**Washington State LWC Guidelines for Meet Sanctions (Version 1.0 – 5 October 2014)**

The sanctioning of a meet is required if the meet results are to count towards qualification for any of the USAW national events. Local clubs are welcome to host as many unsanctioned events as they desire.

1. The USAW LWC President is the primary officer designated to approve meet sanctions. Should a conflict of interest be present or the officer unavailable at the time of receipt, a back-up officer will be designated to fill in for the President on the sanction.
2. It is highly recommended that meet directors secure a meet sanction prior to placing a deposit on a facility rental or any other external meet locations in case of the request being denied or suggested for a different date.
3. Meet sanction requests for the current year must be received by the LWC President within 45 calendar days of the meet being hosted. This allows the LWC President 30 calendar days to review, sign and send the approval to the national office which in turn needs a minimum of 10 business days to provide a sanction.
4. Meet sanctions should not be transferred or “swapped” without the review and approval of the LWC President.
5. No meets should be sanctioned more than 12 months in advance of the meet date.
6. Sanctioned meets require at least 6 competitors and all competitors must be USAW members prior to the meet. Competitors can register the day of the meet before weigh-ins, however their membership numbers need to be recorded during weigh-ins and reported on the score sheet.
7. Meet timings: No meets should be sanctioned within 2 weeks of any previously sanctioned meets.

1. Due to recurring changes with USAW Qualifying Procedures and dates for national events, exceptions for Last Chance Qualifier Meets will be made. The LWC President will be the primary point of contact for the review and approval of these meets.
2. Meet Sanction Approval Rankings. Meet sanctions are approved based on the following priority level and is subject to yearly review by the LWC.
   1. Historical meets have precedence. The following meets have been held for 3 years or more:
      1. Dariotis Memorial
      2. Bad Mother Open
      3. Calpian Invitational
      4. Washington Open/ Washington State Games
      5. Freak Show Open
3. As a note, getting on the Preliminary Meet Schedule in December does not guarantee a meet sanction as formal approval is needed.