USU Powerlifting Constitution

Article I: Name of the Organization
The name of this organization shall be Utah State University Powerlifting.

Article II: Purpose
The purpose of USU Powerlifting is to allow any interested student(s) an opportunity to train and compete in a safe, drug-free environment with other colleges and athletes.

Article III: Membership
Membership will include any interested student, registered at Utah State University. Members are expected to pay dues through Campus Recreation, which will in turn go into the teams on campus budget. No student shall be excluded from joining the team on basis of ethnicity, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, creed, disability, veteran status or religion. There will be no limitation on the number of members of the club, nor the number allowed to compete.

Membership Requirements:

- Represent your school in a professional and reasonable manner.
- Be respectful and responsible when using equipment, while away on tournaments, and on campus.
- Any illegal activities while traveling, or at competition will result in revocation of membership.
- Any use of illegal or banned substances as defined by WADA will result in immediate revocation of membership.
- Members must have paid university dues to compete with the team and use team equipment.
- Refusal to follow the rules/regulations of USAPL (including proper lifting form) will result in revocation of membership.

Article IV: Officers

Duties:

A. President:
   i. Manage the team schedule, equipment, competitions, and travel
   ii. Recruit interested students to the club
B. Vice President:
   i. Acting Travel/Safety Officer
   ii. Assist the President in all duties as needed
   iii. Oversee PR of club (including posters, recruiting, events, etc.)
C. Secretary:
   i. Manage membership records (including helping members register in USAPL)
   ii. Managing travel and competition schedules
   iii. Ensure membership dues are paid
   iv. Assist VP in PR
D. Other Officers: If any other officers are part of the club that do not fit into one of the above three, they will help with the duties of the other officers.

**Terms of Selection/Removal:** Each officer has a term lasting from May to April. New officers are chosen in Spring semester. Interested players should speak with current officers and they will be taken under advisement. Current officers will then select new officers for available spaces. Removal of officer will occur when an officer violates any rules of the team and/or if they fail to perform their duties. An officer can only be removed after all other officers agree the officer should be removed. Should an executive office become vacated prior to the end of the officer’s term, and after due process, a special election will be held to elect a new officer. Notice of the special election will be given via email and at least 48 hours prior to the election. The president and/or vice president has the authority to call a special election. A quorum will be required for a valid vote at a special election.

**Article V: Advisors**

Advising will be set up through the Club Sports Program. The advisor cannot vote, but can and should provide guidance and counseling to the officers of the club as well as to the entire organization.

**Article VI: Equal Opportunity Statement**

Equal Opportunity in employment and education is an essential priority for Utah State University (USU) and one to which the University is deeply committed. Utah State University is dedicated to providing an equal opportunity climate and an environment free from discrimination and harassment for faculty, staff, students, applicants and participants in all programs/activities sponsored by USU. In accordance with established laws and University policies, the University prohibits discrimination and harassment based on race; color; religion; sex/gender (including sexual harassment, pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related conditions); national origin; age; genetic information; sexual orientation or gender identity/expression; disability; status as a protected veteran; or any other status protected by University policy or local, state, or federal law.

**Article VII: Meetings**

Regular meetings will be announced via email and Facebook. A unanimous vote of officers will be required for the transaction of official business.

**Article VIII: Amendment**

The number of votes required to amend this Constitution is at least 3/4 of the active members.

Amendments will be posted online for review by all interested members for at least 48 hours. Voting on amendments will be done at a special meeting called for this purpose. The meeting shall be scheduled by the President.

Any changes to the Constitution should be resubmitted to the Student Activities Office. The document should include printed names, as well as the signatures of the executive officers and the date of the official vote when the revisions were approved.