

2017 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA – JULY 20-27
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President/General Secretary
National Weightlifting Federations of the Pan American Region.

Dear President or General Secretary:

It is with great honor we invite you to join us in Miami for the occasion of the 2017 Pan American Championships, the qualification event of the 2019 Pan American Games. The event will be held in Miami, Florida, USA.

I must implore all federations to start their visa process as soon as possible, please call on our federation for assistance where you need, we will not hesitate to provide it.

Miami offers convenient flights from many Pan American nations, and is amongst the most visited cities in the United States. We believe it's location and culture make for an excellent host city for a championship of this nature.

We ask you to bring your fullest team, and make this a festival of Weightlifting in our great continent.

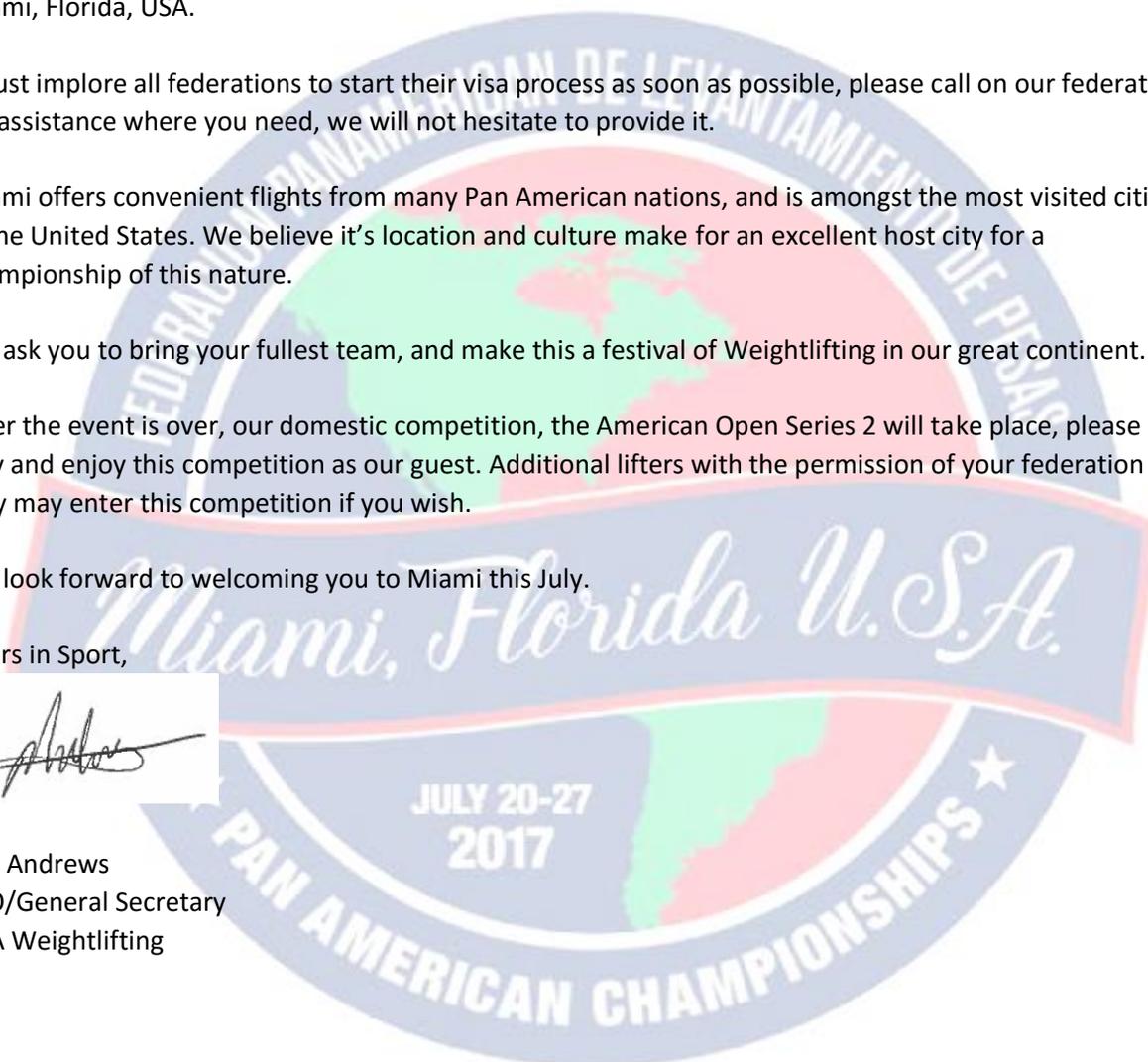
After the event is over, our domestic competition, the American Open Series 2 will take place, please stay and enjoy this competition as our guest. Additional lifters with the permission of your federation only may enter this competition if you wish.

We look forward to welcoming you to Miami this July.

