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From the technical aspect, there were too many glaring anomalies at a World Championships that happened listed below:

1. **Platform** did not meet minimum dimension specification. Also, in raised position it moved a lot and was dangerous to athletes and moved to ground level on second day.
2. **MC announcements** should be in English as first language for athletes.
3. **Lighting system** did not meet rules for adjudication. When all referees decision made, then light should be displayed. 2 referees were deliberately slow in making their decision and were confronted about this.
4. **Referee on mobile phone** during adjudication, not paying attention?
5. **Clock time** was inconsistent in it's use.
6. **MC table**, too many people around table doing nothing. Attempt cards not used as per rules
7. **Platform crew**. There needs to be a leader, i.e. Platform Manager to control crew.
8. **Use of talcum powder**. This substance makes the platform slippery and very dangerous to athletes on ALL three lifts. It is a banned substance and requires all athletes to be AGAIN made aware that, in being found using it is nothing short of disqualification. Only POOL CHALK is acceptable for thighs. For hands either resin or zinc oxide chalk.
9. **Illegal belts**. 10 belts that did not conform to the rules were rejected. One belt had padding, two loops, leather extending beyond the buckle and was more that 10cm wide.
10. **Lifting suit on Bench Press**. A number of athletes were wearing suits with the leg length was extending beyond mid thigh. This is not allowed.
11. **Under Briefs for Squat**. 2 Lifters wore suits beyond navel claiming world records. The successful lifts were disallowed because of this.
12. **Squat Suit**. 3 lifter suits were rejected for patch repair and overlap on strap over 50 mm
13. **The list of athletes**. These should not be published in advance of championships weigh-in. Rules stipulate that, only a list be sent to WPF secretary.
14. **Athletes not entered**. Some athletes appeared in Bench Press Championships that had not been originally entry list, why? These are NOT acceptable standards, are they?

PROPOSED ACTION

Referees and Officials within ones own Nation to take responsibility to sort the above lifting attire matters out in advance of International championships. We don't expect to see these types of issues in future WPF Championships, do we?

REAFFIRMATION OF CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

- 1. Use of talcum powder.**
- 2. Deliberate use of illegal equipment, suits, under suit, shirts, belts, knee and wrist wraps.**

KEY PERSONAL AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Master of Ceremonies, Time Keeper, Marshals, Platform Manager, Platform Crew, Referees & Technical Officer.

KEY PROCEDURES

Weigh-in, Flight Schedules, Start times, Score Sheets, Athlete attempt cards and Keeping everyone informed of progress, breaks etc.

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