

**USA WEIGHTLIFTING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2016 OLYMPIC GAMES
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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination of athletes to the USOC and throughout the 2016 Games.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire until at least six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic or Paralympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 42) or the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

Per the 2016 Olympic Qualification System (Attachment A), all athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

In addition, the minimum IF standards for participation include:

- Age Requirements

All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on/or before 31 December 2001.

- Additional IF Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must have participated in a minimum of two (2) qualification events, as per the list below.

List of Rio 2016 qualification events:

- 2014 Commonwealth Games
- 2014 IWF World Championships
- 2014 Asian Games
- 2014 IWF Grand Prix(s)
- 2015 IWF Junior World Championships
- 2015 Pacific Games
- 2015 Pan-American Games
- 2015 European Games - 2015 IWF World Championships
- 2015 IWF Grand Prix(s)
- 2016 Continental Qualification Events - 2016 IWF Grand Prix(s)

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must be part of the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) in accordance with any and all applicable USOC, WADA, USADA, IOC and/or IWF anti-doping protocols.
- Athletes must be current members in good standing of USA Weightlifting (USAW) at the time of the qualifying competition, the nomination to the USOC, entry in the Games, and at all times during the Games. For purposes of this document, members in good standing means eligible to compete under USAW and IWF by-laws, rules and regulations.

1.1.5. Overview of Selection Process

Selection of Women's Team

- On completion of the 2015 IWF World Championships competition and subsequent publication by the IWF of the Member Federation team rankings prior to doping adjudications, the U.S. Women's

Team has secured three (3) slots in the 2016 Games. The first of the three slots will be filled according to the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System described in Section 1.3 below, and the other two slots will be filled according to the PATH 2: Ability to Medal System described in Section 1.3 below. In the event that the U.S. Women's Team secures an additional slot due to the recent charges of doping violations in connection with the 2015 World Championships, that additional slot will be selected based on the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System.

Selection of Men's Team

- Upon completion of the 2015 IWF World Championships competition and subsequent publication by the IWF of Member Federation team rankings prior to doping adjudications, the U.S. Men's Team has not secured any slots in the 2016 Games. However, at the time of approval of these Selection Procedures, the US Men's Team may earn up to three (3) men's slots in the 2016 Games due to the recent charges of doping violations in connection with the 2015 World Championships. If the U.S. Men's Team is not awarded slots in the 2016 Games on or before June 10, 2016, then the U.S. may earn a slot through the 2016 Continental Qualifying Event. Therefore, these Selection Procedures have been drafted to address a number of different qualification scenarios; in the event that a new scenario arises that USAW has not anticipated, then these procedures will be modified accordingly.

1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

IWF Participation Slot Qualification Events:

Per the 2016 Olympic Qualification System (Attachment A), Team USA can earn Olympic participation slots (quota places) at the following IWF Qualification Events:

2014 IWF World Championships
November 4-16, 2014
Almaty, KAZ

2015 IWF World Championships
November 20-29, 2015
Houston, USA

2016 Continental Qualification Event (Pan Am Championships)
June 4-11, 2016
Barranquilla, COL

Qualification Events

PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System Qualifying Events

2014 IWF World Championships
November 4-16, 2014
Almaty, KAZ

2015 IWF World Championships
November 20-29, 2015
Houston, USA

PATH 2: Ability to Medal System Qualifying Events

2015 IWF World Championships
November 20-29, 2015
Houston, USA

2015 American Open Championships
December 3-6, 2015
Reno, USA

2016 National Junior Championships/Senior Trials
February 18-21, 2016
Philadelphia, USA

2016 National Championship
May 5 - 8, 2016
Salt Lake City, USA

2016 Olympic Team Trials*
May 5 - 8, 2016
Salt Lake City, USA

* Note that the 2016 Olympic Team Trials will be held for the Women, but will only be held for the Men if, on or before May 4, 2016, Team USA is awarded two or more slots in the 2016 Games by the IWF as a result of doping violations in connection with the 2015 World Championships. If held, the Trials will be a PATH 2:

Ability to Medal Qualifying Event (further explained in 1.3 below). Also, please note that the 2016 Olympic Team Trials will be held in conjunction with the 2016 National Championships as a separate 'Trials' session (one session each for men and women). In the event PATH 3 applies, a final Continental Qualification event session will take the place of the Olympic Team Trials.

PATH 3: Continental Qualifying System

2016 Continental Qualification Event (Pan Am Championships)
June 4-11, 2016
Barranquilla, COL

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

2014 IWF World Championships

Athletes qualify for the 2014 IWF World Championships in the following way:

(NOTE: *USA Weightlifting Athlete Handbook & Reference Guide For 2014 International Competitions*, to be added back to the USAW web site, same location as the 2015 version noted below)

2015 IWF World Championships

Athletes qualify for the 2015 IWF World Championships in the following way:

See *USA Weightlifting Athlete Handbook & Reference Guide For 2015 International Competitions, October 19, 2015*, at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Resources/Athlete-Information-and-Programs/Athlete-and-Staff-Qualification-and-Team-Selection>

2016 Continental Qualification Event (Pan Am Championships)

Athletes qualify for the 2016 Continental Qualification Event (Pan Am Championships) in the following way:

1. For 2016 Continental Qualification Event team selection, USAW will average the first to twenty-fifth place totals for each placement from the 2014 and 2015 World Championships to determine qualifying totals in each body weight category.

In cases where actual results are unavailable down to twenty-fifth place in a body weight category, placement totals are calculated using 2014 and 2015 World Championships average decrements for that body weight category to complete the series.

2. The 2016 Continental Qualification Event selection procedure shall rank the athletes who wish to compete in the 2016 Continental Qualification Event that have lifted the highest totals compared to the first to twenty-fifth place average qualification totals, rounded to a whole number, for their body weight categories from the qualifying events specified in 1.2.1.b above.
3. An athlete whose total is lower than the twenty-fifth place average qualification total for his or her body weight category, will be ranked based on the percentage his total is of the twenty-fifth place average qualification total, rounded to three decimals, in the body weight category in which he attained the results.
4. The totals of all qualified athletes from all qualifying events will be compared to the first to twenty-fifth place average qualification totals for the body weight category in which the athlete posted the total, or, for an athlete whose total is lower than the twenty-fifth place average qualification total for his or her body weight category, ranking will be based on the percentage his total is of the twenty-fifth place average qualification total, rounded to three decimals, in the body weight category in which he attained the results.
5. Each athlete's highest total in each body weight category in which the athlete competed, from all qualifying events in which the athlete competed, will be compared to the qualifying totals as specified above, in the corresponding body weight category.
6. Men from all body weight categories will be ranked separately, in order of their placement in their respective weight class, from highest to lowest. This ranking list shall

be termed '2016 Pan American Championships/Olympic Games Continental Qualification Event Ranking List' and can be found here:

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Resources/Athlete-Information-and-Programs/Athlete-and-Staff-Qualification-and-Team-Selection>.