Yours in Sport,



Phil Andrews
CEO/General Secretary
USA Weightlifting



COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

The competition will be run in accordance with the IWF TCRR 2017.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Accredited participants: athletes, team officials, Technical Officials (TOs), media, guests etc:

Agree to acknowledge and fully comply with the IWF and PAWF Constitution, Bylaws, TCRR and Anti Doping Policy (ADP).

Agree to abide by all reasonable directions given by the PAWF, TOs, Organizing Committee or IWF.

Agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, interviewed and otherwise recorded during the Event for the purpose of media coverage and promotion of the sport.

Agree that any images taken by authorized photographers are to be used without restriction by the Organizing Committee, PAWF, IWF including any media rights holders.

Agree to accept any prize or award given by the PAWF and/or Organizing Committee and/or Sponsors and will attend all special award ceremonies where prizes or awards are presented.

Agree to attend a press conference at the request of the PAWF or Organizing Committee.

Agree to not participate in, support or promote illegal betting.

Guarantee to participate in the event with the permission of their parent or guardian in the event of them being a minor .

Guarantee to irrevocably release USA Weightlifting, International Weightlifting Federation, Pan American Weightlifting Federation, United States Olympic Committee, and all associated venues and hotels from liability from any loss, injury or damage that they may suffer in relation to their participation in the event.

Guarantee that they participate in the event at their own risk and take all reasonable measures to protect themselves from any risks are responsible for all property they bring into the Event and that the PAWF and/or the Organizing Committee have no responsibility for loss or damage.

Guarantee that they have availed all participants of sufficient insurance coverage for this Event.

Guarantee that all participating medical personnel accompanying teams are licensed and accredited in their home nation and provide such proof if required.

Guarantee and acknowledge that by not following the above mentioned terms and conditions, sanctions may be imposed. Member Federations participate at their own risk and must undertake full moral and financial responsibility for their registered/accredited delegates with regard to their health and wellness and in case of accidents or damages not due to the negligence of the Organizing Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes born on or after 1 January 2002 (aged 15 years) or later are eligible to participate. With reference to Article 5.6.4 of the IWF Anti-Doping Policy, the Athletes who are not listed in the IWF's

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Registered Testing Pool and who want to enter this event must register their whereabouts within the ADAMS system and submit proper whereabouts at minimum 2 months previous to the event. Athletes who do not comply will not be able to compete.

Member Federations who have arrears to the PAWF are not permitted to compete.

ACCOMMODATION

All delegation members will be accommodated in:

Micosukee Resort, 500 SW 17th St, Miami, FL 33194, USA.

Single - \$150

Double - \$80

Triple - \$80

VENUES

All training and competition will take place in the venue on the same campus as the hotel:

Micosukee Entertainment Dome, 500 SW 17th St, Miami, FL 33194, USA.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided to and from Miami International Airport (MIA) only. Delegates arriving to other South Florida Airports must make their own way to the venue.

EVENTS

Medals will be contested in the Snatch, Clean & Jerk and Total.

Men: 56kg, 62kg, 69kg, 77kg, 85kg, 94kg, 105kg, +105kg.

Women: 48kg, 53kg, 58kg, 63kg, 69kg, 75kg, 90kg, +90kg.

ENTRIES

Preliminary Entry Forms (inclusive of Preliminary Accommodation & Transport Request) must be submitted to the Organizing Committee no later than **20 May 2017**.

Final Entry Forms (inclusive of Preliminary Accommodation & Transport Request) must be submitted to the Organizing Committee no later than **18 June 2017**.

Passport Copies and e-photo Headshots must be sent with the Final Entries.

Media Accreditation Forms must be submitted to the Organizing Committee no later than **18 June 2017**

ALL FORMS MUST BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESSES:

usaw@usaweightlifting.org

luig45@yahoo.com

SPORT EQUIPMENT

IWF certified barbells will be used during this event.

DOPING CONTROL

Anti-Doping Controls will be carried out by the IWF and PAWF in accordance with the IWF Anti-Doping policy.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

1. Accommodation, Transportation and Meals Fees are as follows:
Triple: \$80
Double: \$80
Single: \$130
2. Participants must accept accommodation offered in the hotel by the Organizing Committee for a minimum of three (3) nights.
3. Entry fee of \$125 (including Anti-Doping Fee) must be paid by each delegation member, regardless of role (Athlete, Coach, Official, Delegate).

PAYMENTS

A minimum of 30% of the total must arrive by 5pm US Eastern Time (GMT – 5 hours) on **18 June 2017** to the account of USA Weightlifting. If you are paying by wire transfer (preferred), please ask your bank and consider the time it takes to process the transfer in order for it to arrive ahead of this deadline.

Federations who do not pay the 30% minimum by 18 June 2017 may be removed from the event.

All participants must pay the remaining payment (70%) on or before they check in to the accommodation or receive their credential.

