



Guidelines for SAWLA Club Affiliation

Overview

The South Australian Weightlifting Association Inc. (SAWLA) is a not-for-profit organisation that is incorporated in South Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985. In general terms, the purpose of the Association is to enable members to participate in the sport of weightlifting.

The principal objects of the SAWLA are:-

- i. To organise, control and develop the sport of weightlifting in South Australia under Australian Weightlifting Federation Rules.
- ii. To develop and intensify friendship and co-operation amongst competitors and officials in weightlifting both in South Australia and other states.
- iii. To authorise and supervise all weightlifting activities of members in South Australia.
- iv. To maintain all affiliations with the Australian Weightlifting Federation and other Sporting organisations as may be required for the proper advancement and recognition of weightlifting.
- v. To render aid either financial or by other means to clubs or associations in the State of South Australia or elsewhere which clubs or associations are conducting the sport of weightlifting in accordance with the rules laid down by the Australian Weightlifting Federation.
- vi. To present weightlifting in its proper form to the public.
- vii. To do all such things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

While the SAWLA is primarily an Association of individual members, most of those members choose to join together within Clubs. Clubs which have a structure and a set of objects similar to those of the SAWLA may apply for affiliation to the SAWLA. Affiliation affords a number of benefits to Clubs, including representation and voting entitlements at General Meetings of the SAWLA; the ability to conduct official weightlifting competitions under Australian Weightlifting Federation rules; the ability of members to compete in weightlifting events under the name of their Club and exposure at State and National levels.

Definition

An "Affiliated Club" means a club that is able to provide weightlifting facilities, with an AWF certified coach, and consisting of not less than three (3) members, all of whom are members of SAWLA, which becomes affiliated to the SAWLA. The affiliated club must be established in accordance with laws of Australia.

"Affiliated Club Representative" means one representative appointed by the controlling body or management of each Affiliated Club.

Application for Affiliation

Every application for affiliation shall be made in writing, signed by an Executive Officer of the applicant club and shall be in such form as the SAWLA Board from time to time prescribes.

The fees for club affiliation shall be such sum and payable at such time and in such manner as the SAWLA Board shall from time to time determine.

An affiliated club is required to name a club representative, who must be a SAWLA member and have at least one AWF accredited coach.

At the next meeting of the SAWLA Board after the receipt of any application and the fee applicable for club affiliation, such application shall be considered by the SAWLA Board, who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant.

Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the SAWLA Board meeting at which application is being considered, shall be accepted as an Affiliated Club.

Upon the rejection of an application for affiliation the SAWLA Secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such rejection.

Termination of Affiliation

If an Affiliated Club fails to comply with any of the provisions of the SAWLA Constitution or conducts, causes, aids or supports any action which is considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character and/or interests of weightlifting in South Australia, the SAWLA Board shall consider whether its affiliation shall be terminated.

The Affiliated Club shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting their case and if the SAWLA Board resolves to terminate affiliation, it shall instruct the Secretary to advise the Affiliated Club in writing accordingly.

In the event that an Affiliated Club wishes to terminate its affiliation with the SAWLA, written notice shall be lodged with the Secretary. Thereupon the SAWLA shall provide confirmation in writing.

If a club fails to be active for a period of twelve (12) months, the club's affiliation may be withdrawn by the Association. Being active means such that the club enters athletes competing at events, provides volunteers and/or hosts an AWF sanctioned event.

Appeal

A club whose application for affiliation has been rejected or whose affiliation has been terminated may within one month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the SAWLA Secretary written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision of the SAWLA Board.

Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of affiliation the SAWLA Secretary shall convene, within three months of the date of receipt of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal. At any such meeting the applicant

shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case and the SAWLA Board or those numbers thereof who rejected the application of affiliation or terminated the affiliation subsequently shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the SAWLA Board at such meeting.

Where a club whose application is rejected, does not appeal against the decision of the SAWLA Board within the time prescribed by these guidelines or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the SAWLA Secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of the fee paid with the application.

General Meetings

Affiliated Clubs may nominate a representative, whom is a member of the SAWLA, whom will be eligible to exercise one vote per Affiliated Club at the SAWLA General Meetings, provided the member is SAWLA financial.

Asset Management

The Affiliated Club will keep an accurate asset listing which will be made available to SAWLA and any member of the Affiliated Club for inspection upon request.

Anti-Doping

Any affiliated club must allow ASADA full access as per the AWF's Anti-Doping Policy. This policy is available on the AWF website.

Affiliation

The Affiliated Club will meet the requirements for affiliation to the SAWLA and will apply to the SAWLA annually. An Annual fee will be applied as the SAWLA Board from time to time prescribes. The annual fee will apply for the period 1 January to 31 December or part thereof.

Payment

Payment of \$200 to the SAWLA nominated account must be completed prior to affiliation being considered. Please reference the Club/Organisation name in the EFT Payment reference. **Account Name: SA Weightlifting Association Inc. BSB: 105-015 Account #: 089 869 541**

Membership

The Affiliated Club will actively seek to recruit and retain members who will become registered members of the SAWLA. All accredited weightlifting coaches, referees and officials will ensure the currency of their SAWLA membership.

Events

The Affiliated Club will encourage all members to participate in its scheduled weightlifting events. Affiliated club event details will be forwarded at least 7 days prior to an event or as otherwise agreed with SAWLA. Records of all Affiliated Club events detailing scheduled date, name, date of birth, bodyweight and performances of each participant, and the names of the competition officials, will be forwarded to the SAWLA. All competitors must apply for SAWLA membership at least 72 hours prior to an event. Affiliated Club athletes competing at national or interstate events will be directly responsible to the appointed SAWLA coach and follow instruction from AWF Officials. ** Please note that unsanctioned events are not covered by SAWLA/AWF insurance.*

Volunteers

The SAWLA relies on the generosity of volunteers. Affiliated Clubs should provide assistance in setting up and dismantling of SAWLA events, including competitions. The expectation from SAWLA is that an Affiliated Club will provide support personnel at each event local to them. At all times the Affiliated Club and its supporters will follow directions of the SAWLA officials.

Insurance

The Affiliated Club will ensure it has adequate insurance coverage.