

NC Bulletin (No.53) – Jul 14

Dear NC Members

The 2014 season has been both hectic and remarkable in what we have achieved as an association. We are still the only organisation to provide 2 National events for our members that not only allow the opportunity to progress to International level championships but cover the very ethos of the BDFPA itself and that is the opportunity to participate at any level or age knowing that it is on a level and fair playing field in terms of drugs control.



We are unmatched in what we do as an association. We have currently conducted over 60 tests in the first 6 months of the year with a number of major events still to come. It is unfortunate that we have had 1 failure so far this year but this is what we are here for and why we test.

The 2 National championships were a real eye opener. Stafford proved itself an excellent venue on both occasions and entries were at an all-time high. The requirement to change the 2nd day weight categories were unforeseen in its requirement but we will have that planned for next year.

Unfortunately Eddie Bennett has had to step down from his NC position due to health issues. We wish him well and hope to see him lifting again if at all possible. (Web master to advertise position of NE Rep vacant)

I am currently in negotiation with an Insurance company to provide a degree of cover for both the BDFPA and individuals that will be part of the membership fee. More to follow.

Membership is still growing and we may well have a record number of members this year, something very positive as we look towards the potential to run the World single Lift Championships in June 2015.

The BDFPA still requires a Raw Power editor and I ask all NC members to consider if they know an individual who may wish to be considered for the roll along with the vacant Drugs Control Officer, currently filled by the president.

Again, over the last few years we have trained many new referees and it is time to ensure we encourage more to come forward whilst allowing those already qualified the opportunity to upgrade when suitably experienced. To that end Divisional referees are encouraged to undertake as many events as possible and attend the National events so they may be considered for advancement. All levels of referees will be required for all National level events and the Worlds. Any level of referee is able to conduct kit checks or weigh-ins and this is where we must spread the load some degree.

Yours in Drug Free Powerlifting.

Neil Thomas MBE
President BDFPA

Could you please be prompt in returning your ballots!

Any reps who will be organising competitions to let Pat Reeves (as the temporary Permit Secretary) know about your event ASAP. This ensures that the BDFPA rules are followed and website is updated.

**POSTAL/E-MAIL VOTING RETURNS - NC Elections and Other Business
(Yes/no/abstain – total votes available, but excluding President's vote – which is a deciding vote only)**

New Business

Change in wording of the handbook with regards to setting of records

Background:

3 MONTH RULE ON BRITISH RECORDS - Pete Gaskin

A new member that was turned down for a British record said to me there was nothing in the rule book about having to be a member for a minimum of 3 months before setting a British record. When I checked I was surprised to find out he was correct.

Although there is no specific mention of the 3 month rule for records in the rule book, it does say for National records "Selection & Qualification of Lifters" applies.

Looking at page 30 "Selection & Qualification of Lifters", the 3 month rule is mentioned, but also there is a requirement to enter "National sanctioned events" a lifter must have participated in at least one other event (i.e. a divisional) and met minimum qualification standards.

Therefore if we accept the 3 month rule applies to records, we must also accept that a lifter must compete in one competition and meet qualifying standards before entering a competition and breaking a National record, as Divisional's that allow National records to be broken have to be "National Sanctioned events" by their very nature.

The rule book needs clarifying, as if someone were to challenge either point, the BDFPA would be unable to defend its position and obviously the rule book should be clear and straight forward, which is not.

Incidentally, I think the rule book was written when setting a National record at a divisional was rarely done. Now it is the norm, hence why the rule book is now inadequate. One option would be to prevent National records being set at a divisional, however, I think most would agree, this would be a backwards step.

Of particular note when considering the above is that you must have 3 National level referees to set a National record at a divisional event (Ballot 52)

The consideration on the following page is to clarify the rule by wording not change the rules.

Ballot 52 Results;

	Proposal	Result
	New NC Members	
1	Russ Martin – Proposed as the SW Rep	Carried
2	Graham Alway – Proposed as the Youth development officer	Carried
3	Ann Thomas – Proposed as the Services Liaison Officer	Carried
4	<p>Changes to the Requirements for referees at Divisional events;</p> <p>Vote for one only:</p> <p>Divisional events require a minimum of 3 referees in order to be conducted.</p> <p>Divisional events may be officiated by one referee as per the current regulations.</p>	Current regulations to remain extant
6	<p>Changes to setting records at Divisional events:</p> <p>Vote for one only:</p> <p>The current rule of only the centre referee requiring being National Status to set National records at Divisional events remains extant.</p> <p>In order to set national records at Divisional events the referees must all be National status or above for it to be official.</p>	<p>For a particular record to stand as a record, the appropriate referees must be present. There must therefore be 3 referees of National standard or above to be able to set a national or above record and claim it. <u>Rule book to be amended</u></p>



Proposals for Voting – National Council Ballot 53, Jul 14

(Please tick as appropriate and return as soon as possible to Neil Thomas at neil.thomas848@hotmail.co.uk)

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	Item	Vote: Y/N/Ab
1	<p>There is a minimum 3 month membership requirement in order to set any National records in the BDFPA</p> <p>or</p> <p>There is no minimum requirement of 3 months in order to set National records in the BDFPA</p> <p>VOTE FOR ONE ONLY</p>	Carried
2	<p>The President conduct a full review of the Rulebook removing aspects that are no longer relevant and updating areas that have been superseded external to WDFPF and BDFPA Ballot (eg the WADA List is out of date)</p>	Carried

Note,

Wording will be changed accordingly in the rule book to annotate the outcome of the vote. Wording is also scheduled to be updated in the rule book to remove aspects that are no longer relevant such as Level 2 International referees that does not exist. Full details will be indicated to the NC.