



**ENGLAND**

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Dear Members,

As you will likely be aware, recently the All-England Championship had its championship status was revoked. This was not a decision made lightly and was prompted by, a great number of messages from angered lifters who didn't manage to secure a place.

Whilst we acted with the best intentions, upon further investigation and reflection we accept that the decision was made in haste as the allegations of improper handling were not accurate, and consideration of the demand we were placing on the competition organisers was not fully realised. Indeed the impact of the decision to revoke the status on lifters was overall more negative than positive.

That being the case, as a means to restoring what is possible given the passage of time, national records will be able to be set and the results will be included in the rankings, with the competition otherwise running as now planned, and with our full support.

Whilst we realise that some lifters will miss out on this competition, we have to accept at this stage that demand far exceeds the capacity of any meet director to deliver competitions that allow every lifter access. There are also no plans to arrange additional competitions later this year to accommodate lifters that have missed out. We don't make this decision easily but it has been made clear that the demand for competition outweighs our ability to adequately supply them. We will continue to work with our divisional committee and members to develop a strategy to make sure this won't happen again next year, which will be presented at the next AGM.

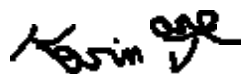
Kim, Bryn, Jacob, and Mark do an exemplary job running competitions, and have elevated the standard to exciting new levels, given the popularity of this event. They have the full support of the EPA to deliver what will again be an excellent competition, and we appreciate their commitment to the sport and our members.

Sincerely,

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