

Special Addendum to USA Weightlifting Selection Procedure due to Covid-19

This document serves as an addendum to the existing USA Weightlifting Selection procedures in the event of the postponement or cancellation of the 2020 National Youth Championship and 2020 American Open Series 2 only.

In the event of a cancellation, the final qualification event will not be able to be completed as stated in the Selection Calendar, and applies to the following events only:

- 2020 FISU World University Championship
- 2020 Pan American Junior Championship
- 2020 IWF World Youth Championship.

All other elements and requirements of the selection procedure, less the final qualification, must be met as stated.

To replace the final qualification event, USA Weightlifting will invite to an online held selection camp held over similar dates to the cancelled or postponed event;

- The Top 20 athletes, per gender, on the ranking list ignoring any qualifying minimums.
- In addition, recognizing that some athletes may have relied on the final qualification event, any athlete who has otherwise met eligibility criteria and has competed at least one National USA Weightlifting event in their competition history, and has a local meet total, as of April 4 2020, above the 20th ranked individual will also be invited to the selection camp.

The selection camp will begin with the ranking as currently stated on the USA Weightlifting website, and these totals already made by athletes shall stand.

USA Weightlifting Performance Staff (Mike Gattone & Pyrrros Dimas, with support from Lorene Halford) will oversee the camp, and re-rank based upon the heavily lifts at each camp day, to be held with one gender per day. Personal coaches, are welcomed to the camp. The judgement of Mike Gattone and Pyrrros Dimas on a lift is final.

To give further comfort of fair play in these unusual circumstances, 4 Independent Observers from the IWF Category 1 and 2 population (2 Male, 2 Female) will be invited and the camp lifts will be recorded. Such independent observers must certify they have no connection or interest in the outcome of the selection they are observing (e.g. An athlete in the same club).

Following the selection camp, the USA Weightlifting Performance Staff under the oversight of the 4 Independent Observers will produce a final ranking list for invitation no later than 48 hours after the final camp in the series has been completed, using the NRS system

Athletes who are attempting to make more than one team may choose which camp to attend, and will be automatically ranked according to their eligibility.

Lifts made at the camp will not be recorded in the competition history of the BARS Membership System.

Subject to Covid19 restrictions at the time of the camp, USA Weightlifting has coordinated with USADA regarding the provision of doping control remotely and confirmed that athletes will be eligible for doping control over the camp period and based upon the camp period results.

At all times, Athletes and Coaches are to put their health and safety first, and observe any orders given in their state or locality.