

OCEANIA WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION



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AMAZING OLYMPICS

It is amazing how time goes so quickly. There was so much expectations with regards to the Tokyo Olympic Games. The postponement of the games from last year to this year. The uncertainty of the Government of Japan prior to the Games with the coronavirus and as to whether it would proceed. But the Games went on and they were very successful given all the challenges and the fact there was no spectators.

Weightlifting witnessed some excellent performances and battles. The Oceania region had seventeen lifters participating. Unfortunately, Megan Signal from New Zealand had to pull out due to injuries. Also New Zealand Laurel Hubbard did not total. There were two excellent performances from our lifters. Australian Kiana Elliot set a new Oceania senior record in the snatch with 101kg in the 64kg category. New Zealand David Liti undoubtedly the best lifter from Oceania there came 5th overall and set a new Oceania and Commonwealth senior record with 236kg clean & jerk.

This is how our Oceania lifters placed:

MEN

61kg Morea Baru (PNG) placed 10th with 265kg total
67kg Ruben Katoatau (KIR) placed 12th with 245kg total
73kg Brandon Wakeling (AUS) placed 13th with 291kg total
81kg Cameron McTaggart (NZL) placed 11th with 315kg total
109kg Matthew Lydement (AUS) placed 12th with 338 total
109kg Tanumafili Jungblut (ASA) placed 13th with 330kg total
+109kg David Liti (NZL) placed 5th with 414kg total



WOMEN

49kg Dika Toua (PNG) placed 10th with 167kg total
55kg Mary Lifu (SOL) placed 14th with 154kg total
59kg Erika Yamasaki (AUS) placed 12th with 170kg total
64kg Kiana Elliott (AUS) placed 11th with 209kg total
76kg Nancy Abouke (NRU) placed 10th with 203kg total
87kg Kanah Andrews-Nahu (NZL) placed 13th with 206kg total
+87kg Charisma Amoe-Tarrant (AUS) placed 6th with 243 total
+87kg Kuinini Manumua (TGA) placed 8th with 228kg total

2021 Oceania Senior Championships online

The Oceania Senior Championships will kick off this Friday September 24th ONLINE. An incredible amount of work has been put in to this tournament so that Oceania lifters are given an opportunity to compete and have their results accepted and recognised. In order to have these performances officially endorsed, the IWF established a system for the results to be officially registered. We thank the Executive Board of the IWF for their understanding and consideration of the circumstances which effect presently our region. Today, every single country of the Pacific has their borders closed. And this has been the case for more than 15 months.

The program which has been set up by Bowen Stuart from the Australian Weightlifting Federation has been highly praised by the IWF and the OWF as it is able to run competition similar to that of face to face.

The will be the first Continental Championships to be run ONLINE with the full quota of ITO's which naturally includes juries, referees, marshals, plus electronic down signal, ability for coaches to change weight via a dedicated portal, etc. Anti-doping has already started to occur with PNG lifters being tested two days ago (out of competition) and we expect during the course of the event that the ITA will organise testing at the different hubs.

Master control room in Toowoomba – Australia, for the Oceania online championships for this week-end.



We wish all lifters and officials who are taking part, a very successful championships. To those countries who are participating, thank you for attending the many seminars organised by Bowen Stuart and Pedro Sanchez. The last few weeks has been very hectic, but the event is ready to kick off this Friday. The championships can be viewed live on the Oceania Weightlifting website www.oceaniaweightlifting.com/webcast

2021 Commonwealth Senior Championships

Those Oceania countries belonging to the CWF by now will be fully aware that the Commonwealth Senior Championships this year will be run in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in conjunction with the World Senior Championships. Again we must thank the IWF for allowing this to happen due to the circumstances of Covid, and thus allowing Commonwealth lifters an opportunity to qualify for Birmingham. The winners of the Commonwealth Championships in the 8 bodyweight categories for men and women which will be contested in Birmingham, they will have an automatic qualification.

2021 Premiers League and League A – Email Tournament

The Premiers League continues to produce excellent results, even though one or two countries are having difficulties in competing due to the coronavirus lockdown in their countries meaning all clubs and training venues are closed. Samoa leads the Premiers League as expected. They are producing brilliant results month after month. See below the Premiers League ladder.

League A is also producing excellent results. The competition for first place is very competitive.

PREMIERS LEAGUE THIRD ROUND RESULTS

Place	Nation	Round	W	D	L	POINTS	AGGREGATE SCORE
1	Samoa	3	3			9	2497.02
2	New Zealand	3	3			9	727.14
3	Australia	3	2		1	7	931.44
4	PNG	3	1		2	5	115.04
5	Solomon Islands	3	1		2	5	-982.58
6	Kiribati	3	1		2	5	-1389.08
7	Nauru	3	1		2	4	597.32
8	Fiji	3			3	3	-1796.5

LEAGUE A THIRD ROUND RESULTS

Place	Nation	Round	W	D	L	POINTS	AGGREGATE SCORE
1	Guam	3	2			6	712.60 1 BYE
2	Marshall Islands	3	2			6	427.20 1 BYE
3	CNMI	3	1		2	5	-312.86
4	Cook Islands	3	1		2	5	-379.60
5	New Caledonia	3	1		2	5	-384.44
6	Tahiti	3	1		2	4	33.30
7	Tonga	3	1		1	3	-53.10 1 BYE

2022 Oceania Senior Championships

Next year’s Oceania Senior Championships will be held in Saipan, Northern Marianas in conjunction with the Pacific Mini Games in the month of June.

OBITUARIES

The OWF sadly in the last few weeks has lost three long time leaders of our sport. Our condolences are extended not only to the Federations concerned but most important to their families and friends.



Mr Les Martyn MBE, OSJ - Australia

Les was President of the Australian Weightlifting Federation for many years. He was a Board Member Of the IWF and he was the First President of the OWF. The Federation was established in 1980. Over the years, Les held various positions in sport. A great weightlifting coach who produced many World class lifters.



Mr Charles Cali - New Caledonia

Charles was President of CTOS -New Caledonia 2008-2020 and the Secretary General before that. He was the mastermind in the establishment of the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in Mont Dore. Charles was very committed to the weightlifting program and gave many Pacific lifters the chance of training long term in New Caledonia.



Mr Albert Mailo - American Samoa

Albert for many years was President of the American Samoa Weightlifting Association. From 1996 to 2000 he was the OWF Vice President. He was an International referee and more important he coached many lifters in American Samoa. For many years he was the Attorney General of American Samoa.