

2017 USA WEIGHTLIFTING AMERICAN OPEN FINALS
GENERAL INFORMATION, ENTRY FORM & PARTICIPATION CONTRACT
ANAHEIM, CA – DECEMBER 7TH – 10TH, 2017

VENUE:

Anaheim Convention Center
800 W Katella Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802
http://www.anaheim.net/1117/Anaheim-Convention-Center-Arena

HOTEL:

Hilton Anaheim
777 W. Convention Way
Anaheim, CA, 92802
Book online: HERE
Call: (877) 776-4932
Code: UWL

Nearest Airports: John Wayne Orange County Airport (SNA) – 14 miles from SNA to the Anaheim Hilton

Airport Transportation: TBD

Hotel/Venue Transport: TBD

About our Host City: <http://visitanahaheim.org/>

Volunteer for this Event events@usaweightlifting.org

Webcast: The event will be webcast live at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting>
 If you wish to volunteer to commentate on the webcast, please contact mediaservices@usaweightlifting.org

Qualifying Period: December 1st, 2016 – October 29th, 2017

Registration Deadline: November 9th, 2017 at 2:00 pm MST

Start List & Schedule Avail: November 11th, 2017, at 2:00 pm MST

Eligibility Standards: You must equal or exceed the totals below to enter:

Youth Division: Top Three from each American Open Series, by Sinclair formula, will qualify for this event. There is no qualifying total.

Masters Division: Top Three from each American Open Series, by Sinclair-Malone-Meltzer formula, will qualify for this event. There is no qualifying total.

Men - Open		Women - Open	
Weight Category	Total Weight	Weight Category	Total Weight
56kg	174kg	48kg	128kg
62kg	204kg	53kg	145kg
69kg	235kg	58kg	158kg
77kg	262kg	63kg	170kg
85kg	280kg	69kg	177kg
94kg	285kg	75kg	180kg
105kg	295kg	90kg	182kg
+105kg	300kg	+90kg	184kg

LOC: Southern Pacific LWC

Meet Director: David Miller & Sean Waxman

SANCTION NUMBER: 60-17-72744

ELIGIBILITY: To enter this event you must be a member in good standing when you submit your entry and remain a member through the time your session ends at the competition you are entering, and:

- 1) **Ensure that your entry and fee is received by the USA Weightlifting National Office by November 9th, 2017, 2:00 pm MST**
- 2) Meet the qualifying total described above or placed in the top three, by Sinclair (Youth) and Sinclair-Malone-Meltzer (Masters) formulas, from each American Open Series during the qualifying period, also described above.
- 3) However, in completing this entry form, you may elect to use an announced Entry Total (ET) that is lower than your qualifying total, but that lower total must at least equal the qualifying standard total for the bodyweight/age category you are entering (if no entry total is listed in your entry form, your qualifying total as described will automatically be used for your ET). Please note that the total of your starting attempts at the competition must at least be within 20kg (men) /20kg (women) of your ET, and if your ET qualifies you for an A session you must start within 20kg of the minimum total for the A session. No extra lifters will be permitted in this competition
- 4) Athlete's competition age is determined as of December 31st, 2017.
- 5) For competitions, the team must be named and affiliated to the associated USA Weightlifting club at the time of registration. Changes made at the Verification Meeting may be for reserve choices to scoring choices only, not club affiliation.

ENTRY DEADLINE: November 9th, 2017 all entries, team or individual, whether made online, via fax regular mail or express service, must be received with payment by the National Office no later than November 9th, 2017 at 2:00 pm MST. Entries and/or payments received after that time will be rejected.

QUALIFICATION FOR 2017 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS:

For full information on qualifying for 2017 International Competitions see the 2017 Athlete Reference Guide for International Competition (to be published late 2015).

Note that the dates, locations, and presentation of the above events are subject to changes and adjustment as specified on the IWF (International Weightlifting Federation) and PAWF (Pan American Weightlifting Federation) calendars.

Note that you may qualify for an international team based on your Weight rather than your weight class you are competing in at any given Championship. For example, you may compete in the 56Kg category weighing 49.99Kg, you will thus rank for an international team at the 50Kg category.

