, general information about the Championships can be seen at worldpowerlifting.com/enterevents. This site is updated regularly and is definitive as to dates, times, entry fees, drug testing and so on. Any information contrary to what is on that site is not to be trusted.

Then, World Powerlifting's sole affiliate in India is United Powerlifting Association (UPA). However for this event World Powerlifting will accept entries from players/lifters, coaches and referees who are members of other Powerlifting federations in India, with no exclusions of any such federations. Any claims that one group or another is excluded by the authority of some other group or by some supposed law are false. World Powerlifting does accept that each federation can set internal rules for how their lifters are selected for being put forward as entries to the Championships and will generally abide by any such rules if at all reasonable.

It is possible for an Indian player, Coach or Referee to enter independently as they are not a member of any Indian federation, or their federation is not submitting entries. Please submit any independent entries to info@worldpowerlifting.com. Such entries will be scrutinized by World Powerlifting and accepted or otherwise depending on circumstances.

World Powerlifting requests that all entries from Indian federations are received and paid for by 30th September. Entries do not totally close until 3 November, however there may be an earlier close if capacity is filled and there is no guarantee of acceptance of entries after 30th September.

Note that Coaches and Referees must be entered and registered the same as players/lifters are, for security and insurance purposes.



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Finally uniforms. All Indian players/lifters must be attired in Indian team suit/singlet + shirt + socks, as supplied by Mr Suresh Pai, subject to some limited exemptions. The total cost of that uniform will be no more than INR2000. Coaches must wear India t-shirt + shorts or tracksuit pants + sports shoes; Referees must be dressed as per the World Powerlifting Rulebook. The only exceptions to this are --

-- lifters may instead wear an A7 suit/singlet or Bar Grip shirt given that some have already purchased these items in support of WP branding or for the competitive gain of a Bar Grip shirt; such items can be seen at worldpowerlifting.com/shop and any further purchases are best arranged in advance via info@worldpowerlifting.com

-- lifters in Equipped events may wear standard 2 meter knee wraps, Squat Suits, Bench Shirts and Deadlift Suits by Inzer, Titan or similar of a type which is Single Ply and without patches, extra stitching of seams or any other alterations to the item as originally manufactured. Equipped lifters wearing a regular suit/singlet or t-shirt for some lifts must use items from the Indian team uniform.

Also bear in mind that torn, stretched or dirty apparel items will be rejected for use. Please study the World Powerlifting Rules of Competition for details of allowable apparel and also other technical rules at worldpowerlifting.com/technical

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a greatly successful event in Batala.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Wilks
Director World Powerlifting Ltd.