

USA Weightlifting Coaching Programs Commission

Meeting, April 28, 2022

Present: Michael McKenna (Chair- elected at meeting), Brittany Rucker, Kim Ransom,

Not Present: Tiffany Wohlers (Athlete Rep), Mary Theisen-Lappen (Athlete Rep), Chris Moore

Board Representative: Vacant

Staff: JP Nicoletta (Dir. Coach Education)

Meeting called to order: 5:30pm - (Eastern)

1. Coach Ranking/Advancement System Draft Review and Discussion

On 4/20/22 Nicoletta distributed (via email) a revision to the coach rating system incorporating feedback from 3/22/22 meeting. This meeting was called to review and discuss the presented draft.

- Upon review and with agreed upon edits the group present agreed to make the draft final for presentation to USAW headquarters for final review and approval. (draft below)

Action: Nicoletta to present final draft to CEO, and High Performance team for additional revisions and/or approval.

Meeting adjourned: 6:27pm (Eastern)

USAW Coach Advancement Summary – draft 4/29/22

USAW Coach Advancement: Base Requirements

Must be current at time of application.

- USA Coach type membership (Coach or “Coach and Athlete”)
- Coach Certification in good standing
- Background Screen
- SafeSport Training
- USADA Coach Advantage Tutorial

Education Levels: (Level 1 Coach and Level 2 Coach)

Earned through membership and completion of USAW’s Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses.

Level 1 Coach

- USAW Coach type membership
- Completion of USAW Level 1 Course
- Annual CEU to recertify

- SafeSport Training (Encouraged)
- USADA Coach Advantage Tutorial (Encouraged)

Level 2 Coach

- USAW Coach type membership
- Level 1 Coach Certification
- USADA Coach Advantage Tutorial (required for Level 2 course enrollment)
- Completion of USAW Level 2 Course
- SafeSport Training (Encouraged)

Athlete Production Levels: (National Coach, International Coach, Senior International Coach)

To advance from Level 2 Coach to National Coach, National Coach to International Coach and International Coach to Senior International Coach an athlete production requirement must be met and established by submitting a USAW Coach Advancement Application to the National Office.

An athlete can be claimed once per advancement application. For clarity, the coach must produce different athletes. i.e., An athlete attending the American Open Finals AND National Junior Championships counts as 1x athlete.

A coach may claim an athlete for National Coach then again for International and Sr. International if the athlete attains the next level(s) under their guidance.

An athlete may be claimed 1x per level by one coach. i.e., An athlete attending National Championships cannot be claimed by a new coach if a prior coach already brought them to the National level and claimed them for advancement to National Coach. *Exception for International and Sr. International only: If the total of the athlete increases more than 10% under a new coach, or the athlete moves up a competition level under a new coach (for example and moves from appearing at Jr. World Championships to Sr. World Championships, or from World Championships to Olympic Games), where the athlete also increases their total by at least 5% they may be claimed for advancement by a new coach. All total increases must be verified via USAW Membership platform or IWF database as appropriate. (If said athlete changes to a lower weight category and does not meet the required total increase an appeal can be filed with the Coaches Advisory Council.)*

The coach must be listed as the athlete's primary coach (Coach #1) in USAW's membership system at the time of the achievement and time of application. Alternatively, the athlete at their exclusive discretion may submit written attestation that the applying coach was the athlete's primary coach at the time of the achievement.

In addition to being listed as the primary coach for an athlete in USAW's membership system, an applicant coach must confirm and attest they were the material coach of the athlete listed on the application for at least 6 months leading into the achievement. This is defined as writing the programming for the athlete and acting as the primary competition coach of the athlete (inclusive of presence at any national event cited for advancement).

For National Coach advancement applications, the coach must be registered to attend the claimed event in USAW's membership system and must be physically present for the athlete achievement. For

International and Sr. International applications the coach is not required to be physically present at the event.

All advancement applications require the athlete to physically compete at the event claimed. In this context physically competing is defined as taking at least one snatch and one clean and jerk attempt on the competition platform. If the athlete qualifies for and declines participation or is unable to compete, for any reason, the event is ineligible for an advancement application.

Online events are ineligible for coach advancement.

International athletes are not eligible for athlete production credit. All claimed athletes on an application must be USAW members who represent the United States.

National Coach: 12 Points

Level 2 Coach with base requirements noted above.

- 1 athlete to National Championships = *6 points*
- 1 athlete to American Open Finals, American Open Series, or National University Championships who meet the AO Final (open division) qualifying total for that year and at the event attended. = *3 points*
- 1 athlete to National Junior Championships, an IWF Calendar event (Youth/Jr./Senior), or winning Masters World Championships = *3 points*
- 1 athlete to National Youth Championships 16-17 age group only = *2 points*
- 1 athlete to National Youth Championships (under 16-17 age category)* or earning Masters National Champion = *1 point*

**A Youth athlete under the age of 16 that attains the qualifying total for the 16-17 age category and attends National Youth Championships in the younger age group is eligible for 1 point. A maximum of 2 athletes 15 and under per application for National Coach.*

International Coach: 4 Points

National Coach with base requirements noted above

- 1 athlete to Olympic Games, IWF World Championships (Sr.), IWF World Cup, Youth Olympic Games or Pan American Games (Sr. or Jr.) = 4 points
- 1 athlete to IWF Junior World Championships or Pan American Championships (Sr.) = 2 points
- 1 athlete to IWF Youth Worlds, Pan American Championships (Junior, Youth, U15) = 1 point
- 1 athlete to IWF Grand Prix or other international events previously labeled IWF Gold or Silver level events* = 1 point

** Events from 2017-2020 quadrennial only as the Gold, Silver, Bronze designations have been retired and discontinued in the 2021-2024 quad.*

Senior International Coach: 4 Points (in addition to International coach)

International Coach with base requirements noted above

- 1 athlete to Olympic Games, IWF World Championships (Sr.), IWF World Cup, Youth Olympic Games or Pan American Games (Sr. or Jr.) = 4 points
- 1 athlete to IWF Junior World Championships or Pan American Championships (Sr.) = 2 points
- 1 athlete to IWF Youth World Championships = 1 point