BODYWEIGHT CATEGORY CHANGES AND FINAL VERIFICATION OF ENTRIES & MEETING:

The Entry Form you submit to the USA Weightlifting office by the entry deadline is your official entry to the competition and the information therein will be verified and used to create a Tentative Start list. However, you can make changes to your bodyweight category up until 5:00 pm Mountain Time, Wednesday November 28th, by notifying the National Office, in writing, of the desired change, if you have made the qualifying total for that category. You may also make a change at the Verification of Final Entries Meeting that will take place on Thursday, December 7th, at 2:30pm in a room to be announced. You can also change your Entry Total at or prior to the Verification Meeting, but in no event can it be below the Qualifying Start Total for the category in which you will be lifting. If you were placed in an A session on the basis of your original ET, and your revised ET is lower than the minimum total for the A session of the category you will compete in, you must lift in the B session for that category (if any) and must be prepared to alter your schedule to do that. Please note in selecting your ET that the total of your starting attempts at the competition must at least be within 20kg (men) /20kg (women) of the QT, and if you are selected for an A session with 20kg/20kg of the minimum

total for the A session. No extra lifters will be permitted in this competition, except in the case of an international trials session.

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE: **Thursday, December 7th, 2017, TBD.** Anyone who does not attend the Technical Conference agrees to accept all decisions made at the Technical Conference. The final Start List will become available immediately after this meeting and any changes to the lifting schedule will be announced at that time. A preliminary list of participants (subject to change) will be available at <http://weightlifting.teamusa.org> within 3 days after the entry deadline.

REFEREES CLINIC & TESTING:

Thursday, December 7th, 2017 – TBD

For more information on referee testing procedures and how to become a referee, please visit <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Referees.aspx>.

ITEMS REQUIRED AT

WEIGH IN:

All participants aged 16 and older are required at weigh-in to produce a government-issued photo identification document showing date of birth, such as a driver's license, passport, military ID, or comparable document. All participants aged 15 and younger are required at weigh in to produce a government-issued identification document showing date of birth, such as a birth certificate, passport, or comparable document; photo identification is not required for participants under 16 years of age.

DOPING CONTROL:

Formal drug testing of participants by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) will be in effect. Participation in this event signifies that the athlete agrees to be subjected to and to comply with all drug control procedures and policies.

WEIGH INS:

All official weigh-ins will be done at the Venue. Unofficial weight-checks and a sauna will be available. Please note the sauna will be located at The Washington Club, approximately 5 minutes' walk from the venue.

SAUNA USAGE:

At no time may a minor, athletes 17 and under, use the on-site sauna during events. It is USA Weightlifting's view that at this young age, sauna usage may cause health effects for these athletes.

AWARDS:

Medals to top 3 in each body weight category for snatch, clean & jerk, and total. Best lifter award for the top male and female lifter.

TEAM AWARDS:

Three team awards for both men and women. Team points based on IWF rules (scoring to 25th place) and will be in total only. An athlete who fails to make the qualifying total does not score.

American Open Finals Qualification:

The American Open Series is a new series of 3 events each year leading up to the American Open Finals (previously the "American Open"). The events provide an opportunity for all age and weight categories to gain more platform experience across the year and an opportunity for those who no longer meet raised totals on our traditional competitions to still compete at the national level. The Series works on a points basis, with the Series Champions named at the American Open Finals.

2017 American Open Series Meets are eligible for American Records, Ranking and Stipend. You may achieve any of these items at an American Open Series event. Drug testing activity has been requested for each competition with the USADA (United States Anti-Doping Agency)

Common American Open Series Questions:

How do I become American Open Series Champion?

Points, per the IWF Technical Rules, will be awarded for 1st to 25th Place at each American Open Series, with the American Open Finals worth 2x points.

If there is a tie, the tie breaker will be snatch and clean and jerk points, followed by highest average placement, and if still tied, average Sinclair, if still tied, amount of series events attended. There is an opportunity for Teams to also earn points across each Championship.

What do I get for becoming American Open Series Champion?

The Championship will be presented for Teams, Adult/Junior, Youth and Masters will be presented at the years' American Open Finals. There will be a trophy per weight category (For Adult/Junior only) and an overall Series Champion.

Do I qualify for National Championships or American Open Finals?

The Top 3 overall in each Weight Category will qualify for the American Open Finals in that year.

The Top 3 Youth by Sinclair will qualify for the American Open Finals, the Top 3 Masters by Sinclair-Malone-Meltzer will qualify for the American Open Finals that year

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – 2017 AMERICAN OPEN FINALS

REGISTRATION: Preferred method of registration is on line at: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-weightlifting/resources/national-international-event-calendar>. The deadline for the National Office having received your registration as specified above in this document. No late entries will be accepted.

A manual registration form may be mailed or faxed but it must be received by the National Office by the deadline specified on page one of this document. However, an additional \$10 processing fee applies for each athlete or team registering manually and is included in the "Entry Fees" listed below.

RETURN MANUAL ENTRY TO:

USA Weightlifting
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

ENTRY FEES:

INDIVIDUAL Entry – \$99.00 if you enter online (Non-refundable)
If you use a paper entry, \$109.00 (Non-refundable; includes manual processing fee of \$10)
INDIVIDUAL Youth Entry – \$75.00 if you enter online (Non-refundable)
If you use a paper entry, \$85.00 (Non-refundable; includes manual processing fee of \$10)
Each OVERALL TEAM – \$110.00 if you enter you're a team online (Non-refundable)
If you use a paper entry \$120.00 (Non-refundable; includes manual processing fee of \$10)

Please enter me in the 2017 American Open Finals to be held on December 7-10, 2017, at Anaheim Convention Center. I certify that I am an amateur in good standing. In consideration of my entry in the competition, I do hereby waive, and release USA Weightlifting, Anaheim Convention Center, Southern Pacific LWC and any meet hotel, and their respective directors, officers, officials, agents, and competition personnel, hereinafter known as the "Organizers," from any and all causes of action, loss, liability, claims and demands of every kind and nature, which I or my heirs or personal representatives may have for bodily injury, for expenses of medical treatment, hospitalization, and other care rendered to me in the event of my injury or illness, or for any and all other costs, damages or losses suffered or incurred by me or occasioned to me in connection with my travel to and from, and my participation in, the competition and related activities, except that the forgoing waiver and release shall not apply to injuries, damages, and losses resulting from the gross negligence and/or wanton misconduct of the Organizers or to bodily injuries and medical expenses covered by accidental death, dismemberment and/or loss of sight and medical reimbursement insurance policies maintained by the Organizers.

I agree to be filmed and photographed under conditions approved and authorized by the USA Weightlifting, to include the use of my name, biographical information, public appearances, interviews, photographs, portrait and motion pictures and television recordings of my weightlifting performance and grant to USA Weightlifting and Organizers the right to record and make use of the same, and to authorize others to do so in promoting the competition and the success of the weightlifting team on which I compete, to promote the image of USA Weightlifting, its sponsors and advertisers, and the sport of amateur weightlifting, and to fund the activities of the USA Weightlifting.

I (and my parent or guardian, if I am a minor), agree that the Organizers and its agents, including competition personnel, may make judgments (with appropriate input from available medical personnel), as to my treatment, hospitalization or other medical care in the event of my illness or accidental injury in connection with my participation in the competition, should I be disabled or incompetent to make necessary and appropriate decisions concerning such treatment, hospitalization or other care. I authorize the Organizers, its agents and competition personnel to make such decisions for me as though they stood in a relationship to me of parent, guardian or next of kin should circumstances require the Organizers, its agents and competition personnel to make such judgments, and my next of kin cannot be timely and conveniently contacted to participate in the making of such judgments.

I hereby release and agree to hold the Organizers, its agents and competition personnel harmless from all expenses, causes of action, liability, claims and demands arising from good faith judgments made by the Organizers, its agents and competition personnel concerning my treatment, hospitalization and medical care in the event of my illness, injury or other emergent circumstances in connection with the competition.

I (and my parent or guardian, if I am a minor), agree that I will be financially responsible for treatment, hospitalization and other medical care rendered to me in the event of my illness, injury or other emergency circumstances in connection with the competition, except to the extent my injuries and medical expenses, if any, are covered by accidental death, dismemberment and/or loss of sight and medical reimbursement insurance policies maintained by the Organizers for my benefit, in which event I will nevertheless continue to be financially responsible for expenses of treatment, hospitalization and other medical care in excess of such policies' limits.

I understand the USA Weightlifting Board of Directors has adopted the following policy: The entry and qualifying deadlines for any National event are the ones specified in the Participation Contract and absolutely no entries will be accepted after the deadline.

This policy will remain in effect unless changed by the USA Weightlifting Board of Directors and may not be overridden by any individual or group, including but not limited to any USA Weightlifting committee, member, the event meet director or the National Office staff. This policy will be strictly enforced, without regard to statements or rumor to the contrary, regardless of the source of such statements or rumors. Athletes should be advised that USA Weightlifting will not be responsible for an athlete's unsuccessful attempt to register for the event online due to the absence of a minimum qualifying total in the athlete's record at the time registration is attempted, or for any other issue that would cause the athlete to be unable to successfully register online or via fax or regular mail. It is therefore strongly recommended that athletes not wait until the last minute to register, in case there is a problem.

