

TUE vs Retroactive TUE
International Masters Weightlifting Championships
IMWA/UMWF/PAMWF

A **TUE**, if granted, allows the athlete to compete knowing that if selected for doping control, they can provide the proper documentation. However, the athlete may not be selected for doping control and has invested a large sum of money for that TUE application. A TUE may be granted for up to a maximum of four years depending on the athlete's medical condition; such as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, etc. A **Simple TUE** is for short term medical conditions lasting for up to twelve months, during which the same medication and its dosage is unchanged.

The financial investment in travel and accommodation does not suffer and all awards achieved can be retained. The invoiced fee for the TUE application is not refunded if the TUE is denied. If the TUE is not granted, it is best for the athlete not to participate in the IMWA competition. If the athlete proceeds to participate and tests positive for a prohibited substance, sanctioning would be automatic. Sanctioned athletes are banned for up to four years, with a heavy financial loss to participate and the non-refundable TUE application fee.

An application for a **Retroactive TUE** will be required by the IMWA if the athlete is selected for doping control, and has tested positive for the use of a prohibited substance. A TUE application will be particularly required if the athlete has been affected by a sudden medical condition. The same non-refundable fee is levied for a Retroactive TUE as the TUE, but again, there is no guarantee that a Retroactive TUE will be granted. If the Retroactive TUE is not granted, or the athlete chooses not to apply for a Retroactive TUE, the athlete's sanction is also automatic with a ban of up to four years. Not only would the athlete be sanctioned, but their financial investment to participate, including their entry fee, would be in vain and any awards must be returned to the IMWA. Awards do not only include the medals earned, but also the total which could be used to qualify for other weightlifting championships. Awards also include any Canadian Masters Weightlifting Records, Hall of Fame points and the President's Attollo Award. If the Retroactive TUE is granted, the athlete will retain any awards achieved and the feeling that their financial investment to participate was well worth it.

Athletes banned for an ADRV (Anti-Doping Rule Variation) can only return to international masters weightlifting championships after the conclusion of their suspension AND a "Return Fee" to international masters weightlifting championships. The "Return Fee" is in addition to the competition registration fee. Athletes returning to international masters weightlifting competitions must contact the IMWA (imwlasecretariat@gmail.com) and arrange payment of the "Return Fee." Only after the payment of the "Return Fee" is the athlete allowed to request WCHM approval to participate in any international masters weightlifting championship.

CLEAN SPORT, has a high price for all of us, athletes and national masters weightlifting organizations. Unfortunately, this has now become part and parcel of all competitive sports.