7. The highest-ranked men down to and including the number of 2016 Continental Qualification Event team slots - 10 for men, including 2 alternates each - will be ranked for selection to the team, maximum two per body weight category.
8. If one athlete ranks in more than one body weight category and the results from more than one body weight category place him or her on the team, and the athlete's ranking in each body weight category is the same, the athlete will be placed in the category of his or her choice, provided, however, that if the final entry list, should one be disseminated prior to the Verification of Final Entries, indicates that one of the categories offers a better opportunity for higher point scoring, the athlete will compete in that category based on the determination of the assigned coach, in consultation with, and on the approval of, the National Team Coach.
9. For an athlete whose totals are lower than the twenty-fifth place average qualification total for his or her body weight category, and the athlete ranks in more than one body weight category, ranking will be based on the highest total as a percentage of the twenty-fifth place average qualification total, rounded to three decimals, in the body weight category in which he attained the results.
10. If the athlete's ranking in more than one body weight category is the same as a percentage of twenty-fifth place, rounded to three decimals, where the athlete's results are lower than the twenty-fifth place average qualification total, the athlete will be placed in the category of his choice, provided, however, that if the final entry list, should one be disseminated prior to the Verification of Final Entries, indicates that one of the categories offers a better opportunity for higher point scoring, the athlete will compete in that category based on the determination

of the assigned coach, in consultation with, and on the approval of the National Team Coach.

11. Tie breaking procedures applicable to team qualification for the 2016 Continental Qualification Event:

Same Qualifying Event

- a. *Tie in same body weight category:* For ties that occur within the same qualifying event among athletes in the same body weight category, USAW will use IWF TCRR, Section 6.8.2 to break the tie. This provision provides the following factors, in order, to decide the classification of athletes in Total in case of a tie:
1. Best result – highest first; if identical, then:
 2. Bodyweight – lowest first; if identical, then:
 3. Best Clean & Jerk result – lowest first; if identical, then:
 4. Best Clean & Jerk result's attempt number – lowest first; if identical, then:
 5. Previous attempt(s) – lowest first; if identical, then:
 6. Lot number – lowest first.
- b. *Tie among inter-body weight category athletes:* If two or more athletes in multiple body weight categories attain the same placement and percentage of next higher placement, rounded to three decimals, within the body weight category that ranks them, in the same qualifying event, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.

Different Qualifying Events

- a. *Tie within body weight category:* If two athletes in the same body weight category achieve the same total at two different qualifying events, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.
- b. *Tie among inter-body weight category athletes:* If two or more athletes in multiple body weight categories attain the same placement and percentage of next higher placement, rounded to three decimals, within the body weight category that ranks them, in different

qualifying events, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.

12. Qualification Events for the 2016 Continental Qualification Event:

- I. 2015 World Championships/Olympic Qualification Event - November 20 – 29, 2015, Houston, TX, USA
- II. 2015 American Open Championships - December 3-6, 2015, Reno, NV, USA
- III. 2016 National Junior Championships/Senior Trials – February 18 – 21, 2016, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- IV. 2016 National Championships. May 5 - 8, 2015, Salt Lake City, USA

2015 American Open Championships

Athletes qualify for the 2015 American Open Championships in the following way:

See <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Events/2015/December/03/2015-American-Open>

2016 National Junior Championships/Senior Trials

Athletes qualify for the 2016 National Junior Championships/Senior Trials in the following way:

See <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Events/2016/February/18/2016-National-Junior-Championships>

2016 National Championships

Athletes qualify for the 2016 National Championships in the following way:

See <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Events/2016/May/05/USA-Weightlifting-National-Championships>

To compete at the 2016 National Championships, an athlete must make application to enter the competition, be determined by USAW to be qualified, entered on the competition start list, appear at the competition; appear at the weigh-in for the bodyweight category in which they are entered, identify themselves to the officials conducting the weigh-in as being present and available for drug testing; and remain in the warm up area throughout the competition session in which their body weight category is contested, until such time as the athlete identification and selection for drug testing procedure is completed by the USADA official (s) at the end of that session. Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the athlete being deemed ineligible to compete in, or disqualified from, the 2016 National Championships.

2016 Olympic Team Trials*

* As stated in Section 1.2.1 above, the 2016 Olympic Team Trials will only be held if Team USA earns participation slots for men and/or women at the 2015 IWF World Championships. If held, it will become a PATH 2: Ability to Medal Qualifying Event (further explained in 1.3 below), using the PATH 2: Ability to Medal ranking method to determine the top 15 participants in each gender. Also, it is important to note that the 2016 Olympic Team Trials will be held in conjunction with the 2016 National Championships as a separate 'Trials' session (one session each for men and women).

If Team USA does not receive participation slots for the Men's team from the IWF as a result of doping disqualifications at the 2015 World Championships, the 2016 Olympic Team Trials will not be contested in the Men's division, and will be replaced by a Trials session for the 2016 Continental Qualification Event, using the PATH 3: Continental Qualifier ranking method to determine the top 15 men participants.

Athletes qualify for the 2016 Olympic Team Trials in the following way:

Using the applicable ranking methods specified below, the top 15 ranked men and 15 ranked women in each body weight category registered at the close of entries for 2016 USA National Championships will qualify for the Trials sessions.

The body weight category entered at registration by each athlete and the athlete's highest associated qualification total on record during the Nationals qualification period will be used to rank the athlete for participation in the Trials sessions, and will be the designated body weight category and entry total for the athlete, if he or she qualified as a Trials session participant, no change permitted.

If the athlete chooses to adjust his or her body weight category as of the close of the final registration period specified here for Trials session participation as the Nationals entry submission deadline, the athlete's highest qualification total on record during the Nationals qualification period for the adjusted body weight category will be used to determine his or her qualification for the Trials sessions, and will be the designated body weight category and entry total for the athlete, if he or she qualified as a Trials session participant, no change permitted.

Athletes registered for Nationals may choose to change body weight category or entry total as the Nationals entry form otherwise allows for regular Nationals participation, however, if the changes made by the athlete do not comply with the above specified Trials session requirements, he or she will not qualify to be ranked to lift in the Trials sessions and will instead lift in the applicable regular Nationals body weight category session.

In addition, athletes, at a minimum, are required to make application to enter the competition, be determined by USAW to be qualified, must have participated in a minimum one (1) of two (2) qualification events specified by the International Weightlifting Federation as a requirement for 2016 Olympic Games Participation (and listed in Section 1.1.3 above) and entered on the competition start list, and appear at the competition. They must also appear at the weigh-in for the bodyweight category in which they are entered, and identify themselves to the officials conducting the weigh-in as being present and available for drug testing. They must also remain in the warm up area throughout the competition session in which their bodyweight category is contested, until such time as the athlete identification and selection for drug testing procedure is completed by the USADA official (s) at the end of that session. Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the athlete being deemed ineligible to compete in, or disqualified from, the Olympic Trials.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

The events to be contested at the 2016 Games are:

Men's Events (8)

56kg
62kg
69kg
77kg
85kg
94kg
105kg
+105kg

Women's Events (7)

48kg
53kg
58kg
63kg
69kg
75kg
+75kg

2016 Olympic Participation Slot Strategy

Depending upon the number of participation slots earned by Team USA at the conclusion of the qualification period (June 20, 2016), the following strategy described below in Chart 1 will be used to determine the participation slot distribution between the three 'Selection Paths' as detailed below.

