



June 7, 2021

Gaston Parage, President
International Powerlifting Federation

Via email

Dear President Parage and members of the IPF Executive Board,

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 17, 2021 demanding we cease testing outside of the NADO and report all testing done which you consider not authorized. USA Powerlifting did not request your authorization to continue testing at the recreational level and will not. Pursuant to our discussions and agreement of 2019, USA Powerlifting is willing to implement testing via an independent third party for elite-level athletes, but not for those who are considered recreational or, in our characterization, local-level athletes. In previous discussions with the IPF through its attorney, it has been made clear that the IPF does not recognize tests not conducted via third party or done outside of WADA laboratories. We accept that and do not seek such recognition for these tests.

Further, the IPF's statement via its independent testing agency, the approval of Therapeutic Use Exemptions for use of strength enhancing substances, such as testosterone is not acceptable to USA Powerlifting. We remain opposed to use of this category of drugs and will not allow them on our platform. The statement that these may be approved without even notification of USA Powerlifting is wholly unacceptable. Therefore, USA Powerlifting will continue to process our internal TUE applications as in the past for athletes who do not compete internationally.

Testing by algorithm by those who don't understand powerlifting, know our athletes, and cannot identify exceptional performances, such as records, at our events with no input allowed by USA Powerlifting will remain unacceptable. It goes against assuring clean records and a clean platform. Furthermore, the non-transparency of which athletes are being tested is also not acceptable.

USA Powerlifting rejects the IPF's intrusion into its local and business affairs. We remain willing to comply with the terms of our agreements in 2019. That is, independent third-party testing that is WADA compliant at our National Championships. We do not agree to your expansion of the definition of national testing to any tests done within a nation or your declaration of your authority for all tests done within a nation. We do not surrender our right to test recreational-level athletes to the IPF. To do so would be insufficient to the goals of a clean platform at every level within USA Powerlifting, and would be financially ruinous.

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The IPF has been very clear in their communications that the IPF does not require drug testing of its member nations, only compliance by policy to WADA. This is not acceptable to us. As the American Drug-Free Powerlifting Association (D/B/A USA Powerlifting), our commitment to the athletes of our federation is to provide a drug-free platform at every level and in doing so, ensure there is enough testing to be a deterrent to keep those doping off our platforms.

Finally, it is an irony that the IPF selected USA Powerlifting for membership **because we drug test** and is now threatening us with suspension precisely because continue to drug test.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Maile".

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