

USA WEIGHTLIFTING, INCORPORATED
NEVADA WEIGHTLIFTING, LWC #49
CONSTITUTION OF THE NEVADA WEIGHTLIFTING LWC OF
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ARTICLE I- NAME

Section 1 Name. This Local Weightlifting Committee will be referred to as Nevada Weightlifting, LWC (#49), and is a registered member of USA Weightlifting.

Section 2 Address. The principal office of this said committee shall be established by the board in office.

Section 3 Tax Status. At present, tax status has not been established.

ARTICLE II: TERRITORY

Section 1 Jurisdiction. The said LWC shall include all counties within the state of Nevada excluding the counties of Humboldt, Washoe, Lyon, Storey, Mineral, Douglas, Churchill, Pershing, Carson City, and Lander (the northwestern section of Nevada).

Section 2 Changes. Any alterations or amendments are to be made only with the express approval of the National Governing Body (USAW, Inc.).

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION

Section 1 General. This Association is hereby affiliated with USA Weightlifting, Inc. and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), and is subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of these bodies insofar as they affect and proscribe the functions of USAW, Inc. and Nevada Weightlifting, LWC. This committee may become affiliated with any other organization, as it deems fit and appropriate. This committee may terminate its affiliation with any organization, as it deems fit and proper and appropriate.

ARTICLE IV: 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 V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Clubs. Each Club shall be eligible for membership and shall be represented as proscribed in the By- Laws.

Section 2 Individuals. Each individual member of the Nevada Weightlifting, LWC shall acquire such membership as outlined in the membership criteria set forth by USAW for LWCs and will thusly become a Member of USAW.

Section 3 Honorary. Honorary memberships may be bestowed upon individuals at the discretion of the membership.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNMENT

Section 1 Structure. The government of this organization shall be vested in the Executive Board, consisting of a President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2 Election. The Executive Board shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the said By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI- 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 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 a National Meet.
- c. As travel reimbursement for any LWC athlete qualifying for a National Event.

ARTICLE VII- 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 VIII- AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1

- 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.

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
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ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Clubs. Each Club shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

- a) Approval. Prospective Club memberships shall hereafter be approved by the President and Secretary/Treasurer. In the event of rejection, it must be presented to the membership at the next scheduled meeting of the membership for final approval or rejection. Once approved, members shall have full rights as members.

Section 2 Individuals. Each individual member of the NWLWC shall acquire such membership as outlined in the membership criteria set forth by USAW for LWCs and will thusly become a Member of USAW.

Section 3 Honorary. Honorary memberships may be bestowed upon individuals at the discretion of the membership. Honorary members shall pay no dues and have no vote.

ARTICLE II - DUES

Section 1 Criteria. The annual dues for Club memberships shall be proscribed by USAW, Inc.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT

Section 1 Governing of LWC. The Executive Board shall have the exclusive control and management of the said committee and its various properties, subject to the direction of the membership.

Section 2 Handling of LWC Funds. Funds of this Association may be deposited and withdrawn from any bank from which it has funds on deposit by the President and the Secretary/Treasurer.

- a) Co-Signature Requirements. Both the President and Secretary/Treasurer must sign all checks of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and above.

Section 3 Bonding of Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer may be bonded, at the expense of the Association, for the amount on deposit at the annual meeting held each year.

Section 4 Governing of Competitions. All amateur weightlifting competitions are to be conducted and governed by the USA Weightlifting Official Rulebook, published by our parent organization, USA WEIGHTLIFTING, Inc.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

Section 1 Officers. Every four years there shall be elected a President and Secretary/Treasurer. Elections for new/added positions (ie. Vice President, athlete representatives, etc.) will be elected every 1-2 years as seen fit by the current board members. These elected officials shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2 Voting Rights at NWLWC Meetings.

a) Club Voting Rights. After having paid the required Club membership fee, all Clubs in good standing are entitled to the number of votes accordingly:

i) Clubs with one (1) to five (5) members shall be entitled to one (1) vote;

ii) Clubs with six (6) to ten (10) members shall be entitled to two (2) votes;

iii) Clubs with eleven (11) to fifteen (15) members shall be entitled to three (3) votes;

iv) Clubs with sixteen (16) to twenty (20) members shall be entitled to four (4) votes;

v) Clubs with twenty-one (21) to twenty-nine (29) members shall be entitled to five (5) votes; and

vi) Clubs with thirty (30) or more members shall be entitled to six (6) votes.

Section 3 Term of Office. The newly elected members of the Executive Board shall take office immediately following the election.

Section 4 Criteria. A candidate for office, in order to be elected, must receive a majority of the votes cast. In the event that more than two names are placed in nomination for one office, and no single nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, the name of the candidate with the least number of votes shall be removed from the ballot. This procedure shall continue on successive balloting until a nominee is elected.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1 Quadrennial Elections. The quadrennial election shall be held on a day agreed upon by the Executive Board. Notice of this meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each member at their last street or email known address at least ten (10) days prior to the election meeting.

Section 2 Annual Elections. Annual elections shall be held on years the executive board deems fit. The election shall be held on a day agreed upon by the Executive Board. Notice of this meeting shall be mailed or emailed to each member at their last street or email known address at least ten (10) days prior to the election meeting.

Section 3 Executive Board Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held on prearranged dates or at the call of the President.

Section 4 NWLWC Special Meetings. Special meetings of the membership or of the Executive Board must be called by the President, Secretary/Treasurer, or at the request of at least thirty- three and one- third (33-1/3) percent of the members of this organization.

ARTICLE VI- DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Section 1 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.

Section 2 Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer 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; 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 3 Removal of Officers

d. 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.