

**USA Weightlifting Competition Committee**  
**Teleconference, February 13 2020**

Present: Mike McKenna (Chair), Jenny Schumacher (Board Liaison), Robert Sirkis, Corinne Grotenhuis, Joaquin Chavez.

Not Present: Travis Cooper (Athlete Rep).

Staff Present: Phil Andrews (CEO).

**1. University National Championships Qualification Proposal.**

Andrews walked the committee through a proposal to adapt the University National Championships qualification to be via regional University Championships with the idea to promote further University vs University competition at the campus level. (Full proposal below).

The Committee unanimously endorsed the proposal with a minor edit.

**ACTION: USAW Staff to implement new qualification system for 2021 edition of National University Championships, subject to any objections at the Board level.**

**2. Update on North American Open Series.**

Andrews updated the Committee on plans for combining the AO Series into Canada, with the North American Series the result. The first NAO Series event looks likely to be held in Calgary, AB, Canada in September 2021.

**3. Junior Nationals Review**

The committee discussed outcomes of the National Junior Championship, what went well and what did not go so well. Key areas for improvement included the new scoreboard concept was not well received.

**4. Review of Platform requirements for Local Meets**

The Committee reviewed an issue raised by membership regarding the use of wood or rubber platforms for local meets. The Committee was clear a 12 x 12 (or 4m x 4m) platform was required but there were varying opinions on the need for all wood, composite or all rubber platforms. It was agreed a reasonable solution to the issue was to regulate that all meet directors must include this information on the entry, so the athlete (and coach) knows what to expect, and can make a decision on their participation or not.

**ACTION: TO update the appropriate documents to include this requirement, seek to program this field into the sign up pages.**