

## **New Selection Procedure Questions and Answers**

### **Updated: November 9, 2022**

**Question:** Since Youth Pan American Championships was switched to Nov 2022 will it be a qualifier for any event for 2023? (Such as Junior Pan American Championships or Worlds)

**Answer:** Youth Pan American Championships will be a qualification event for any international event it falls within the 6 month Qualification window for. If it is outside of the events qualification window, it will not count.

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**Question:** It is not specified the max number of athletes. that will be selected to a team under the Olympic Qualification Events portion. Will that remain 10 athletes per gender with a max of 2 per weight class as is specified in IWF rules (games type events excluded)

**Answer:** USA Weightlifting will send a full wherever possible. If that is 10/10 or 5/5, we will ensure the most athletes have the ability to participate in an Olympic Qualification event who are qualified.

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**Question:** On the alternate athlete selection procedure it suggests athletes can move down a class they can do so if they weigh within a defined percentage of the lower weight class, What is the defined percentage?

**Answer:** The percentage will be agreed upon between the Senior Director Sport Performance and the personal coach/athlete based on optimal performance and ability to prove readiness after the athlete has already been selected to the team. This is in the case where an athlete is actively and publicly cutting down to a lower weight category, and qualifies as an alternate in a higher weight category.

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**Question:** In the section under qualification there is a reference to 10<sup>th</sup> place. Is this in reference to 10<sup>th</sup> place on the IWF OQR?

**Answer:** Correct. The IWF has stated they will ONLY rank 10 athletes in the OQR. So where an athlete falls below that 10<sup>th</sup> place slot is what that statement refers to.

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**Question:** Is American Open Finals 2022 a Qualifying event for 2023 Pan American Championships?

**Answer:** As long as the competition falls within the qualification period and is a USA Weightlifting sanctioned National Meet (excluding National Garage Championships) or an IWF sanctioned International meet it will count. You can see a list of all eligible qualification events for an international event on the International Qualification Calendar in the Selection Procedures.

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**Question:** Is there any idea on when 2023 Grand Prix 1 & 2 will be held? When do we expect those dates to be released?

**Answer:** At this time we do not know when to expect the announcement of any additional 2023 competition dates or locations. We anticipate that Grand Prix 1 will be held sometime in late June 2023

and Grand Prix 2 will be held sometime in December 2023 but have no official confirmation from the IWF on dates.

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**Question:** Where can I find the “external USOPC owned Selection Procedures” for the PanAm Games?

**Answer:** As soon as the USOPC approves those Selection Procedures, they will be posted under the Selection Procedures section of the USA Weightlifting website titled “2023 Pan American Games Selection Procedures”.

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**Question:** Where can I find the NRS totals? They are not updated in the selection procedure information?

**Answer:** All NRS that we have 2022 results for have been updated. As the remaining competitions happen, the numbers will be updated, once results are published.