

MWA CLUB POLICY

Ratified by the Executive on October 7, 2008

Purpose

One goal of the Manitoba Weightlifting Association (MWA) is to develop a Province wide, regionally strong club base to assist in the delivery of weightlifting programs, events, facility maintenance, athlete, coach and officials training and development and communication in the province of Manitoba. This policy identifies the benefits and requirements of becoming an MWA-affiliated Weightlifting Club.

Club Benefits

To encourage the formation of clubs, MWA will provide the following benefits:

- Liability Insurance (from MWA)
- Link from MWA's website to your club site or a MWA website page to list club information.
- Opportunity to apply for Club Development and Club Coach Grants.
- Opportunity to benefit from programs offered by Sport Manitoba Regional Offices.
- Opportunity to apply for financial assistance from programs requiring affiliation with a Provincial Sport Organization.
- Liaison between your club and Sport Manitoba and its Regional Offices.
- General assistance with the overall development of your club and its goals.
- Coordination of Coaches and Officials certification courses.

Membership and benefits start on October 1st in the year that the Club Application and supporting documents are received and accepted by the MWA office.

Membership ends the following September 30th.

Club Requirements/Conditions of Club Membership

To become a MWA club and remain a Member Club in good standing with the MWA, the following criteria must be met:

- Annually, by September 30th, submit a signed copy of the Club Policy, a Club Membership List (including all lifters, coaches and officials).
 - Be organized with an executive composed of at least a President and a Secretary/Treasurer.
 - Have a club name.
 - Submit an annual financial report to MWA (sample format available from the MWA office).
 - Strongly suggest meet on a regular basis to review club activities.
 - Submit updated membership lists with payment throughout the season as new members join.
 - Clubs and their members must abide by the rules and requirements set out by MWA, sanctioning bodies such as CWFHC and IWF, committees of sanctioning bodies, government, and other authorities.
- **Note:** New starting for the 2008/2009 season. All general, junior and competitive members who train at the U of M will be charged an extra fee of \$25.00. If

payment is not received the person will be ineligible for the reduced membership fee for the gym from the U of M.

- **Note:** MWA members will not be allowed to benefit financially from their association with Manitoba weightlifting without the written approval of the MWA.

Failure to meet the above criteria may result in disciplinary action(s) as determined by the MWA Executive or a Discipline Panel appointed by MWA. These actions may include but are not limited to:

- Suspension or expulsion from membership and its benefits.
- Suspension of funding or grants owing to the club.
- Or other disciplinary sanctions as determined by the MWA Executive or a Discipline Panel appointed by MWA.

MWA may from time to time accept an application from a club that does not meet the above requirements. Requests for exemptions must be received by the MWA office or Executive and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Club Funding Programs

MWA has variety of programs to assist clubs financially in achieving their goals. Please refer to the *Club Funding Programs* document available for viewing and download from our website. If you require a hard copy please contact the MWA office. This document may be updated annually and will be sent to Member Clubs' mailing address in the spring quarter (April – June). Of particular note is the annual deadline of September 30th for all Club Development grant and Club Coach grant applications.

Signature of Club Representative

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Signature of MWA President

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