Chart 1

Men - Participation Slot Distribution				Women - Participation Slot Distribution			
Participation Slots Earned	PATH 1 Placement & Scoring	PATH 2 Ability To Medal	PATH 3 Continental Qualification	Participation Slots Earned	PATH 1 Placement & Scoring	PATH 2 Ability To Medal	PATH 3 Continental Qualification
6	3	3	-	4	2	2	-
5	2	3	-	3	1	2	-
4	2	2	-	2	1	1	-
3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1^^	-	-	1	1^^	-	-	1

^^ This line applies only if (i) the U.S. does not earn slots via the 2015 World Championships and qualifies for one (1) slot through the 2016 Continental Qualification Event, or (ii) the U.S. qualifies for one slot via the 2016 Continental Qualification Event, and after June 10, 2016, the IWF determines that the U.S. earned one (1) slot at the 2015 World Championships, meaning the U.S. has a total of only one (1) slot to the 2016 Games.

In the event that the U.S. Men's Team or the U.S. Women's Team selection process involves the application of more than one PATH, then the PATHs shall be applied in the following order: (i) PATH 3 (Continental Qualifier System), if applicable, will be applied first; then (ii) PATH 1 (Placement & Scoring System), if applicable, will be applied; then (iii) PATH 2 (Ability to Medal System), if applicable, will be applied.

Women's Team

One (1) woman will first qualify for the Team through the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System, and two (2) women will qualify for the Team through the PATH 2: Ability to Medal System. If the U.S. Women's Team is granted a fourth slot as a result of the 2015 World Championships due to the doping hearings, then the fourth slot will be filled through the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System.

Men's Team

A. Slots earned by the U.S. Men's Team at World Championships awarded on or before June 10, 2016. If the U.S. is granted slots as a result of the World Championship doping allegations on or before 11:59 p.m. Mountain time on June 10 2016, then (i) the U.S. does not appear be able to qualify for an additional slot through the 2016 Continental Qualification Event, and (ii) the Men's slots will be selected as follows: the first slot will be filled according to the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System described below, the next two additional slots will be filled according to the PATH 2: Ability to Medal System described below. If the U.S. Men's Team earns four, five or six slots, then the first three slots will be filled as provided above, and slot allocation for slots four, five and six will be done according to Chart 1 below, with slots specified for PATH 1 filled first.

B. Qualification for 2016 Olympic Team if no slots are awarded by IWF from World Championships on or before June 10, 2016. In the event that the IWF does not award any slots to the U.S. Men's Team on or before June 10, 2016 as a result of the World Championship doping allegations, then the U.S. may qualify for a maximum of one (1) slot at the 2016 Continental Qualification Event to be held June 4-11, 2016 in Barranquilla, Columbia. If the Men's Team qualifies for a slot at the Continental Qualification Event, then that slot will be filled according to the PATH 3: Continental Qualifier System described below.

As of the date of publication of these Selection Procedures, it is possible that the IWF could, after June 10, 2016, award the U.S. Men's Team additional slots in the 2016 Games based on the final results of the 2015 World Championships, depending on the timing of the anti-doping hearings to be held in connection with the 2015 World Championships. Notwithstanding this possibility, in the event that the IWF has not awarded the U.S. Men's Team slots in the 2016 Games as a result of the 2015 World Championships by 11:59 p.m. Mountain

time on June 10, 2016, then the first U.S. Men's Team slot at the 2016 Games will be filled according to the PATH 3: Continental Qualifier System described below, *even if the IWF subsequently awards slots to the U.S. Men's Team based on the 2015 World Championships. See subsection C below for the filling of slots in this scenario.*

C. Slots awarded to U.S. Men's Team after June 10, 2016. In the event that the U.S. earns one (1) slot via the Continental Qualification Event described above, and subsequent to June 10, 2016 the IWF awards slots to the U.S. Men's Team based on the 2015 World Championships, then the first slot will be still be filled according to the PATH 3: Continental Qualifier System described below. Any additional slots awarded by the IWF based on the 2015 World Championships will be filled as set forth in Chart 1 above, provided that the correct line to use is the number of slots awarded minus one. By way of example, if the IWF awarded the U.S. Men's Team four (4) slots after June 10, 2016, then the first slot would be filled according to the PATH 3: Continental Qualifier System, and the remaining three (3) slots would be filled according to Chart 1 above *for three slots* (namely, one slot through PATH 1 and two slots through PATH 2).

In the event that the U.S. does *not* earn a slot via the Continental Qualification Event, then any slots awarded by the IWF to the U.S. Men's Team based on the 2015 World Championships will be filled according to the procedure set forth in subsection A above.

D. IWF awards slots based on World Championships on or before June 10, 2016, and still allows the U.S. to earn a slot at the 2016 Continental Qualification Event. As of the date of publication of these Selection Procedures, the IWF has not clarified whether the U.S. Men's Team would be allowed to earn a slot at the 2016 Continental Qualification Event even if awarded slots based on the 2015 World Championships. USAW expects that, if the U.S. Men's Team is awarded slots based on the 2015 World Championships, then the IWF will not allow the U.S. to also qualify for a slot through the 2016 Continental Qualification Event. However, in the unlikely event that the IWF would allow the U.S. Men's Team to earn a slot at the 2016 Continental Qualification Event in addition to slots awarded through the 2015 World Championships, then (i) the slots earned via the 2015 World Championships will be filled according to the process set forth in subsection A above, and (ii) if the U.S. Men's Team were to earn a slot through the 2016 Continental Qualification Event, then that slot would be filled according to the PATH 3: Continental Qualifier System.

PATHs/Selection Systems.

PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System

1. The points scored based on total for each U.S. athlete who competed in the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships will be added together to create a combined point score for each athlete. For athletes competing in multiple weight categories over the two World Championships, points scored in both body weight categories will be used. For example, if athlete A scored 6 points in the 53 kg category at the 2014 World Championships and 8 points in the 53 kg category at the 2015 World Championships, her combined score would be 14 points. If athlete B won 8 points in the 53 kg category at the 2014 World Championships and 6 points in the 58 kg category at the 2015 World Championships, her combined point score would be 14 points.
2. Athletes will be ranked from highest score to lowest combined score. The 2016 Olympic Games PATH 1: Placement & Scoring Ranking List and can be found here:

