

USA WEIGHTLIFTING
USOC ATHLETE DEFINITION
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Elite Athlete. An individual shall be considered an Elite Athlete if he/she has either (i) within the ten (10) years preceding election, represented the United States in the sport of weightlifting in the Olympic or Pan American Games, or an Operation Gold event, or a world Championship recognized by the IWF for which a competitive selection process was administered by the USAW; of (ii) within the twenty-four (24) months before election, demonstrated the he/she is actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of USAW's national championships or team selection competition for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games or an event or discipline which is regularly included in the international competition program of the IWF; or (iii) represented the United States in weightlifting at the Paralympic Games, or an International Paralympic Committee-recognized Weightlifting World Championship; provided, however, that an individual shall not qualify for membership as an Elite Athlete if he/she satisfies the definition set forth above by virtue of competition in one or more events that categorize entrants in classification commonly known as "Junior", "Masters," "Seniors," "Veterans" or other similarly designated age restricted competition. All Elite Athlete members shall be members of the Athletes Congress.