

WCHM Approval and Payment Instructions 2026 IMWA World Masters Championships (Athens, Greece)

Championship Dates: September 17-26

Registration Dates: January 15, 2026 to July 12, 2026

or when Championship closes at 1500 participants.

Qualifying Competitions

Qualifying Period: **September 4, 2025 to July 12, 2026** Qualifying Totals – see WCHM website

Qualifying Competitions when held during the Qualifying Period: 2025 IMWA World Masters; Regional Competition / Compétition régionale; Provincial Open – Seniors or Masters; Pan Am Masters / Championnats panaméricains; Canadian Masters/Maîtres canadiens; A substituted competition approved by the President / Une compétition de remplacement approuvé par le président. **Athletes cannot qualify at club competitions.**

To be eligible for a medal, the athlete must achieve, or excel, the required qualifying standard (total.)

1. You must be a 2026 WCHM member before requesting approval from the WCHM President. Request approval from the President (wchm.president@gmail.com) **BEFORE June 23, 2026**
State your full name, age and current bodyweight category, qualifying competition, and your entry total.
Also identify the bodyweight category in which you wish to participate, especially if it is a new IWF bodyweight category.

Choice of Bodyweight Category for WCHM members

*You may request approval for the closest bodyweight category to that in which you competed in prior to August 1, 2026, even if your bodyweight during the qualifying competition aligns with a different category. I will allow this as long as the **total achieved** in the qualifying competition meets or exceeds the **minimum requirement** for the chosen new bodyweight category.*

If you are a para weightlifter you are not required to have a qualifying total. However, you must indicate your PW Category and send your Health Care Professional Approval [WCHM-Health-Care-Professional-approval-for-para-weightlifter.pdf \(wchmasters.org\)](#) to the WCHM President.

2. When approved, e-transfer your payment to the WCHM President using (president@wchmasters.org). **Only pay in 2026. Payment is \$300 CAN and the deadline is July 3, 2026** After payment is received by the WCHM President, a refund will only be issued if you do not complete the final registration with the IMWA. A service charge will be deducted from the refund. Do not attempt to directly pay the IMWA or try to pay a second time. WCHM will be submitting all Canadian participants' registration fees.

3. After paying WCHM the registration fee, WCHM President will send the you an Access Code. If the Access Code is not received within 8 business days of payment, please alert the President.
(wchm.president@gmail.com) Registration will be by the IMWA Registration System. There are no further fees to be paid.: www.imwa-reg.com
4. Your registration information must be the same as that approved by the President. You may submit an Entry Total that is less than your approved Total, as long as it is equal to, or greater than, the IMWA Qualifying Total. This will reduce your required starting total.
5. Using the Access Code provided by the President, complete your registration via IMWA www.imwa-reg.com **before July 10, 2026.** **After registration is completed, there are no refunds.**
6. After registrations, you can move UP or down ONLY ONE body weight class and having met the qualifying total. You must contact the IMWA Secretariat imwasecretariat@gmail.com with a copy to WCHM President before the published deadline. **You cannot move up a bodyweight category at the weigh-in.**
7. You are responsible for reviewing information from the Championship host regarding accommodation. Special offers will include specific deadlines.

Organizer's contact: greekmastersweightlifting@gmail.com

Website with accommodation, transportation etc.. Information:

www.weightliftingevents.gr