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Resources/Athlete-Information-and-Programs/Athlete-and-Staff-Qualification-and-Team-Selection>.
3. Because the final placements from the World Championships are subject to change due to doping violations, the point scores could be revised to reflect revised placements from the World Championships, and thus could impact the standings under the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System. The 2016 Olympic Games PATH 1: Placement & Scoring Ranking List will be continually adjusted up to June 20, 2016, at which point the lists will become final, based on data copied from the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) web site current as of June 20, 2016.
4. On June 20, 2016 (the “Nomination Date”), the woman with the highest ranking under the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System will be nominated for the 2016 Olympic Team, provided that the athlete is eligible to compete in the 2016 Olympics and otherwise satisfies all applicable eligibility requirements.
5. Tie Breaking Procedure for PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System. In the event that two or more women are tied for the highest rank under the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System on the Nomination Date, then the tie will be broken as follows:

a. Calculation of Qualifying Totals

- i. An Average Qualifying Total for each body weight category involved in the tie will be determined by averaging the final results of the 1st to 25th place totals in that body weight category from the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring Qualifying Events. In cases where actual results are unavailable down to 25th place in a body weight category, placement totals will be calculated using the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring Qualifying Events average decrements for that body weight category to complete the series.
- ii. In the case of a tie in points scored in total, the athlete's total resulting in his/her highest placement from the PATH 1: Qualifying Events, from the body weight category that ranked her highest, will be compared to the next highest qualifying total in the body weight category that ranked her highest, from the qualifying totals described above.
- iii. The athlete's total as a percentage, rounded to three decimal places, of the next highest qualifying total for his/her body weight category that ranked him/her highest, will be calculated.
- iv. The athlete with the highest calculated percentage will be ranked higher and nominated to the Team.

Same Qualifying Event

- v. Same body weight category: For ties that occur within the same qualifying event among athletes in the same body weight category, USAW will use IWF TCRR, Section 6.8.2 to break the tie. This provision provides the following factors, in order, to decide the classification of athletes in Total in case of a tie:
 1. Best result – highest first; if identical, then:
 2. Bodyweight – lowest first; if identical, then:
 3. Best Clean & Jerk result – lowest first; if identical, then:
 4. Best Clean & Jerk result's attempt number – lowest first; if identical, then:
 5. Previous attempt(s) – lowest first; if identical, then:
 6. Lot number – lowest first.

- vi. Inter-body weight categories: If two or more athletes in multiple body weight categories attain the same placement and percentage of next higher placement, rounded to three decimals, within the body weight category that ranks them, in the same qualifying event, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.

Different Qualifying Events

- i. Tie within body weight category: If two athletes in the same body weight category achieve the same total at two different qualifying events, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.
 - ii. Tie inter-body weight category: If two or more athletes in multiple body weight categories attain the same placement and percentage of next higher placement, rounded to three decimals, within the body weight category that ranks them, in different qualifying events, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.
6. *** **Please note:** If these Selection Procedures require the application of the Placement & Scoring Qualifying totals at a particular time, the Qualification totals on that date will apply and will not be changed for that application in the event that results change in the future.

PATH 2: Ability to Medal System

1. The Ability to Medal System is designed to select the two women, not already selected to the Team by virtue of the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System, who achieve the highest percentages results compared to the ATM Standard (see Calculation of the ATM Standard below) for their body weight category during the qualifying period of November 20, 2015 – May 8, 2016 (the “ATM Qualifying Period”) at the PATH 2: Ability to Medal Qualifying Events, which are listed in Section 1.2.1 above.
2. The athlete qualifying under the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System will be nominated to the Team first, before application of the PATH 2: Ability to Medal System, but will also be included on the 2016 Olympic Games PATH 2: Ability To Medal Ranking List during the ATM Qualifying Period.

3. The highest totals achieved by an athlete in a body weight category at the PATH 2: Ability to Medal Qualifying Events will be divided by the corresponding ATM Standard for that weight category to determine a percentage. The percentage will be rounded to three decimals.
4. All women will be ranked according to their percentage, from highest to lowest. This ranking list will be termed the '2016 Olympic Games PATH 2: Ability to Medal Ranking List' and can be found at

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Weightlifting/Resources/Athlete-Information-and-Programs/Athlete-and-Staff-Qualification-and-Team-Selection>.

5. The two highest-ranked women on the 2016 Olympic Games PATH 2: Ability to Medal Ranking List as of June 20, 2016, that did not otherwise qualify for the Games under the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System, will be nominated to the Team, provided they are eligible to compete in the 2016 Olympics and otherwise satisfy all applicable eligibility requirements. If the athlete who is nominated to the Team from the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring System and both athletes to be nominated from the PATH 2: Ability to Medal System all qualify in the same body weight category, then the athlete ranked second in the Ability to Medal System will not be nominated to the Team (unless she qualifies in another weight category), and the next highest ranked athlete on the 2016 Olympic Games PATH 2: Ability to Medal Ranking List will be nominated to the Team, provided that she is eligible to compete in the 2016 Olympics and otherwise satisfies all applicable eligibility.
6. If an athlete ranks in more than one body weight category and the results from more than one body weight category place her on the team, the athlete shall compete in the body weight category in which she obtained the highest rank on the ranking list. If the athlete's ranking in each body weight category is identical, the athlete shall select the body weight category in which to compete.
7. Calculation of the ATM Standard:
 - a. The ATM Standard for each body weight category will be determined by averaging the third place totals in that body weight category from the 2011 World Championships, 2012 Olympic Games, 2013 World Championships, 2014 World Championships and 2015 World Championships.

- b. There must be at least 1-kilogram difference in the resulting totals for two consecutive body weight categories. In the event that the averages of 3rd place results in two body weight categories with the same qualifying total or results in a higher body weight category having a lower qualifying total than the body weight category below it, the total for the higher body weight category will be raised to 1 kilogram above the lower body weight category. This method will be repeated as necessary to ensure at least a 1-kilogram increment between the qualifying totals in consecutive body weight categories.
- c. The ATM standard number will be frozen on May 4, 2015 and will not be changed subsequently regardless of any further doping results.

8. Tie Breaking Procedure for PATH 2: Ability to Medal System

Same Qualifying Event

- a. Tie within Same Bodyweight Category: For ties that occur within the same qualifying event among athletes in the same body weight category, USAW will use IWF TCRR, Section 6.8.2 to break the tie. This provision provides the following factors, in order, to decide the classification of athletes in Total in case of a tie:
 - 1. Best result – highest first; if identical, then:
 - 2. Bodyweight – lowest first; if identical, then:
 - 3. Best Clean & Jerk result – lowest first; if identical, then:
 - 4. Best Clean & Jerk result's attempt number – lowest first; if identical, then:
 - 5. Previous attempt(s) – lowest first; if identical, then:
 - 6. Lot number – lowest first.
- b. Tie inter-body weight category: If two or more athletes in multiple body weight categories attain the same placement and percentage of next higher placement, rounded to three decimals, within the body weight category that ranks them, in the same qualifying event, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.

Different Qualifying Events

- a. Tie within body weight category: If two athletes in the same body weight category achieve the same total at two different qualifying events, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.
 - b. Tie inter-body weight category: If two or more athletes in multiple body weight categories attain the same placement and percentage of next higher placement, rounded to three decimals, within the body weight category that ranks them, in the different qualifying events, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.
9. ***** Please note:** In any of the scenarios outlined above, the Ability to Medal Qualifying totals will be frozen on May 4, 2016, regardless of subsequent doping results from the 2015 World Championships, and no further changes will be made to the Qualification totals. In addition, if these Selection Procedures require the application of the Ability to Medal Qualifying totals prior to May 4, 2016, the Qualification totals on that date will apply and will not be changed for that application in the event that results change in the future.

