



Intention from Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association on Anti-Doping Rule Violation

According to disclosure of eight Adverse Analytical Findings (AAFs) of Thai weightlifters in the 2018 IWF World Championships Ashgabat/TKM during November 2nd – 10th, 2018 in fact that Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association (TAWA) had taken much care of them as usual by continual measurements of precaution, prevention and protection. Typically every athlete who is going to participate in any international events strictly required to be tested by National Doping Control Centre (NDCC) where is officially under control and supervision by Doping Control Agency of Thailand (DCAT). This is such an outstanding mission action as obviously to serve the doping free policy of TAWA. At that point in time there was none found as AAFs in those Thai athletes; furthermore, in the light of their testing records they had been out-competition tested before the 2018 World Championships by IWF without any positive results accused to them at all.

Nevertheless the Thai athletes were further analyzed in depth under a sophisticated technique so-called Gas Chromatography-Combustion-Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry (GC-C-IRMS) that took much longer time to proceed them with archived records from Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) at the Cologne Laboratory which is significantly used method as specific target on Thai athletes. Their AAFs were thus revealed consequentially as public appearance nowadays.

TAWA is much aware of this critical situation so hereby has issued an urgent order to appoint an investigation committee working on finding fact for the AAFs of those Thai lifters. Even though their B samples are not analyzed as reports yet, TAWA has taken much serious with these cases with respect to our sport social responsibilities for this unanticipated incidents that occurred against the TAWA Executive Board Members' action and policy. TAWA is one of the most honored sport federation in Thailand. We have a large number of heroes from Olympic Games, Asian Games and SEA Games. The reputation come up with prestigious honor are accumulatively built to Thailand which is well recognized by public both domestically and internationally. TAWA is also keeping in mind with strong determination to develop our beloved weightlifting sport sustainably. In order to keep in existence of our high honor and proud dignity, TAWA hence states in making announcement as the following intentions:

- 1) Thai athletes will not participate in any international events and/or championships from now on until the situation unfolded;
- 2) Thai athletes will not participate in Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 including the qualification events for Tokyo 2020.
- 3) So as to express our accountability for Thai nation and all member federations of IWF, TAWA will carry on hosting the 2019 IWF World Championships during September 18th – 27th, 2019. In this qualification for Tokyo 2020 event there will not be Thai athletes participate. Therefore the championships in Pattaya/THA will be existed under standard of clean sport organizing which will be much honored for all.

Thai Amateur Weightlifting Association

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