No accommodation or credential is guaranteed until the full amount is received by the organizing committee. 30% deposit is non-refundable.

NO-SHOWS

If one or more delegation participants do not arrive on the date specified on the final entry form, and have not informed USA Weightlifting in writing a minimum of 10 business days before the arrival, the delegation must pay in full for their stay to the Organizing Committee, previous to the accreditation. This charge is required by the hotel from the Organizing Committee. If one or more participants are delayed one or more days, the delegation must pay all of the days specified in the final entry form.

PROOF OF PAYMENT

Please send no less than 15 (fifteen) days prior to the event, the bank document that accredits the funds transfer to usaw@usaweighting.org in order that we may validate your payment with our bank.

Account Name: **U S Weightlifting**

Account Number: **000000478395781**

Bank Name: **JP Chase Morgan Bank NA**

Branch: **2696 S. Colorado Blvd, Suite 105, Denver, CO 80222, USA**

Routing Number (Wires): **021000021**

SWIFT: **CHASUS33**

Routing Number (ACH Transfer): **102001017**

Contact at Bank: **David Servatius**, david.o.servatius@chase.com

All payments are to be made in US dollars currency. Any bank charges for transfers or other transactions are the responsibility of the Member Federation. No accommodation or accreditation will be permitted to any member of the delegation until all funds have been paid in full to the above bank account.

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If you require additional accommodation after the 18 June 2017, the Organizing Committee will use their best efforts to provide but this cannot be guaranteed. Cancellations will not be accepted after 18 June 2017 and refunds cannot be given.

VISAS FOR ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Visas for entry to the United States of America can be obtained from the US Embassy servicing your nation.

Please see separate letter regarding visas to the United States of America.

INSURANCE

All participating member federations must undertake full moral and financial responsibility in of the registered athletes/delegates/personnel with regard to their health and wellness and in case of accidents or damages.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will take place onsite at the Miccosukee Resort on arrival. **For fast processing, please provide all e-photo headshots, passport copies and payment at least 15 days before arrival to usaw@usaweightlifting.org**

FLAG AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Each participating team is requested to bring a USB drive with their National Anthem and two (2) flags of their nation measuring 1m x 1.5m. These must be submitted by the team leader at the time of accreditation.

WEBCAST

The event will be webcast live on www.usaweightlifting.org – please feel free to share with Weightlifting fans in your country. The direct link will be <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-weightlifting/live>

WEATHER IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA AT THAT TIME.

The average temperature in Miami, Florida, USA at that time ranges between 28 degrees Celsius and 33 degrees Celsius, with some rain showers likely.

ABOUT THE HOST CITY: MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA

Time Zone: US Eastern Time (GMT -5)

Power: 120v/60Hz – Plug Types A & B. See: <http://whatplug.info/from/usa/>

Miami, Florida, USA is a major leader in finance, commerce, culture, media, entertainment, the arts and international trade. It was classified as an Alpha-World City in the World Cities Study. Home to the Miami Dolphins (NFL), Miami Heat (NBA), Florida Panthers (NHL) and the Miami Marlins (MLB), the city is a major player on the US sports map. For more information see: www.miamiandthebeaches.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Please note the program may change after the Verification of Final Entries meeting. It is the responsibility of the member federation to check the Start Book for any changes to the schedule or groups.

Preliminary Program				
Day	Date	Activity/Hour		
Friday	21-Jul	Arrival of the Delegation		
Friday	21-Jul	Committee Meetings 10:00		
Saturday	22-Jul	Final Verification Meeting 08:00		
Saturday	22-Jul	Technical Meeting 09:00		
Saturday	22-Jul	Pan American Congress 10:00		
Saturday	22-Jul	Opening Ceremony 18:00		
		Division	Weigh In	Compete
Sunday	23-Jul	56kg M	12:00	14:00
Sunday	23-Jul	48kg F	14:30	16:30
Sunday	23-Jul	62kg M	17:00	19:00
Monday	24-Jul	53kg F	12:00	14:00
Monday	24-Jul	69kg M	14:30	16:30
Monday	24-Jul	58kg F	17:00	19:00
Tuesday	25-Jul	77kg M	12:00	14:00
Tuesday	25-Jul	63kg F	14:30	16:30
Tuesday	25-Jul	85kg M	17:00	19:00
Wednesday	26-Jul	69kg F	12:00	14:00
Wednesday	26-Jul	94kg M	14:30	16:30
Wednesday	26-Jul	75kg F	17:00	19:00
Thursday	27-Jul	105kg M	8:00	10:00
Thursday	27-Jul	90kg F	10:30	12:30
Thursday	27-Jul	+105kg M	13:00	15:00
Thursday	27-Jul	+90kg F	15:30	17:30
Thursday	27-Jul	Closing Ceremony 8pm		
Friday	28-Jul	Departure of the Delegation or AO Series 2		