



USA Weightlifting Weekly Report: May 18-24, 2009

Memorial Day- The National Office will be ***closed on Monday, May 25th, 2009*** for the Memorial Day holiday. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26th. ***REMINDER: Please note that the National School Age Championship entry deadline is Wednesday, May 27th, 2009. No late entries will be accepted.***

2009 National School Age Championships Hotel Info- Please be advised that the Holiday Inn Lanier Centre, the host hotel for the 2009 National School Age Championships is **SOLD OUT**. **The Days Inn** is the secondary hotel for this event and is 3 city blocks from the Holiday Inn and the Georgia Mountain Center (Event Venue). Participants of the 2009 National School Age Championships staying at the Days Inn will receive a room rate of \$69.00. For more information please see the link provided: http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=15354&brandInfo=DI

WerkSan Fund Club Grant- The WerkSan Fund Club Grant annual pool limit of \$10,000 has been expended for this year. ***Please note that no more applications will be accepted for 2009.***

Judicial and Ethics Committee Winners- Congratulations to those elected by the USA Weightlifting Board of Directors to serve on the following committees:

Ethics Committee

Michael "Bull" Ternus
Don McCauley
Dan Bell
Michael Cook

These gentlemen will be tasked with providing the input which will define the ethical standards and behavioral consequences for all levels of USA Weightlifting, from athlete to CEO. This is no small task and will positively influence our sport far into the future.

Judicial Committee

Bob Giordano
Joe Puleo

These vastly experienced jurists will rule on grievances through the next quad. We will take advantage of their skills and fairness.

The fifth Ethics Committee member and the third Judicial Committee member will be selected by the athletes.

2010 Bid Information- Bid Information for USA Weightlifting's 2010 national events is posted online at the following link: <http://weightlifting.teamusa.org/news/article/10944>.

The bid deadline for the following 2010 events was May 21, 2009: National Junior Championships, National Collegiate Championships, National Championships and National School Age Championships.

The following bids were received by the deadline:

City, State

Rochester, MN

2010 Event

National Junior Championships

Bid Deadline for 2010 American Open - November 13, 2009 . Bid Information is posted online at the following link: <http://weightlifting.teamusa.org/news/article/10944>.

NOTICE: Referees and Technical Officials: It would be appreciated if all USAW members who are IWF Level 1 or Level 2 Technical Officials that are planning on going to the Pan American and National Championships in Chicago, please confirm attendance via email. Send a message as soon as possible to let us know the dates you are coming. **Send emails to:** mike.gattone@usaweightlifting.org

NOTICE: Important Announcement about 2009 National Championships Verification of Final Entries and Technical Conference-

Since the competitors in the 2009 Pan American and US National Championships will lift in combined sessions, an important change in schedule has been made. Please note the following:

Contrary to what has been published in the National Championships entry form, please note the following:

A combined Pan American and National Championships and FINAL Verification of Entries will be held from **2:30 – 3:00 PM Central Time** Wednesday June 3rd at the Chicago Hilton and Towers and Combined Technical Conference will be held from **3:30 – 4:30 PM Central Time** Wednesday June 3rd, also at the Hilton.

At this time all weight class changes will be final and the final schedule will be announced!

Because of this late notice and because some participants may have already made flights which are due to arrive later in the day, National Championships competitors may submit changes to the National Office via email or fax **no later than 12 Noon Mountain Time, Wednesday June 3rd**. Changes may be emailed to usaw@usaweightlifting.org or faxed to 719-866-4741 no later than 12 Noon MST, Wednesday June 3rd. Please don't assume the National Office has received those changes – make sure to call us to confirm! Our phone number is 719-866-4508.

PLEASE NOTE: In the 2009 National Championships entry form, the original Technical Meeting was scheduled for 8:30 pm on Wednesday June 3rd. Now that the Verification of Final Entries Meeting and the Technical Meeting will both take place earlier in the day, **as noted above**, there will be an Informational Meeting at **8:30 PM CST on Wednesday June 3rd**. This meeting will serve strictly for informational purposes only, for US participants arriving later.

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