PATH 3: Continental Qualifier System

Men may qualify for the 2016 Continental Qualification Event according to the process set forth above in Section 1.2.2 above.

Of those competing at the 2016 Continental Qualification Event, the man with the highest number of points scored in total at that Event, based on the final results of that Event, will be nominated to the Team.

1. Tie Breaking Procedure for PATH 3: Continental Qualifier System. In the event that two or more men are tied for the highest number of points scores in total at the 2016 Continental Qualification Event, then the tie will be broken as follows:
 - a. Same body weight category: For ties that occur within the same qualifying event among athletes in the same body weight category, USAW will use IWF TCRR, Section 6.8.2 to break the tie. This provision provides the following factors, in order, to decide the classification of athletes in Total in case of a tie:
 - i. Best result – highest first; if identical, then:
 - ii. Bodyweight – lowest first; if identical, then:
 - iii. Best Clean & Jerk result – lowest first; if identical, then:

- iv. Best Clean & Jerk result's attempt number – lowest first; if identical, then:
- v. Previous attempt(s) – lowest first; if identical, then:
- vi. Lot number – lowest first.

b. Different Body Weight Categories

- i. An Average Qualifying Total for each body weight category involved in the tie will be determined by averaging the final results of the 1st to 25th place totals in that body weight category from the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring Qualifying Events. In cases where actual results are unavailable down to 25th place in a body weight category, placement totals will be calculated using the PATH 1: Placement & Scoring Qualifying Events average decrements for that body weight category to complete the series.
- ii. In the case of a tie in points scored in total, the athlete's total in his body weight category, will be compared to the next highest qualifying total in the body weight category that ranked him, from the qualifying totals described above.
- iii. The athlete's total as a percentage, rounded to three decimal places, of the next highest qualifying total for his body weight category that ranked him, will be calculated.
- iv. The athlete with the highest calculated percentage will be ranked higher and nominated to the Team.
- v. If two or more athletes in multiple body weight categories attain the same placement and percentage of next higher placement, rounded to three decimals, within the body weight category that ranks them, whoever posted the total first will be ranked higher.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

N/A

- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

N/A

- 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

N/A

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, the NGB/HPMO has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the NGB/HPMO may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB/HPMO:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB/HPMO CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of the NGB's/HPMO's Code of Ethics (Attachment B).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB's/HPMO's Bylaws and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/HPMO Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct>

<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. If an athlete is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that athlete shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be nominated to the Team) until: (i) the athlete is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by IWF; (ii) the athlete voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iii) the athlete voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be nominated to the Team.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If a vacancy occurs, that athlete will be replaced by the athlete who is the next highest qualifier within the PATH by which the vacating athlete was selected. By way of example, if an athlete who qualified for the Team through PATH 1 withdraws from the Team, then the next highest ranked athlete from PATH 1 would replace that athlete.

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Provided that the IWF allows for substitutions, If a vacancy occurs, that athlete will be replaced by the athlete who is the next highest qualifier within the PATH by which the vacating athlete was selected. By way of example, if an athlete who qualified for the Team through PATH 1 withdraws from the Team, then the next highest ranked athlete from PATH 1 would replace that athlete. If the IWF does not allow substitutions at the time of the vacancy, then the vacancy may not be filled.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Weightlifting will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Weightlifting's Code of Ethics (Attachment B)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Weightlifting in the following locations:

7.1. NGB/HPMO Web site:

www.usaweighting.teamusa.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other:

N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before:

June 24, 2016.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

If mandatory training prior to the Games is required for team members, athletes will be notified directly by High Performance staff at least 60 days prior.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Peter T. Roselli, High Performance Director

Phil Andrews, Interim CEO

USA Weightlifting Board:

- CJ Stockel
- Ari Sherwin
- Ursula Garza Papandrea
- Dan Forrester
- Paula Aranda
- Jasha Faye
- James “Butch” Curry
- Terry Grow
- Emmy Vargas, Athlete’s Rep/ AAC Rep
- Colin Burns, Athlete’s Rep

12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Weightlifting Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://weightlifting.teamusa.org/about-us/governance/bylaws-technical-rules-and-policies> In Section 14

13. DISCLAIMERS

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IWF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IWF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Weightlifting. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete relies on a verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to the High Performance Director at USAW in writing by no later than March 1, 2016, and the response to such request by USA Weightlifting must be provided in writing and, where appropriate, must be published promptly on the USAW website. Any change to these Selection Procedures must first be approved by the USOC.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by virtue of an error or oversight by USA Weightlifting may be removed from the Team at any time.




14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Weightlifting may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Weightlifting.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/HPMO President or CEO/Executive Director	Phil Andrews, Interim CEO		1.12.16
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Peter T. Roselli, High Performance Director		01/12, 2016
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Emmy Vargas, Athlete's Rep, AAC Rep		01.12.2016

* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.



Attachment A
IWF 2016 Olympic Qualification System

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INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

Weightlifting

A. EVENTS (15)

Men's Events (8)	Women's Events (7)
56kg	48kg
62kg	53kg
69kg	58kg
77kg	63kg
85kg	69kg
94kg	75kg
105kg	+75kg
+105kg	

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Weightlifting:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	147	3	6	156
Women	98	2	4	104
Total	245	5	10	260

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	6	Maximum 2 athletes per event
Women	4	Maximum 2 athletes per event
Total	10	

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC in the following qualification events:
- 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships

- 2016 Continental Championships

The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name in the Individual Qualification. Should an NOC qualify more than one (1) athlete through the Individual Qualification, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will get the quota place.



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C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Age Requirements

All athletes participating in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games must be born on/or before 31 December 2001.

Medical and Anti-Doping Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the qualification events for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must undergo anti-doping controls in accordance with the WADA-IWF Anti-Doping Policy, as follows:

1. In accordance with the IWF Anti-Doping Policy (“ADP”) (12.3.1.G) if **nine (9) or more violations** of these Anti-Doping Rules (other than those under articles 2.4 or 10.3) are committed by Athletes or other Persons affiliated with a Member Federation (“MF”) **within a Calendar year period** in testing conducted by the IWF or Anti-Doping Organizations other than the National or its National Anti-Doping Organization, then the IWF Executive Board may suspend that MF’s membership for a period of up to four (4) years. In addition, such MF/National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) shall not be permitted to enter competitors for the next ensuing Youth Olympic /Olympic Games. If such MF is permitted to compete in any Olympic Qualifying event prior to the next ensuing Youth Olympic /Olympic Games, the MF shall not secure any Olympic qualifying points in such event.
2. In case **four (4) or five (5)** violations of these Anti-Doping Rules (other than those under ADP articles 2.4 or 10.3) are committed by Athletes or other Persons affiliated with a Member Federation (“MF”) **during the Rio Olympic Games qualification period**, on In- and Out-of-Competition Control, with regard to any age group athletes - in case the IWF Executive Board does not suspend the MF concerned according to Point 1. - the IWF may withdraw **one (1) quota place** from that MF/NOC with regard to the ensuing Olympic Games.
3. In case **six (6) or more** violations of these Anti-Doping Rules, (other than those under Articles 2.4 or 10.3) are committed by Athletes or other Persons affiliated with a Member Federation (“MF”) **during the Rio Olympic Games qualification period**, on In- and Out-of-Competition Control, with regard to any age group athletes - in case the IWF Executive Board does not suspend the MF concerned according to Point 1. - the IWF may withdraw **two (2) quota places** from that MF/NOC with regard to the ensuing Olympic Games.
4. The quota places withdrawn in accordance with Sections 1. 2. and 3. above shall be reallocated by the IWF in accordance with the reallocation process as detailed in **paragraph F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**.

