

## USAW UNIVERSITY NATIONALS QUALIFICATION CHANGES EFFECTIVE 2021

### Qualification:

- Athlete must meet minimum qualification total
- Athlete must compete at a National University Qualification (NUQ) event
  - LWC state championship
    - The athlete must be attached to a university in BARS at the time of competition
  - University team hosted event
  - Regional Championship
    - Organized and hosted by regional collegiate representative

### Clarification

- Should an athlete not have the option to attend a qualification event they will still have the option to compete at the U25 or Junior Nationals held in conjunction with the University National Championship.
- Athletes do not have to attend the qualification event in their region

### Why are these changes occurring?

In order to encourage collegiate participation and recognition of our collegiate teams it is vital to promote intercollegiate competition. This change will both encourage intercollegiate events as well as provide our university teams with more opportunity to expose their clubs to their university campuses, local communities and to athletes within USA Weightlifting.

Hosting intercollegiate local events will create strengthen weightlifting's application to the NCAA and also provide opportunities for other universities to create programs and compete.

### What is a National University Qualifier?

NUQ's will begin in the fall of 2020. NUQ's will be hosted per region and hosts will be selected by the National University Weightlifting Committee through a bid process.

### What is a University Regional Championship?

Each region will have the option to host a University Regional Championship. These events will be hosted by the collegiate regional representative to the National University Weightlifting Committee. These events will be self managed by the regional representative with team trophies and a championship banner provided by USA Weightlifting.

As the current program numbers are not high enough to warrant a qualification from the regional championship to the national championship from 2020-2024 we will view this regional event as a local event with its own qualification total but not a required event to attend the University Nationals.

Who will appoint regional leadership?

2020-2024

The NUWC will be USA Weightlifting appointed with representatives from all 5 regions to select NUQ hosts and assist local clubs with starting clubs within their region. The NUWC will focus on the growth and implementation of weightlifting on college campuses.

2024-2028

As the sport of weightlifting grows at the collegiate level USA Weightlifting will move to membership voting for regional representatives by the 2024-2028 quadrennial. U25 members within each region will be eligible to nominate and vote.

The NUWC will oversee NUQ host selection, management of the regional collegiate championships and strategic planning for on campus growth.

What is the National University Weightlifting Committee?

The vision of the NUWC is to be dedicated in the guidance, leadership and governance for the sport of weightlifting at the collegiate level based on fair and safe competition while adding competitive varsity opportunities for male and female student-athletes.

The NUWC is committed to promoting weightlifting, creating new competitive opportunities for student-athletes, coaches, and institutions with an emphasis on the value of responsibility, competitiveness, dedication, sportsmanship, and education at the collegiate level.

How do I host a NUQ?

Hosts will be appointed by the NUWC through a bid process. Registration will be managed through the BARS system to ensure athlete profiles are linked to the qualification event.

Individuals and Teams at NUQ's

- NUQ's will function as a local weightlifting event. Team and individual placement will follow the same structure as outlined in the IWF handbook.
- NUQ's are not required to be closed to members who are not competing at the collegiate level i.e. masters, youth, etc.
- Meets will not be required to be hosted on college campuses due to costs however they are encouraged to meet the purpose of implementing this change.