

IMPORTANT QUALIFYING TOTAL ERROR ANNOUNCEMENT

February 7, 2011 - Errors Discovered In Qualifying Totals Previously Posted For International Teams

While carefully reviewing the international qualifying totals previously listed on this web-site, we discovered a number of errors, ranging from calculation errors to errors made in following the methodologies described for calculating the totals.

As of February 7, 2011, the totals that were previously posted on this page were replaced with tables of the corrected totals, which we have tried to highlight in red. We deeply regret the errors made and going forward, USAW will take additional steps to prevent such mistakes in the future (e.g., by having calculations checked by multiple sources before they are published on the website). If any other calculation errors are made, discovered, and announced prior to the beginning of the first session of the last trial for a particular international team, the corrected totals will be used. However, once the first session of the final trial event has commenced, no changes will be made in the qualifying totals, even if an error is subsequently discovered.

The following methodology applies to the calculation of international totals by placement for the following 2011 International events: Junior Worlds, Pan Am Games, World University Championships and World Championships.

The totals from multiple competitions were averaged as described in the Qualifying Procedures of that competition (e.g., for the World Championships, an average of the 2007 & 2010 World Championships, 1st – 25th place was used). However, in some categories, if less than the designated number of places existed in the results being used from a given year, averages yielded non-descending results. To correct this problem, the averages were taken from highest to lowest.

If less than the designated number of places existed for the adjusted averages, the remaining places were projected by further reductions of 1 kg per place, beginning after the last averaged placement. For example, had there been only 20 athletes in the 63 kg category at the 2007 World Championships and 18 athletes in 2010, the averages may have yielded something to the effect of: 18th is 180 kg, 19th is 175 kg, and 20th is 185 kg. These numbers would have then been adjusted to read: 18th is 185 kg, 19th is 180 kg, and 20th is 175 kg.

If projected placement totals were not within 10% of each other, they were also adjusted. For example, if the projected placement total of the 20th place finisher in a certain weight category had been 180 kg, and 21st place was 100 kg, then 21st was adjusted to be 10% of 20th, therefore being 162 kg.

Ranking Lifters Who Have The Same Total in the Same Bodyweight Category:

- If two athletes in the same weight class achieve the same totals in two different qualifying events, the athlete who posted the total in the earlier competition will be ranked higher.

- If a tie in terms of total occurs at the same competition whoever is ranked higher by the rules of weightlifting in that competition will be ranked higher for qualification purposes as well.