Additional Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes except athletes invited by the Tripartite Commission must have participated in a minimum of two (2) qualification events, as per the list below.

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, athletes invited by the Tripartite Commission must have participated in a minimum of one (1) qualification event, as per the list below.



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List of Rio 2016 qualification events:

- 2014 Commonwealth Games
- 2014 IWF World Championships
- 2014 Asian Games
- 2014 IWF Grand Prix(s)
- 2015 IWF Junior World Championships
- 2015 Pacific Games
- 2015 Pan-American Games
- 2015 IWF World Championships
- 2015 IWF Grand Prix(s)
- 2016 Continental Qualification Events
- 2016 IWF Grand Prix(s)

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

The calculation of the Qualification Places is based on the Final Results (i.e. after closure of all proceedings) of the respective Qualification Event.

MEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events	Quota Place Allocated to:																		
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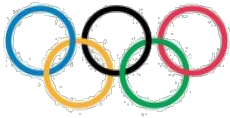
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31	<p>2016 Continental Qualification Events</p> <p>One (1) Continental Qualification Event will be held in 2016 for each continent. Only NOCs which have not gained any quota places in the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships are eligible to win quota places at the Continental Qualification Events.</p> <p>The location, date and organizers of the Continental Qualification Events are designated by the IWF and will be finalized by 31 December 2015.</p> <p>NOCs earn quota places according to their position in the Team Classification of the Continental Qualification Event.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #cccccc;"> <th>NOC's ranking in Team Classification</th> <th>Number of quota places per NOC</th> <th>Total number of quota places</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>From Africa: 1 – 5</td> <td align="center">1</td> <td align="center">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From Asia: 1 - 7</td> <td align="center">1</td> <td align="center">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From Europe: 1 - 7</td> <td align="center">1</td> <td align="center">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From Pan-America: 1 - 7</td> <td align="center">1</td> <td align="center">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From Oceania: 1 – 5</td> <td align="center">1</td> <td align="center">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total: 31 NOCs</td> <td align="center">1</td> <td align="center">31</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The team points are earned by maximum six (6) athletes per NOC and only for the Total Results as per the IWF TCRR Section 6.8.3 and 6.8.5. (http://www.iwf.net/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2013/10/IWF-TCRR-September-2013.pdf). The best six (6) athletes' results will be considered for the Team Classification.</p> <p>When two (2) or more teams have the same points and the same places in Total Results, points for the Snatch and Clean & Jerk are also calculated to determine the final classification within the tie.</p>	NOC's ranking in Team Classification	Number of quota places per NOC	Total number of quota places	From Africa: 1 – 5	1	5	From Asia: 1 - 7	1	7	From Europe: 1 - 7	1	7	From Pan-America: 1 - 7	1	7	From Oceania: 1 – 5	1	5	Total: 31 NOCs	1	31	NOC
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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event	Quota Place Allocated to:
8	<p>Individual Qualification</p> <p>Eight (8) quota places are allocated based on the Olympic Qualification Ranking List of 20 June 2016.</p> <p>Individual qualification places are allocated to the athletes, ranked in the top 15 in each bodyweight category, from NOCs which have not gained any quota places through the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships or the Continental Qualification Events.</p> <p>If more than eight (8) weightlifters meet these conditions, the IWF will select the eight (8) best ranked athletes based on the Olympic Qualification Ranking List.</p> <p>If less than eight (8) weightlifters qualify under the conditions of individual qualification, the remaining places will be allocated by the IWF according to the procedure in place to reallocate unused qualification places as described in Chapter F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.</p> <p>The Olympic Qualification Ranking List is established from the results of the highest ranked athlete per NOC per bodyweight category, in the following Qualification Events (events subject to IWF Anti-Doping Policy):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2014 Commonwealth Games - 2014 IWF World Championships - 2014 Asian Games - 2014 IWF Grand Prix(s) - 2015 IWF Junior World Championships - 2015 Pacific Games - 2015 Pan-American Games - 2015 IWF World Championships - 2015 IWF Grand Prix(s) - 2016 Continental Qualification Events - 2016 IWF Grand Prix(s) <p>Individual Qualification is attributed to the respective athlete by name, who can only participate in the Olympic Games in the bodyweight category in which he achieved the qualification place.</p> <p>An NOC can qualify a maximum of one (1) male weightlifter under the criteria of Individual Qualification. Should more than one (1) athlete from an NOC achieve qualification under these criteria, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will get the quota place.</p>	Athlete



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WOMEN

Number of Quota Places		Qualification Event	Quota Place Allocated to:															
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Number of Quota Places		Qualification Event	Quota Place Allocated to:
24		<p>2016 Continental Qualification Events</p> <p>One (1) Continental Qualification Event will be held in 2016 for each continent. Only NOCs which have not gained any quota places in the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships are eligible to win quota places at the Continental Qualification Events.</p> <p>The location, date and organizers of the Continental Qualification Events are designated by the IWF and will be finalized by 31 December 2015.</p> <p>NOCs earn quota places according to their position in the Team Classification of the Continental Qualification Event.</p>	NOC



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NOC's ranking in Team Classification	Number of quota places per NOC	Total number of quota places
From Africa: 1 – 4	1	4
From Asia: 1 - 6	1	6
From Europe: 1 - 6	1	6
From Pan-America: 1 - 4	1	4
From Oceania: 1 – 4	1	4
Total: 24 NOCs	1	24

The team points are earned by maximum four (4) athletes per NOC and only for the Total Results as per the IWF TCRR Section 6.8.3 and 6.8.5. (<http://www.iwf.net/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2013/10/IWF-TCRR-September-2013.pdf>). The best four (4) athletes' results will be considered for the Team Classification.

When two (2) or more teams have the same points and the same places in Total Results, points for the Snatch and Clean & Jerk are also calculated to determine the final classification within the tie.

Athletes from the Host Country will not receive team points nor will be included in the ranking; the overall ranking and points in the Team Classification will be upgraded accordingly.

