



2027 WORLD MASTERS GAMES/IMWA WORLD  
MASTERS (ADAPTIVE) CHAMPIONSHIP  
ATHLETES SELECTION &  
PROCEDURAL RULES OF PARTICIPATION



### ENTRY RULES:

There is a maximum of 1000 registrations allowed. **Procedural rules** will be applied to reach a **final approximate entry of 850 athletes**, and those not selected will be informed a few days after the closing date of PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION.

#### Registration

1. Preliminary registration will be by the IMWA Registration System: [www.imwa-reg.com](http://www.imwa-reg.com)  
Preliminary registration opens **15 January 2026** and closes **15 December 2026**.
2. Procedural rules will be applied to reach a final approximate entry of 850 athletes, and those not selected will be informed a few days after the Closing date of the PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION.
3. THOSE SELECTED WILL RECEIVE AN ACCESS CODE FROM THEIR NATIONAL MASTERS CHAIR IN ORDER TO REGISTER AND PAY ON THE OFFICIAL 2027 WMG WEBSITE:  
[www.wmg2027.jp](http://www.wmg2027.jp)
4. THE ACCESS CODE will be sent to all National Masters Chairs.
5. **Access Code RECEIVED MUST NOT BE SHARED WITH ANYONE ELSE!!**
6. **WMG website registration opens 19 December 2026 and closes 28 February 2027.**
7. The Preliminary Competition Schedule is from the 17 – 25 May 2027. 9 competition days.
8. The official Competition Schedule will be produced based on the number selected lifters.

### SELECTION RULES:

- The total number of lifters allowed in all groups, i.e., bodyweight category within age group will be 12.
- All nations will be allowed a minimum of one entry in every bodyweight category.
- National Masters Chairmen will be responsible for the following rules:
  - In all groups, a maximum of 5 lifters will be allowed from one nation.
  - Lifters must be capable of achieving the qualifying standard.
  - Lifters must achieve the qualifying standard in an officially recognised competition within a qualification period.

**The National Masters Chair/Committee determines which event(s) are recognized for a Masters athlete to qualify.**

- **THE QUALIFYING PERIOD 15 January 2026 until 15 December 2026.**



## PROCEDURAL RULES

- The system will operate by selecting a group.
- There are 12 age group for men, with 8 bodyweight categories each; and
- There are 12 age groups for women with 8 bodyweight categories each.
- For example, the first group selected for men will be M35 and bodyweight category 60kg, and the first group for women will be W35 and bodyweight category 49kg.
- Any group with less than 5 lifters registered will result in all being selected and the next group will be selected (i.e. M35/-65kg or W35/-53kg, respectively).
- If a group has more than 5 lifters from one nation registered, the 5 lifters with the “best totals” registered will be selected and the remaining lifters highlighted for deselection.
- If the same group now has less than 12 lifters they will all be selected, the next group will then be selected.
- For a group with more than 12 lifters registered, the 12 with the highest “best total” will be selected.
- The remaining lifters in the group will be highlighted for deselection.

The above procedures will be applied to every group.

**During these procedures, it will be ensured that sole athletes of one nation will not be excluded from the registration process by systematic application of the above procedural rules.**

After the closing date, athletes are still allowed to move up or down a bodyweight category within their age group until the 14 May 2027. This must be done in writing to the IMWA secretariat:  
[imwasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:imwasecretariat@gmail.com).

It is advised that anyone who does change their bodyweight category is aware of the 80% rule. Moving up or down a bodyweight category is allowed, although it might result in a group having more than 12 lifters and the possibility of more than 5 lifters from a nation.

If the total selected entry is less than 850 the final procedural rule will be applied.

Where the total registered entry is under 850, the system will examine all groups, men and women, with more than 12 lifters to check the option to allow a deselected entry to be selected.

The 13<sup>th</sup> ranked lifter will then be selected if he or she is not the 6<sup>th</sup> lifter from that country to be selected. In the case that the 13<sup>th</sup> lifter is the 6<sup>th</sup> lifter from that country then the 14<sup>th</sup> lifter will be selected instead as long as they are not the 6<sup>th</sup> lifter from that country to be selected and so on.

This procedure will stop when the registration has reached 850 and when this happens there may still be some deselected registrations.

The IMWA Committee agree that these procedures are the most equitable method of selecting the best lifters across all nations.



Example for groups where there are more than 12 registered and the total registered is less than 850.

#### Men M50/81kg

| Group Rank | Overall Rank | Nation |  |
|------------|--------------|--------|--|
| 1          | 53           | ESA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 2          | 74           | CHN    | SELECTED                                   |
| 3          | 127          | LBN    | SELECTED                                   |
| 4          | 220          | CAN    | SELECTED                                   |
| 5          | 336          | CAN    | SELECTED                                   |
| 6          | 426          | USA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 7          | 509          | USA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 8          | 572          | USA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 9          | 621          | USA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 10         | 664          | USA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 11         | 700          | FRA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 12         | 730          | JPN    | SELECTED                                   |
| 13         | 822          | USA    | NOT SELECTED<br>(6 <sup>th</sup> FROM USA) |
| 14         | 849          | FRA    | SELECTED                                   |
| 15         |              |        |  |
| 16         |              |        |  |
| 17         |              |        |  |
| 18         |              |        |  |
| 19         |              |        |  |
| 20         |              |        |  |
| 21         |              |        |  |