

Indiana LWC #22 Bylaws

Article 1: Name

Section 1: Name. This Local Weightlifting Committee will be referred to as LWC 22-Indiana.

Section 2: LWC is a Local Weightlifting Committee #22 (Indiana) and is a registered member of USA Weightlifting.

Section 3: Tax Status.

The Corporation is a not for profit. It is designated as an organization that fosters the development and competition of amateur sports nationally and internationally in the sport of Weightlifting. This LWC Employee Identification Number (EIN) is 81-1278132. This LWC has 501c3 tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Article 2: Territory

Section 1: Jurisdiction. The said LWC shall include all counties within the state of Indiana.

All zip codes between 460 and 479 are included in this jurisdiction.

Article 3: Mission Statement/ Purpose.

Section 1: Mission Statement. To promote the growth and development of Weightlifting and lifters at a grassroots level, abiding by the rules and governance of USA Weightlifting.

Section 2: Function. The purpose shall be to educate, promote, conserve, sponsor, coordinate and stimulate the interest of Weightlifting, as an amateur sport, throughout the Federation, Region, and Nation.

Article 4: Elections

Section 1: Elections. Elections will be held every year, on a rotating basis, with officers holding seats for 2 years. (USA Weightlifting does not have a limit as to how many terms an officer can hold their position.)

Section 2: Elections will be on a rotating two year cycle, with the President and Treasurer being elected on odd years and Vice President and Secretary elected on even. (This will help in the cohesion of a functional Board.)

Elections can be set up 1 of two ways:

1. Electoral College, by club representation

- a. <5 members = 1 vote
- b. 6-10 members = 2 votes
- c. 11-14 members = 3 votes
- d. 16-20 members = 4 votes
- e. 20-29 members = 5 votes
- f. 30+ members = 6 vote max
- g. Unattached may elect a representative and vote accordingly.
 - i. <25 = 1
 - ii. 25 = 2
 - iii. 26-50 = 3
 - iv. +50 = 4

Section 3: Ballots:

Voting will be facilitated by USA Weightlifting, using their online voting vendor.

Section 4: Officers

- a. All members of the Local Weightlifting Committee Board must be current members of USA Weightlifting, in good standing.
- b. President: The President shall preside at the Membership and Executive Board meetings as chief officer of the organization; shall supervise the organization's affairs and activities; shall make an annual report to the members; and be responsible for seeing that all of the organization's activities are in accordance with the bylaws and USA Weightlifting rules.
- c. Vice President: The Vice President shall preside at Membership and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President; shall also act on behalf of the President when required, and shall work with the President on all affairs of the organization. The Vice President will assume the Presidency in the event that the President is unable to fulfill his responsibilities.
- d. Secretary: The Secretary shall give notice of all regular and special meetings; keep permanent record of such meetings, be custodian of all official records of the organization, and furnish minutes of such meetings for publication; submit a credentials report at each meeting;
- e. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall supervise the ways and means affairs and projects of the organization; shall issue notice of dues payable and be responsible for the collection thereof; keep the financial records of the organization; disburse a report in detail at the annual meeting, and at other times when directed, as to the financial condition of the Association; cooperate with the party selected by the Executive Board to make an annual audit of the financial records.

Section 5: Removal of Officers

- a. If an officer is found to be non-compliant with the Code of Conduct of USA Weightlifting, an officer can be removed by:

1. 2/3 majority vote by the board/membership.
- b. Special elections for replacing Board members to be held within 60 days of vacancy.

Section 6: Meetings

- a. Annual- There will be 4 meetings per year. Three (3) will take place virtually and one (1) will take place at a location to be determined. 75% ($\frac{3}{4}$) attendance is required for board members to remain in good standing.
- b. Monthly (who may attend)
 - a. Meeting minutes will be posted to website/Facebook page within 14 days, and/or
 - b. May be requested by an LWC member after 14 days.

Article 5: Members

Section 1: Notification of Events Meetings. Membership will be notified of local events via:

- a. Email
- b. Facebook page/ website
- c. USA Weightlifting website

Section 2: Notification of Updates. Membership will be updated on important matters within the LWC via email on a quarterly/semi-annual/annual basis.

Article 6: Funding

Section 1: Funding. The purpose of the LWC funds shall be to receive funds and other assets by the way of donations from various and sundry sources; to receive funds from registrations, sanctions, club memberships and service fees, including rebates from memberships. To utilize all funds received from whatever source exclusively in the promotion of and in furtherance of Weightlifting.

Section 2: This organization possesses a business banking account as defined by the IRS. This LWC is applying to function as a 501(C)(3) status.

Section 3: Financial Statements and disclosure policy. The Secretary/Treasurer is in charge of maintaining the account, including all financial statements and reconciliations. He/She will be responsible for submitting a yearly financial report to USA Weightlifting in the month of January each year. Quarterly statements will be made to the members of the LWC on request.

Section 4: Availability of Funds.

Funds available to the LWC will come from:

- a. USA Weightlifting Rebates
- b. A portion of LWC meets (not to exceed 20%)

- c. A portion of State/LWC Championships (not to exceed 20%)

Section 5: Collection of Funds.

Funds are to be provided to the LWC Treasurer within 30 days of an event.

Section 6: Purpose of Funds

Funds can be used towards:

- a. The purchase of equipment, which will be made available to any member requesting its use for local or state meets.
- b. As prize money for athletes who win a medal at Senior National Championships.
 - 1. Gold- \$500
 - 2. Silver- \$250
 - 3. Bronze- \$100
- c. As partial travel reimbursement for any LWC athlete qualifying for an International Event. Partial disbursement of funds to be determined by majority vote of governing body.

Article 7: Events

- a. Calendar of Events
 - a. will be available on website and Facebook page
- b. Management of:
 - a. Events will be randomly monitored for compliance of rules/regulations by the Local Weightlifting Committee Board.
- c. Dates will be assigned on a 1st come 1st serve basis containing a completed sanction request.

Article 8: Amendments to Bylaws

- a. Amendments to Bylaws require notification to all members of the LWC. All members of the LWC will be able to vote on an amendment, based the same rules of election voting (i.e. 1 vote per member or Electoral College).
- b. A quorum must be present to vote on an amendment.
- c. A vote of 2/3 majority is required to pass the amendment.

Article 9: Miscellaneous

- a. Dissolution or liquidation of assets- Upon dissolution the assets shall be distributed for one or more of the exempt purposes of the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service. The governors of this body shall decide by majority vote how the assets will be liquidated. All judgements of said body shall be pursuant to and in accordance with all codes and rules of the IRS concerning dissolution and liquidation.