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event	Quota Place Allocated to:
7	<p>Individual Qualification</p> <p>Seven (7) quota places are allocated based on the Olympic Qualification Ranking List of 20 June 2016.</p> <p>Individual qualification places are allocated to the athletes, ranked in the top 10 in each bodyweight category, from NOCs which have not gained any quota places through the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships or the Continental Qualification Events.</p> <p>If more than seven (7) weightlifters meet these conditions, the IWF will select the seven (7) best ranked athletes based on the Olympic Qualification Ranking List.</p> <p>If less than seven (7) weightlifters qualify under the conditions of individual qualification, the remaining places will be allocated by the IWF according</p>	Athlete



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	<p>to the procedure in place to reallocate unused qualification places as described in Chapter F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.</p> <p>The Olympic Qualification Ranking List is established from the results of the highest ranked athlete per NOC per bodyweight category, in the following Qualification Events (events subject to IWF Anti-Doping Policy):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2014 Commonwealth Games- 2014 IWF World Championships- 2014 Asian Games- 2014 IWF Grand Prix(s)- 2015 IWF Junior World Championships- 2015 Pacific Games- 2015 Pan-American Games- 2015 IWF World Championships- 2015 IWF Grand Prix(s)- 2016 Continental Qualification Events- 2016 IWF Grand Prix(s) <p>Individual Qualification is attributed to the respective athlete by name, who can only participate in the Olympic Games in the bodyweight category in which she achieved the qualification place.</p> <p>An NOC can qualify a maximum of one (1) female weightlifter under the criteria of Individual Qualification. Should more than one (1) athlete from an NOC achieve qualification under these criteria, the NOC can decide which of these athletes will get the quota place.</p>	
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country can qualify quota places at the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships.

If the Host Country qualifies quota places at the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships, the unused Host Country places will be reallocated as per the process described below in the section **Reallocation of Unused Host Country Places**.

If the Host Country does not qualify any quota place at the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships, the Host Country is guaranteed five (5) quota places, three (3) for men and two (2) for women.

The Host Country must confirm if they will accept any allocated Host Country places, and indicate the events where these athletes will be entered, by 20 June 2016.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Ten (10) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available to eligible NOCs at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games: six (6) for men and 4 (four) for women.

On 15 October 2015, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2016. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.



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Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the “*Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*”.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each qualification event, IWF will publish the results on its website (www.iwf.net/results). IWF will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places by latest by 20 June 2016. The NOCs will then have 15 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated in the respective gender, as follows:

- If the NOC qualified through the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships, the quota place will be reallocated to the best ranked NOC at the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships, not yet qualified.
- If the NOC qualified through the Continental Qualification Event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC at the respective event, not yet qualified.
- If the athlete qualified through the Individual Qualification, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete on the Olympic Qualification Ranking List of 20 June 2016 whose NOC has not yet qualified a quota place. In case of a tie, the NOC which participated in the highest number of qualification events will get the quota place.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host Country qualify quota places at the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships or decline any Host Country place(s), unused Host Country place(s) will be reallocated to the best ranked NOC at the 2014 and 2015 IWF World Championships, not yet qualified.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to NOCs, not yet qualified through the qualification events from the least represented continents according to the following criteria, in order of priority, only to NOCs with no quota obtained in the respective gender:

1. NOCs that participated in the 2014 and/or 2015 IWF World Championships
2. NOCs that participated in the Continental Qualification Event
3. Universality



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
19 June 2014 – 19 June 2016	Qualification Period
4 – 16 November 2014 TBD TBD 20 – 29 November 2015 TBD 1 January 2016 – 19 June 2016 (TBD by 31 December 2015) TBD	2014 IWF World Championships, Almaty, KAZ 2014 IWF Grand Prix(s) 2015 IWF Junior World Championships, Warsaw, POL 2015 IWF World Championships, Houston, USA 2015 IWF Grand Prix(s) 2016 Continental Qualification Events (TBD*) 2016 IWF Grand Prix(s)
15 January 2016	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
20 June 2016	Olympic Qualification Ranking Lists for Individual Qualification published IWF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
20 June 2016	Host NOC to confirm the use of any allocated Host Country Places, including the choice of events
By 25 June 2016	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
5 July 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IWF
10 July 2016	IWF to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined

Attachment B

USA Weightlifting Code of Ethics

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USA Weightlifting is committed to the pursuit of excellence by encouraging participation in fair and competitive sporting events, teaching positive life-lessons by providing an environment of respect, fair play and professional behavior for its membership. USA Weightlifting grants the privilege of membership to individuals and organizations committed to that twofold mission.

USA Weightlifting may therefore, withdraw the privilege of membership at any time that USA Weightlifting determines that a member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of sport and those who participate in it, subject to a member's right to a fair hearing as required by the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

In order to assist all members to better serve those who participate in weightlifting, USA Weightlifting has adopted this Code of Ethics (hereafter referred to as The Code or Code). This Code is not intended to establish an exhaustive list of rules of appropriate behavior for every situation, but instead establishes basic, ethical boundaries, which all members are expected to honor.

The Code offers general principles to guide the conduct, as well as the judicious appraisal of conduct, of all USA Weightlifting's members (including administrators, officials, coaches, officials and athletes). The Code also offers more specific guidelines for members and, in some instances, provides examples of what would be considered outside the boundaries of ethical behavior.

These examples are provided to insure that, at least in a general way, members are familiar with behavior that would be considered by USA Weightlifting to be unethical and, thus, potentially subject to sanctions by the organization. The examples are not intended to be a complete listing of all behavior that might result in sanctions but, rather, examples that could bring about sanctions up to and including loss of membership.

The Code by itself cannot ensure ethical conduct in weightlifting. That can only come from the personal commitment of the participants in the sport to behave ethically. This Code is offered instead to guide them and to affirm the will of all of USA Weightlifting's members to safeguard the best interests of the sport by acting ethically at all times and expecting ethical behavior at all levels of the sport.

II. Elements of the Code

A. Participant Relationships

Members of USA Weightlifting are charged with contributing to an environment that makes participation in the sport a positive and rewarding experience. In order to achieve that result, each professional member has an obligation to make decisions based on the best interest of the athletes. With this obligation in mind, it is a violation of this Code for any member to:

1. Fail to follow the safety guidelines established by USA Weightlifting, or otherwise knowingly subject a participant to unreasonable physical or emotional risk.
2. Engage in conduct which is competitively unfair including, in particular, attempting to injure, disable or intentionally interfere with the preparation of a competitor.
3. Engage in physically or emotionally abusive conduct towards another participant in the sport. (USA Weightlifting recognizes that the process of training and motivating athletes varies with each coach and each athlete, but it is nevertheless incumbent on everyone involved in the sport to support the development and use of training methods which avoid conduct which is, or is likely to be perceived as, abusive.)
4. Discriminate in the provision of resources or opportunities to any member or prospective member on the basis of race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin or mental or physical disability.
5. Intimidate, embarrass or improperly influence, or attempt to intimidate, embarrass or improperly influence any individual responsible for judging, coaching, participating in or administering a competition.
6. Engage in business practices directed towards another member that are determined by a court or other judicatory body to be illegal.

