



# USA Weightlifting Competition Funding

*Applicable for events occurring  
July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024*

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*Note: Youth Olympic Games, Pan American Games, Junior Pan American Games and Olympic Games funding is handled separately by the USOPC. We receive funding information from the USOPC on a per event basis.*

## **Purpose**

The competition funding document is designed to outline how funding to international competitions and national team camps is achieved by both athletes and coaches. This document also details performance bonus payments for select international competitions and world record achievements.

## **Right to Review and Adjust**

To ensure USA Weightlifting operates responsibly within its annual operational budget, expenses associated with this system will be evaluated on a rolling quarterly basis. USA Weightlifting reserves the right to adjust this document (including qualification criteria, and stipend and expense amounts) with immediate effect; provided, however, that USA Weightlifting will provide no less than 60 days' notice of any adjustment to athletes enrolled in the stipend system at the time such adjustments are made.

## **Outline**

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## **Competition Fees**

Whenever referenced, "competition fees" comprehensively includes the following:

- Competition Entry Fee
- Expenses related to acquiring a visa (where required)
- Airline tickets
- Ground transportation

- Food
- Housing
- Official team outfitting
- Traveler's medical insurance

### **USOPC Managed Competitions**

The following competitions are funded and managed by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and are excluded from this funding policy. Selection documents for these events are separate and are owned by the USOPC (all competing athletes are funded by the USOPC for these events):

- Olympic Games
- Youth Olympic Games
- Junior Pan American Games
- Pan American Games

## **1. Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Events - Athlete and Personal Coach Competition Funding**

### **1.1. Athlete Competition Funding**

For all Paris 2024 Olympic qualification events, USA Weightlifting will fund competition costs for all currently (at the time of selection to the team) Olympic eligible athletes selected for the relevant event (up to ten athletes per gender). Athletes who are named to an Olympic qualification event team but are not Olympic eligible will be one hundred percent self-funded, except for the events listed in Section 1.2 below.

### **1.2. 2023 IWF World Championships/2024 European Championships**

All selected athletes, regardless of Olympic eligibility, will be funded to the 2023 World Championships and 2024 European championships (up to ten athletes per gender).

### **1.3. Single Room Requests**

The top 4 ranked athletes (of each gender) may request a single room at any Paris 2024 Qualification event and USA Weightlifting will make reasonable efforts to accommodate such requests. If a qualified athlete requests a single room and USAW is able to secure such a room, the athlete is responsible to pay the difference in room cost from a double to a single.

### **1.4. National Event Registration Reimbursement Credit**

Athletes who are named to a Paris 2024 Qualification event team will also receive a reimbursement of \$100 on the registration fee for a single USA Weightlifting national event (i.e. National Championships, American Open Series 1, etc.) used within twelve months following the conclusion of the Olympic Qualification event where they compete. This is a one-time applicable discount for a single USA Weightlifting national competition of the athlete's choice, so long as the national event is within twelve months of the conclusion of the Olympic Qualification event where they earned this credit. If the athlete qualifies for more than one Paris 2024 Qualification event, they will receive one National competition reimbursement credit for each Paris 2024 Qualification event for which they qualify.

### **1.5. Personal Coach Competition Funding**

Personal coaches (must be listed as Coach 1 of record in the athlete's membership profile at time of team invitation) will be funded to all Olympic Qualification events if their athlete is Olympic eligible AND their athlete's qualification total would place them in the top 10 of the OQR (or top Pan American athlete if none other are in the top 10) at time of Selection. Personal coaches of all other athletes will be one hundred percent self-funded.

## **2. Athlete and Personal Coach Competition Funding (Non-Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification Events)**

### **2.1. Non-Olympic Qualification Senior Level Events Competition Funding**

All senior level international competitions that are not Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification events, will be one hundred percent self-funded by athletes and personal coaches; with the exception provided that athletes receiving Paris A level stipend at the time of such competitions will be funded by USA Weightlifting.

### **2.2. Youth and Junior World Championships Competition Funding**

For Youth and Junior World Championships, athletes who meet (or exceed) the 3rd place average (or lowest available when not three athletes in a weight class) total for the weight class (calculated from 2019 to the most recent championships) will have all competition fees covered by USA Weightlifting. Personal Coaches of the athletes who achieve the funding numbers will be funded if they meet the following requirements:

- Must be the athlete's Coach 1 of record in the athlete's USA Weightlifting membership profile at the time of team invitation.
- Must be the official Coach 1 of record for the athlete for at least 12 months.

The funding numbers for each competition and weight class are listed below. Note: Numbers rounded to the nearest kilogram, where the number for the higher weight category does not exceed the lower category, 1kg is added.

#### **IWF Junior World Championships**

Women's Wt Class	Funding Total		Men's Wt Class	Funding Total
45kg	150		55kg	225
49kg	164		61kg	262
55kg	189		67kg	299
59kg	196		73kg	316
64kg	208		81kg	332
71kg	214		89kg	341
76kg	218		96kg	354
81kg	219		102kg	358
87kg	220		109kg	372
+87kg	239		+109kg	381

Numbers updated to include through 2023 IWF Junior World Championships

#### **IWF Youth World Championships**

Women's Wt Class	Funding Total		Men's Wt Class	Funding Total
40kg	116		49kg	184
45kg	142		55kg	211

49kg	155	61kg	252
55kg	172	67kg	269
59kg	182	73kg	283
64kg	189	81kg	293
71kg	193	89kg	302
76kg	201	96kg	309
81kg	206	102kg	310
+81kg	208	+102kg	311

Numbers updated to include through 2023 IWF Youth World Championships

**2024 Pan American Youth and Junior Championships:** All athletes and personal coaches will be 100% self-funded to both the 2024 Pan American Youth Championships and Pan American Junior Championships.

### **2.3. Self-Funded Athletes and Personal Coaches**

Should an athlete self-fund competition fees and win the gold medal in total (and there are more than three athletes competing in their weight class) at one of the following competitions, the athlete will be reimbursed their competition fees:

- IWF Senior World Championships
- IWF Junior World Championships
- IWF Youth World Championships
- Senior Pan American Championships

USA Weightlifting will refund competition fees back to self-funded coaches if their athlete wins a total medal at the IWF Junior World Championships or IWF Youth World Championships

### **3. USA Weightlifting Competition Bonus Payments to Athletes and Personal Coaches**

Bonus payment amounts for athletes and personal coaches are listed below. Coaches must meet all the requirements in the Personal Coach Funding section below. If any athlete's personal coach does not meet the below requirements (or the athlete does not have a Coach 1 of record) the amount allocated for the personal coach will go directly to the athlete. The personal coach may defer their bonus to the athlete by communicating this decision in writing to the USA Weightlifting High Performance department. Payments will be made directly from USA Weightlifting unless otherwise stated (ex: "USOPC").

#### **3.1. IWF World Record Bonus Payments:**

##### **Athlete Bonus Payments**

	Yth World Record	Jr World Record	Snr World Record
Snatch	\$800	\$1,600	\$4,000
Clean & Jerk	\$800	\$1,600	\$4,000
Total	\$800	\$1,600	\$4,000

##### **Personal Coach Bonus Payments**

	Yth World Record	Jr World Record	Snr World Record
Snatch	\$200	\$400	\$1,000
Clean & Jerk	\$200	\$400	\$1,000
Total	\$200	\$400	\$1,000

#### **3.2. Medal Bonus Payments:**

##### **Athlete (Medals in Total Only)**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Olympic Games (USOPC)	\$37,500	\$22,500	\$15,000
Olympic Games (USAW)	\$37,500	\$22,500	\$15,000
Pan Am Championships	\$2,800	\$1,600	\$800
IWF Jnr Worlds	\$1,600	\$800	\$400

##### **Personal Coach (Medals in Total Only)**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Olympic Games (USAW)	\$7,500	\$4,500	\$3,000
Pan Am Championships	\$700	\$400	\$200
IWF Jnr Worlds	\$400	\$200	\$100

#### **3.3. IWF World Championships Bonus and Operation Gold Payments:**

##### **Athlete Total Placement Bonus (USAW)**

Placement (in total)	Olympic wt class	Non-Olympic wt Class
Gold	\$8,000	\$8,000
Silver	\$6,000	\$4,000
Bronze	\$4,000	\$2,000
Fourth	\$1,200	\$800
Fifth	\$800	\$400

#### **Personal Coach Total Placement Bonus (USAW)**

Placement (in total)	Olympic wt class	Non-Olympic wt Class
Gold	\$2,000	\$2,000
Silver	\$1,500	\$1,000
Bronze	\$1,000	\$500
Fourth	\$300	\$200
Fifth	\$200	\$100

#### **USOPC Operation Gold Total Bonus Payments (Athlete ONLY)**

Placement (in total)	Bonus Amount
Gold	\$7,500
Silver	\$6,250
Bronze	\$5,000
Fourth	\$4,375
Fifth	\$3,750
Sixth	\$3,750
Seventh	\$2,500
Eighth	\$2,500

### **3.4. OQR Placement Bonus Payments:**

Athletes will receive bonus payments for specific OQR movement from each Olympic Qualification Event. Athletes will receive \$1,000 for the first time they enter into the OQR top ten as the top ranked American athlete. Once an athlete is in the OQR top ten as the top ranked American athlete, they will receive \$1,000 for each slot they move up from 10th.

For example, if an athlete goes into an Olympic qualification event at 17th place and moves up to 8th place based on results from the event, then that athlete will receive \$1,000 (for entering the top ten) and \$2,000 (for moving up two slots from the 10th place slot). For further clarity, if this same athlete then moves from 8th place on the OQR to 7th place on the OQR based on results from the next Olympic qualification event, they will receive \$1,000 for that move from 8th to 7th.



Athletes who are not in the OQR top ten but are (a) the top ranked American in their weight class AND (b) the top ranked Pan American athlete in their weight class will also receive \$1,000 the first time they move into that spot.

## **4. Camp Funding:**

The following funding guidelines apply to all camps unless USA Weightlifting receives special funding for a camp from the USOPC. For USOPC funded camps, funding details will be provided on a per camp basis.

As referenced in the following sections, “camp costs” comprehensively include:

- Airline tickets
- Ground transportation
- Food
- Housing

### **4.1. Athlete Camp Funding**

Any athlete receiving a stipend (or athletes in the Developmental level) will have all camp costs funded (by USA Weightlifting) to all USA Weightlifting camps they are invited to attend. For youth and junior athletes (who are not currently receiving a stipend), funding will follow their age group World Championships funding detailed in Section 2.2. For Senior athletes who are not receiving a stipend, only those who are eligible for the Olympics (at the time the camp takes place) will be funded.

### **4.2. Personal Coach Camp Funding**

Any personal coach of a stipend athlete (at any level) will have all camp costs funded (by USA Weightlifting) to all USA Weightlifting camps where their athlete is invited to attend. For coaches of athletes attending a Youth/Junior camp, their funding will be the same as age group specific World Championships funding detailed in Section 2.2. For personal coaches of senior athletes, who are not receiving a stipend, only personal coaches of athletes who are Olympic eligible (at the time the camp takes place) will be funded.