POWERLIFTING AMERICA – MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

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Powerlifting America is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of powerlifting in the United States and is the official U.S. affiliate to the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF). The mission of Powerlifting America is to promote and organize the sport of drug tested powerlifting in the United States. In addition, Powerlifting America nominates and fields teams for international competitions. Membership in Powerlifting America is a privilege. Athletes, referees, coaches, officials, and other members are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and respect to others. All members, employees, contractors, board members, and officers shall abide by the following Member Code of Conduct:

- Adhere to all IPF Codes of Conduct, the Powerlifting America Constitution, Powerlifting America policies, procedures, and rules.
- Exhibit the highest standards of fairness, discipline, ethical behavior and genuine sportsmanship by adhering to the US Center for SafeSport Code, USADA, local, state and federal laws and other applicable codes endorsed by Powerlifting America and/or the IPF.
- Respect athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, volunteers, sponsors, and Powerlifting America National Office staff and officers without regard to race, religion, national origin, age, civil status, veteran status, marital status, language, social condition, mental or physical ability, sexual preference, or gender identity.
- Will not use aggressive, abusive, or offensive gestures and/or language or non-consensual physical contact towards any athlete, coach, spectator, volunteer, sponsor and/or Powerlifting America official.
- Will not participate in any non-consensual sexual contact or advance or other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior or action directed towards any member.
- Will not engage in any form of discriminatory, verbal, physical or sexual harassment/abuse, or fraud, stealing, deception or dishonesty related to Powerlifting America events or activities.
- Will not use aggressive, abusive, or offensive gestures and/or language or non-consensual physical contact towards referees, jury members, or officials to express displeasure or frustration with the decision made or the athlete’s performance.
- Will not engage in behavior to disrupt a competition and detract from the focus on the performance of the athletes in the competition.
- Will not disrespect, intimidate or embarrass other members, athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, sponsors, or volunteers in person, electronically, and/or through social media.
- Will not sell, distribute or knowingly use any substance on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of banned substances or illegal drugs.
- Respect and not cause damage to private or public property of others while at an event sanctioned by Powerlifting America. Will not knowingly misrepresent the competitive achievements, professional qualifications, education, or experience of coaches, referees, athletes, officers, employees, or contractors in any format (verbal, electronic, social media, etc.).

Disciplinary action for violation of any provision in this Code of Conduct may include any or all of the following: (i) a reprimand; (ii) suspension from competition participation (iii) imposition of fines (including with respect to reimbursement of expenses incurred by Powerlifting America); (v) removal from team; (vi) termination of memberships with Powerlifting America (vii) any combination of the foregoing.

The Powerlifting America Disciplinary Committee shall be responsible for investigating and recommending for action any violation of the Code of Conduct and will ensure investigations are conducted by disinterested parties.