B. Participation

Any USA Weightlifting activity or event should be open to any member properly qualified under the rules of that activity or event, and every member participating in a USA Weightlifting activity or event has the obligation to participate to the best of his or her abilities. With this obligation in mind, it is considered a violation of this Code for any member to:

1. Restrict the ability of a member to qualify for or participate in competition because of the member's association with a particular organization or because of that member's race, creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin or mental or physical disability.
2. Participate as a judge, coach, athlete or administrator in any activity where that individual is inadequately prepared or otherwise, unable to participate to the best of his or her ability. {Example: a badly injured athlete attempting to participate in international competition.}

3. Engage in behavior so disorderly or inappropriate as to interfere with the normal conduct of the activity or other member's participation in, or enjoyment of, the activity. (Examples: a. Coach or athlete walking off stage at a competition to communicate with judges, administrators or members of the audience. b. Athlete, coach or official engaging in disruptive behavior on the platform or in the competition area.)

C. Responsibility

A member of USA Weightlifting has a responsibility to the sport of weightlifting and the rules and regulations that govern it. With this responsibility in mind, it is a violation of this Code for any member to:

1. Knowingly misrepresent the policies or actions of USA weightlifting or its authorized representatives.
2. Fail to follow the established procedures for challenging a competitive result,
3. Breach the duty to maintain appropriately established confidences of USA Weightlifting or its members. (Example: a. Speaking to unauthorized people about the communications in Executive Session of the Board of Directors without the permission of the Board.)

D. Communication

Members of USA Weightlifting have a duty to communicate honestly and openly with the organization and its members. With this obligation in mind, it is a violation of this Code for any member to:

1. Misrepresent competitive or coaching achievements, professional qualifications, education, experience, criminal record or affiliations. (Example: a. Submitting false competition totals by or in the name of athletes competing in national or international competitions. b. Taking coaching level credit for an athlete when the coach was not physically present for the majority of the athlete's training sessions during a substantial percentage of the athlete's career (or an athlete giving credit to a coach under such circumstances. c. Continuing to claim a coaching level title based fully or partly on the record of athletes one has not personally coached or whom another member is coaching or has coached. d. Not being forthcoming about a criminal record.)
2. Knowingly withhold from any athlete or coaches information or resources likely to enhance the athlete's progress, enjoyment of the sport or reduce their risk of injury or illness. (Example: a. Withholding information from an athlete or coach in regards to international team placements or other activities available to an athlete. b. Not warning any member about security risks {prompted by the government or the USOC} in travel to certain international venues.)
3. Fail to consult with or fully inform the athlete, the athlete's coach or parents about competitions, commercial or sponsorship opportunities or recognition. (Example: a. Not informing an athlete, his coach and/or family of commercial opportunities. b.

Directing or redirecting opportunities to an athlete without consulting all qualified athletes, their coaches and/or families.)

4. Misrepresent the nature or extent of an injury in order to participate in (or cause an athlete to participate in) a competition, training camp or similar activity.
5. Fail to consult with and fully inform the coach of record, and/or an athlete's parents (if the athlete is less than 18 years of age) about a change of coach of record, a change of team of record, or of enrollment in a USA Weightlifting/USOC sponsored facility or program.
6. Entice an athlete to change the coach or team of record for monetary or in-kind payments.
7. Knowingly disseminate false information about any member.

E. Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Members of USA Weightlifting must ensure that the sport is conducted in an environment free of drugs and/or alcohol abuse. It is inconsistent with this obligation for any member to:

1. Provide to a third party, or be a third party user of, any drug deemed illegal by federal, state or municipal law.
2. Provide alcohol to, or condone the use of alcohol by, one or more athletes under the age of 21, abuse alcohol in the presence of athlete members or consume alcohol if under 21 years of age.
3. Commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) rules;
4. Be currently serving a doping violation and/or have a pending or unresolved doping charge;

F. Criminal Conduct.

Members of USA Weightlifting are expected to comply with all applicable criminal codes and Safe Sport policies. Any member who has been convicted of or has entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a criminal charge involving sexual misconduct, child abuse, or conduct that is a violation of a law specifically designed to protect minors will be subject to expulsion from USA Weightlifting. A USA Weightlifting Background Screening Protocol may cover such violations separately.

G. Sexual Misconduct.

Professional members of USA Weightlifting, including coaches and employees, must protect the integrity of the sport and the interests of the athletes they serve by avoiding sexual relationships with athletes except where the capacity and quality of the athlete's consent to enter that relationship is beyond question. It is a violation of this Code for any member to:

1. Solicit or engage in sexual relations with a minor with a person under the age of majority in the state where the sexual relations occurred.
 - i. Fail to report sexual relations between an adult and a minor member.
 - ii. Engage in any behavior that utilizes the influence of a professional member's position as coach, judge or administrator to encourage sexual relations with an athlete.
4. Make unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature where such contact creates an intimidating, hostile or otherwise offensive environment.

H. Conflict of Interest

Members of USA Weightlifting are responsible for avoiding both actual and perceived conflicts of interest while conducting business on behalf of the organization. It is a violation of the Code for any member to:

1. Use, or be perceived as using, USA Weightlifting's properties, services, opportunities, authority or influence to gain private benefit.
2. Fail, as an employee, director, officer or committee member of USA Weightlifting, to complete an annual Conflict of Interest Form, or fail to complete that form accurately.
3. Incur expenses in furtherance of USA Weightlifting business that are unreasonable, unnecessary, or unsubstantiated.
4. Participate in establishing criteria or policies; engage in deliberations or decision-making about any issue for which the member has a direct financial or professional interest.

III. Enforcement of The Code

Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding, voluntary compliance and reinforcement by peers. When necessary, USA Weightlifting will take charge of enforcement through disciplinary action. This action will be initiated by the Ethics Committee, which will investigate and report its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may hand down one or more sanctions as described below, provided, however, that no member may be expelled, terminated or suspended without a hearing as provided in the USA Weightlifting Grievance process.

Any individual who believes that a member of USA Weightlifting has failed to meet his or her obligations under this Code is, under all but the most egregious circumstances, encouraged to

first address that concern directly to that member. If that action does not result in a satisfactory resolution, the individual may contact the CEO or the Board of Directors in writing.

The complaint will be forwarded to the Ethics Committee or appropriate members of USA Weightlifting. While the complaint must be signed and state specifically the nature of the alleged misconduct, the name of the individual making the complaint will be kept confidential by the Board of Directors and CEO, except as necessary in connection with a hearing and/or investigation. After review by the Ethics Committee, and, where appropriate, after additional discussions with the complainant and/or member who is the subject of the complaint, the Ethics Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors one or more of the following:

1. No further action be taken as the complaint does not merit further action.
2. The BOD counsels the member who is the subject of the complaint and will record both the complaint and the nature of the counseling in the member's permanent record.
3. The BOD imposes sanctions based on the investigation and the findings of the committee members.
4. The BOD sends a letter of "Necessary Improvement" to the subject(s) of the complaint.

The final remedial action will be as determined by the Board of Directors, except in the case of a suspension, expulsion or termination of membership, which shall be handled by a hearing.

Athlete Signature:

Date: