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**2018 AMERICAN OPEN SERIES I**

**GENERAL INFORMATION, ENTRY FORM & PARTICIPATION CONTRACT**

**COLUMBUS, OH – MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**VENUE:**

Greater Columbus Convention Center
400 North High St
<a href="https://columbusconventions.com/">https://columbusconventions.com/</a>

**HOTEL:**

Embassy Suites Columbus Airport
2886 Airport Dr, Columbus, Ohio 43219, USA

**Nearest Airports:**

John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH)

**About our Host City:**

<https://www.columbusports.org/>

**Volunteer for this Event**

events@usaweightlifting.org

**Webcast:**

The event will be webcast live at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting>

**Qualifying Period:**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

**Registration Deadline:**

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 2:00 pm MST

**Start List &**

**Schedule Available:**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 2:00 pm MST

**Eligibility Standards:**

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-weightlifting/resources/qualifying-totals>

**LOC:**

Ohio LWC

**Meet Director:**

Mark Cannella

**SANCTION NUMBER:**

60-18-108008

**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 February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 2:00 pm MST**
- 2) Meet the qualifying total described above and the age requirements for the event.
- 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) According to the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) rules, athlete's competition age is determined as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the event.
- 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:** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:00 pm MST. Entries and/or payments received after that time will be rejected.

#### **QUALIFICATION FOR 2018 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS:**

For full information on qualifying for 2018 International Competitions see the 2018 Athlete Reference Guide for International Competition.

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, Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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:** Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 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 2 days after the entry deadline.

#### **REFEREES CLINIC &**

##### **TESTING:**

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 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. Check scales will also be available at the venue.
- EQUIPMENT:** ROGUE® equipment will be provided at the training hall, warm-up area and competition area.
- SAUNA USAGE:** When an on-site sauna is available at no time may a minor, athletes 17 and under, shall use it 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 25<sup>th</sup> place) and will be in total only. An athlete who fails to make the qualifying total does not score.

**American Open Finals  
Qualification:**

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Features/2017/September/28/2018-American-Open-Series-Details-Released>