

September 14th, 2015

Greetings lifters, coaches, referees, & supporters of USA Powerlifting;

My name is Steve Mann and I am the 2015 Raw National Championship meet director. I have been hard at work the last year preparing for the swiftly approaching championship in Scranton, Pennsylvania, October 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. With the explosive growth of raw powerlifting in the USAPL, it is no surprise to myself, or anyone for that matter, that this year's championship has surpassed the mark of 1,067 entries (as of September 14, 2015), and is likely on its way to 1,100+ entries.



I have heard stirrings amongst the ranks of the organization, and I want to put some anxieties to rest by articulating what is to come in Scranton.

First and foremost, I would like to convey that this championship will be comparable to any other national championship run by the USAPL. The best referees, technical secretary, and other supporting individuals will be giving their best effort possible to ensure the weekend runs smoothly, and on time.

I want to highlight some of the details regarding the championship that I feel set it apart, and are going to make it a wonderful experience for all involved to experience.

- The venue for the championship is spacious and is on the second floor of the meet hotel, sparing us from traffic due to other guests of the hotel.
- The general areas have 10 large televisions, which will feature the livestream all weekend long.

- The live stream is the highest quality stream available, and it includes high-definition cameras on all 4 platforms. We may have a separate 'elite' video stream for the top open lifters, which will have additional camera angles.
- The warmup room will have, at **minimum**, 12 platforms and each platform will have a monitor displaying the load on the bar.
- The warmup room will be 60 feet from the ballroom where competition will take place. This will leave more room for athletes and coaches backstage behind the competition platforms.
- In the ballroom, we will be displaying 65" screens that will hang from the trusses.
- We will have a separate vendor hall with very large booths from Bodybuilding.com, Titan Support Systems, and many other companies.



As you understand now, I am doing my absolute best to ensure this championship is as exciting and well run as possible. I am working hard to have all of the bases covered to guarantee all 1,000+ competitors have the USAPL Raw Nationals experience of a lifetime.

Yes, this is going to be the largest meet in US history. With an event this large, it is natural to run into hiccups along the way. I can promise you that I will do my absolute best to make sure this event is run smoothly, regardless of any issues that may pop up.

Be a part of history -- see you in Scranton!

Sincerely,

Steve Mann

2015 USAPL Raw Nationals Meet Director  
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