

USA WEIGHTLIFTING

COVID-19 Pandemic PROTOCOL for the following events:

2022 National Championships Week

Las Vegas, NV – June 25-July 3

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WHAT CHANGED FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN OPEN SERIES IN COLUMBUS?

- 1) Masks, testing and vaccination are **NOT** required.
- 2) The use of masks while indoor is encouraged. Social distancing and the use of hand sanitizer is encouraged.
- 3) Participants that are unvaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear their masks.
- 4) Testing 48h prior to the event is strongly recommended to all participants, symptomatic or not.
- 5) Participants that are symptomatic are requested to not attend the event.

1) Generally

- a. Review and follow the local authorities' recommendations! USAW will update this document should the local guidelines change between now and the start of the event.
- b. Follow the guidelines on number of people allowed inside the facility at one time and physical distance.
- c. Symptomatic participants will not be allowed inside the venue.
- d. "Participant" is defined but not limited by anyone entering the venue, an athlete, a coach, a volunteer, a technical official, spectator, a parent, a loader and set-up/staff personal. To be clear, this covers any person entering the building for the purposes of the USA Weightlifting event.
- e. **Spectators will be allowed, with limited capacity.** Spectator tickets must be purchased at <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-weightlifting/events/tickets>

2) Registration Desk & Tickets

- a. The registration desk will be open on Friday, June 24, 2022 by 2pm at the Las Vegas Convention Center.
- b. Credentials will be divided equally across all desks in alphabetical order. Participants must disinfect their hands before screening through the credentials in order to find theirs.
- c. **COACHES WHO INTEND ON ATTENDING THE COMPETITION, MUST REGISTER AS A COACH FOR THE EVENT IN BARS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE WILL RESULT IN THE COACH NOT BEING ALLOWED INTO THE VENUE.**
- d. Signage will be placed to guide participants to the correct queues.
- e. Social distancing must be observed at all times.

3) Weigh-in Process

- a. To minimize contact, athletes aged 18 years old or older MUST come to the weigh-in unaccompanied.
- b. Athletes aged 17 years old or younger MUST attend the weigh-in with either a same-gendered coach or a parent of either gender.
- c. Symptomatic athletes will be screened for temperature before the start of the weigh-in process. If an athlete shows a temperature above 100.4 F medical staff will be immediately alerted. The athlete will also be deemed 'unfit to compete' and will not be allowed in the competition or training venue. The official result will be similar to a fail to weigh-in (DNS – Did Not Start).
- d. Athletes MUST bring their own set of pens to sign the weigh-in cards.
- e. Social distancing, meaning remaining six feet apart, must be observed at all times at the weigh-in waiting area.
- f. At the conclusion of the weigh-in, athletes in all competitions will receive:
 - a) One (1) Athletes' Pass, for the athlete

- b) Two (2) Warm-up Pass, for accredited coaches to access the warm-up area

4) Warm-up room, Field of Play & Competition

- a. Each platform will be set up 10ft away from each other. Participants are required to observe social distancing at all times.
- b. Each platform will have a cleaning station with hand sanitizer.
- c. The organization of the event will aim for sessions that are no larger than 13 athletes/session.
- d. Coaches are encouraged to not gather around the screens with the attempt boards and scoreboards. Those will be set up on stands for easy viewing from across the warm-up area.
- e. Athletes and entourage are requested to disinfect the plates and bar after the end of their session.
- f. Technical Officials will monitor social distancing and may remind/comment/enforce if athletes and coaches blatantly disregard. Athletes may receive a DSQ, only possibly issued by the USAW Staff Meet Director, due to 'un-sportsmanship behavior' in case they disregard social distancing and protective measures.
- g. Lifters are encouraged to bring their own chalk.
- h. Athletes and coaches should support by disposing of their trash and empty bottles when the session is over.