

Volunteer Opportunities for USAPL High School Nationals Sanction NS-2015-03

Dates: March 27, 28 and 29, 2015

Time: Two sessions a day; morning session typically runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and afternoon session from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Volunteers needed before, during and (limited) after

Location: Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S 13th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221

Check for employer-sponsored volunteerism policy at your workplace – you may be allowed to take time off without loss of pay.

Registration: Volunteers are needed to assist with the competitor and coach check-in process, handing out wristbands, directing competitors and coaches to the pre-competition area. Volunteers will need to be comfortable with processing paperwork, high-volume competitor traffic, enthusiastically greeting people as they arrive, and demonstrate a willingness to 'get the answer to the question'. During slower times (of registration), you will also be responsible for tidying up the registration documents, paperwork or monies reconciling, setting up the goody bags (might include some last-minute stuffing), etc. Looking for friendly, energetic, organized individuals.

Registration back office: Not really a 'people' person but do feel you are a person who appreciates organization, good data integrity and looking to pitch in? The registration lead will need assistance in working on paperwork intended for the USAPL national office, drug testing officials, technical secretary, head scorekeeper and meet director.

Personnel Check-in: All personnel, including USAPL officials working at the event will have to stop in with you first. Checking off names, confirming the length of time available and assignment, collecting a signed USAPL form, applying wrist bands, handing out informational or goody packets, answering questions are all part of the job. This will be a hot spot at times as every individual working the contest will have to stop with you. You will also be situated in a high traffic area so you won't feel like you are stuck in a corner. Friendly, organized and helpful are best suited for this position.

Setup: Much prefer at use your energy, strength and hands to help out? We could use your help to set up the contest platforms, warm-up room, pre-competition area and all sorts of work that simply needs the assistance of many. Thursday March 26 is a highly concentrated day of bringing all of this together and with it being a weekday - seeking as many as possible to assist. On Friday and Saturday there will also be a need to tidy up these same areas to be ready for another great day of competition - short shift if several can assist.

Take-down: ...the competition is over and it has been a long weekend. Time to pack everything up and load-out. Everything needs to be out by midnight on Sunday and the schools who have volunteered their equipment will appreciate with loading. And then a general pitch-in to dismantle the platforms and other items to return to a clear ballroom floor.

Platform: The weight room is not unfamiliar to you. Your workout partners have always trusted you explicitly, knowing you are there as a great spotter. None of your toes or fingers has gotten

smashed from loading or unloading plates. You are strong and able to move weights comfortably. Great energy level and looking to be right on stage with the competitors. This is the job for you - *platform loader and spotter*.

Admissions: As an admission greeter, you will see nearly everyone coming to the contest to cheer on their favorite competitor and team. Greeters will collect admission money, sell program books, direct fans and answer general questions. Friendly, polite and enjoy sitting in one spot for more than a few minutes? Shifts are anywhere from early morning for a couple of hours in the early morning to 4.5 hours during the day.

Merchandise: Calling out to the sales animals out there - light selling opportunity with contest, WHSPA, USAPL and vendor merchandise. At times, sales will be brisk and then there will be slow times. Keep the inventory tidy, accounted for and interesting. Will be working with the merchandise lead and one or two others.

Merchandise backoffice: Not quite a sales animal but able to lend your counting expertise in checking inventory counts, monies and organizing? This is only an hour or two when merchandise sales are closed and the merchandise lead needs assistance reconciling.

Scoring: Feel you are tech-savvy? Able to sit long periods at a computer? Want to be in a fast paced spot at the event and able to work all three days? The scorekeeping lead will need eight to twelve each of the three days to allow scorekeeping to run smoothly throughout the competition.

Logistics (Security/People Movers): People-movers needed to manage security at the entrances to the warm-up room and competition area to ensure that nobody sneaks in where and when they are not authorized to do so. The number of coaches, competitors and helpers will be restricted in these areas and friendly but firm individuals are needed to manage this. It is also anticipated there will be some congregation of people in areas that could cause some congestion for competitors, coaches and officials needing to be elsewhere quickly. You will be politely breaking this up as well and moving people along with a smile.

Volunteer Guidelines

Please review prior to signing up for any volunteer position

- Parking is free
- Wear comfortable shoes as many of the positions will have you on your feet doing a lot of walking/standing the whole event.
- Fulfill your entire shift - It is essential that all volunteers arrive promptly on time and keep to their assigned duties throughout the duration of their shift. If you are unable to be present for the entire time requested in a particular position, please give at least two days notice.

- Attire – It is planned for each volunteer t-shirts to be provided to you upon arrival. This will happen with sponsorship donations. Wear your favorite powerlifting team, USAPL logo or prior contest t-shirt. Would be great to see powerlifting apparel everywhere you look.
- Additional Help - Every volunteer will be asked to help with keeping their designated tidy
- Volunteer Check In – fifteen minutes before your shift is to start

Interested in volunteering for this great event?! Contact the meet director Tonya L.