American Open Finals Manual Entry

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY:

WEIGHT CLASS QUALIFIED: _____ kg (You may only enter one) USAW Member # _____

____ MALE ____ FEMALE

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____ AGE _____ DOB _____

USA WEIGHTLIFTING COACH: _____ COACH USAW MEMBER # _____

EVENT COACH: _____ EVENT COACH USAW Member # _____

NOTE: EVENT COACH MUST BE A CURRENT USA WEIGHTLIFTING MEMBER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE WARM-UP ROOM

QUALIFYING STANDARD TOTAL (QST) MADE: _____ WT CLASS: _____ DATE: _____

ENTRY TOTAL (ET) (must be equal to or greater than the QT of age/wt class): _____

AMOUNT DUE: (See Entry Fees Above)

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO 'USA Weightlifting' OR VALID CREDIT CARD: VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER or AMERICAN EXPRESS:

CREDIT CARD ACCT# _____ EXPIRES _____ CODE _____

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

DRUG USE AND BLOOD DOPING

All competitors in the 2017 American Open Finals are subject to drug testing by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). A positive result for an IOC prohibited substance will be cause for disqualification from this event, and loss of eligibility. A negative test will demonstrate to the public and your competitors that you have earned your achievements ethically.

By registering to compete at this competition, you are consenting to be subject to drug testing on your urine, and accept the penalties if found positive for a prohibited substance. All athletes chosen are required to provide an acceptable specimen. Cooperation is mandatory; noncompliance will be cause for the same penalties as for a positive drug test.

Further information about the doping control process, the protection of your rights, and the status of specific medications is available from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and its Drug Reference Line (1-800-233-0393), 5555 Tech Center Drive, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919-2372. The USADA website is www.usantidoping.org.

Over-the-counter medications, nutritional supplements, and even natural herbal supplements may contain prohibited substances. Always check first with your team doctor or the Drug Reference Line before taking any medication prior to competition.

I understand that drug-testing may be conducted on a formal basis for athletes weighed-in for this event or program and that the detection of use of banned drugs would make me subject to suspension by my sport's national governing body and USOC. By registering for this event, I agree to be subject to a drug test and its penalties if declared positive for a banned substance. I am aware that failure to appear for and comply with the drug test will be cause for the same penalties as for those who are positive for a banned substance. I further understand that the practice of blood doping is banned by the USA Weightlifting, the USOC, the IWF and the IOC and that to do so would make me subject to punitive action within existing policies. ** Names of athletes who test positive, the name of the substance and length of suspension will be listed in on the USA Weightlifting website. I know that I may call the USADA Hotline (1-800-233-0393), for any questions about medications and banned substances or practices.

I understand that, if for some reason I elect not to continue in the competition to the completion of an official total, or do not total, that I will still be eligible for the random drug test, and I will report to the Doping Control Officer and advise him/her that I am making myself available for random drug testing. I will not leave the meet site until excused by the drug control officer.

I understand that if I am a no show for drug testing, I am subject to receiving the maximum penalty of a 4-year suspension from the sport.

In providing my signature below I am signifying that I agree to all the terms, conditions, waivers, policies, descriptions and other information provided on the preceding pages of this document.

PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

IF ATHELTE WILL BE UNDER 18 AT TIME OF EVENT, PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN

I have explained to my son/daughter the aforementioned releases and conditions, the aforementioned information on drug use and blood doping, the ramifications associated with their use, and the aforementioned information on drug testing. I further consent to his/her registration for this USA Weightlifting activity under the above stipulated conditions.

PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY FORM
\$110/Team + \$10 Admin Fee for Paper Application

Select one: _____ Men's Team _____ Women's Team

(Make copies as necessary for additional teams) Online entries can be made by clicking ([link here](#))
 Please enter the following Team in the 2017 American Open Finals. Enclosed is a check for \$120.00, payable to the USA Weightlifting or credit card information below. I understand that if any athlete on my team tests positive for banned substance, that the team will receive no team points and will be disqualified from this competition.

This tentative team roster must be submitted and each athlete on this roster must submit an individual entry indicating that he/she represents this club. Proof of mailing is required, please see page 1, "Proof of Entry." Final team rosters are due in the Competition Secretary's hands at the Verification of Final Entries Meeting. No more than 2 entries per class, eight per team.

USA WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB NAME _____ CLUB #: _____

CLUB ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CREDIT CARD ACCT# _____ EXPIRES _____

Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

	ATHLETE'S PRINTED NAME	WEIGHT CLASS	TOTAL
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____

ALTERNATES:

1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

SIGNATURE OF CLUB OFFICIAL: _____ DATE: _____

CLUB OFFICIAL'S PRINTED NAME: _____