

WCHM President's July 2026 Update

2026 IMWA World Masters Weightlifting Championship

Our Team is 128 members; 69 women and 59 men. We have one adaptive athlete joining us, Graham Giske from British Columbia. I have appointed Carol Akasaka and Janella David from BCWA to represent WCHM and me at the IMWA Congress of Nations. I have also appointed Anita Boray from Quebec and Craig Astle from Saskatchewan to be Guardians in the event we win a Team Award.

2026 UMWF Masters World Cup and Commonwealth Masters Weightlifting Championships – Penang, Malaysia

As of this update, Michel Piétracupa, from Quebec, will be representing Canada as an athlete.

2027 IMWA/WMG World Masters Weightlifting Championship (World Masters Games)

I have approved 27 women and 22 men to commence the first stage of registration- the preliminary level. Accepted athletes will be contacted by the IMGA/IMWA with payment instructions at a later date.

New Website

With many thanks to our Website Developer, **Bob Haven**, our new website is up and running smoothly. Information has been reorganized and the site is faster, more robust it querying data and with improved security. But the most important feature, I believe, is its ability to quickly offer our important information in both official languages. Bob and may be looking at revamping our website logo, but I am also expecting some graphic samples from a graphic designer for our next order of medals. Our new logo might be two logos; one for our website and the other for the next order (2028) of National Championship Medals.

Records Attempted at our Nationals

I have asked our Records Secretary to examine the possibility to have successful record attempts made at our Nationals automatically recorded, hence no need for the member to apply. Attempts made at qualifying competitions will always require an application since not all athletes at those competitions are WCHM members. Madeleine Waterfield and I will study this carefully and keep our members updated on our progress. For the meantime, 2026 record attempts should be made via application found on our website.

We have broken 400!!!

WCHM membership passed the 400 registrants, a number we have never witnessed, even when the World Masters was held in Montreal back in 2019. There will be a "400 member Treasure Hunt" where various prizes will be awarded for answering ten questions using our newly designed website. I will update our members via an email communiqué.