

LEHIGH VALLEY BARBELL TEAM BYLAWS

Purpose:

The Lehigh Valley Barbell Club is a non-political organization that exists to support our teams: financially, through fundraising and concessions; socially, by attending competitions, events, and by promoting them throughout the community. The Club fosters the love of the sport through mutual respect and cooperation between the athletes, parents, guardians, coaches, and staff of Lehigh Valley Barbell

Membership:

Membership in Lehigh Valley Barbell Club will be restricted to parents or legal guardians of current minor athletes, and all minor and adult athletes. An athlete will be considered current for duration of their paid tuition. Additional participation by other family members is encouraged, however only parents and/or legal guardians of athletes and adult athletes will be eligible to vote. You must attend two consecutive meetings to be eligible to run for officer positions.

Officers:

The following positions are officers of the club and serve a one-year term and are held by elected members. Any officer can serve longer if no one else seeks that position, but they can also run again if someone seeks the position. Should any officer be unable to fulfill his or her duties, an election is held to fill the vacated seat.

President John Giacalone

Lead Booster club meetings

Schedule meetings with the coaches and employees to discuss financial needs of the team

Vice President Brooke Loane

Assist the president as necessary

Perform duties of the President in his or her absence

Perform duties of the Secretary in his or her absence

Organizes and supervises committees

Committees:

Fundraising

Work with the Board and Lehigh Valley Barbell Staff to coordinate all fundraisers.

Team Bonding

Coordinate team bonding events throughout the year.

Secretary OPEN

Take minutes at all Booster Club meetings

Maintain a list of current Booster Club members

Prepare agenda for meetings and schedule the meeting place

Notify members of meetings

Treasurer OPEN

Receive and be responsible for monies belonging to the Club

Keep accurate records of the Club's finances

Provide a financial report at each general meeting

Sign checks and pay bills as authorized by the board of directors

Review tax issues

Board Members:

The Board of Directors acts as the governing body properly executing the Bylaws. The board will consist of the officers Lehigh Valley Barbell Staff.

Elections:

At the January, general membership meeting. Officers are elected by secret ballot, simple majority, one vote per attending member. In the event of a tie, one re-vote will occur. Nominations are submitted in writing to any officer or Board member prior to or at the election meeting. An election is held if more than one party has interest in the same position.

Other Positions in the Club:

Many functions are required to run the Booster Club. The Board can decide to discontinue existing positions or add new ones.

Bylaw's Amendments:

Changes to the bylaws can occur once per year, unless the board feels there are special circumstances. In either situation the board will review the request and present to the general membership for a vote at the January General meeting or as required in special circumstances. Annual changes to the bylaws are to be requested in writing and presented to a board member for review with the board, at least 20 days prior to the May general meeting.

The Secretary will email all bylaws change proposals to the general membership along with the notice of the May general meeting. Changes to the bylaws require two-thirds majority vote of those in attendance to be approved.

General Meetings:

General meetings of the Club are held monthly and through January then as required.

Expenditures:

Monies raised by the club are to be spent for the benefit of the team. The President and Treasurer, at the minimum, will meet with the Lehigh Valley Barbell Staff to determine the teams' current and future needs. The President will obtain necessary approvals to disburse funds for current needs and provide feedback to the membership to guide the Club in its fund raising planning.

The treasurer at the general membership meetings will report all expenditures.

Tuition Agreements:

Full Membership Athlete: Each Athlete will have a mandatory monthly tuition of \$300, which will cover coaching, programming, rent, utilities, equipment, etc. Each athlete will have the choice to either have a \$300 auto-payment, or the choice to participate in the scholarship program which will allow you to raise funds to cover 2/3 (\$200) of the cost of tuition. \$100 of the tuition will be charged to your card on file, every month. The additional \$200 will need to be present in your fundraising account 15 days prior to your auto withdrawal (\$100); if not present \$300 will be charged to your card on file.

Partial Membership Athlete: Each athlete will be mandated to pay their current membership option.

Fundraising:

All Donations solicited on behalf of the organization shall be used to further our fundraising mission.

The Lehigh Valley Barbell Team believes in fundraising as a means for athletes to help meet the expenses of an Olympic Weightlifting Athlete and for all members to learn and appreciate what it means to be a part of this organization. We would like to make it as easy and fun as possible for everyone. We understand that there are many different types of fundraisers, and that everyone has a different concept of what is the most effective method. We hope to offer a wide variety of ideas that will maximize dollars raised vs. time and effort spent. We also want you to feel comfortable with the fundraisers offered. We welcome any and all suggestions from you, as you are the ones participating. Please email all fundraising ideas to: fundraising@lehighvalleybarbell.com

The Lehigh Valley Barbell Team is happy to allow our athletes to raise money using our name. Remember you are representing Lehigh Valley Barbell, when asking for donations; please be professional and courteous to all.

The board determines the need and extent of fundraising with input from the Lehigh Valley Barbell Staff. Fundraising will help to support all team members which includes entry fees for all local and National Competitions, including travel and lodging at one National Events per year; if an athlete qualifies for additional National, or International events, additional fundraisers will be made available if requested. Fundraisers will be provided every two months by the Fundraising Coordinator. Each Athlete will be expected to raise a predetermined amount, in addition to monthly tuition agreements. All funds raised by the athlete will be logged in an individual account record and accessible to the athlete or parent/guardian at any time, by contacting the fundraising coordinator.

1. No one may individually fundraise on their own, outside of *Lehigh Valley Barbell Team* individual fundraisers. This is in violation of the law. Anyone caught using *Lehigh Valley Barbell Team's* name on an unauthorized fundraiser may be dismissed from the organization.
2. All money raised may be applied to the athlete's account and applied to the travel expenses and registration fees, scholarships (if applicable), as well as towards gym equipment and coaches fees. A breakdown of the travel expenses and registration fees will be made available to you.
3. Athlete tiers include Full and Partial memberships. You will have a choice to be a local meet athlete or a national meet athlete, in both tiers.
 - a. Full Membership:
 - i. Local Athlete: If you choose to be a full membership-local athlete, you will be mandated to raise a minimum of \$1,250 a year or \$312.50/quarter. You will also agree to the \$300 monthly tuition, which you will have the option to participate in the scholarship program as defined in the tuition section. This membership will allow you to attend all 6 of our mandated local meets and pay for the registration of each. This membership also awards you customized programming and video analysis.

- ii. National Athlete: If you choose to be a full membership-national athlete, you will be mandated to raise a minimum of \$2,250 a year or \$562.50/quarter. You will also agree to the \$300 monthly tuition, which you will have the option to participate in the scholarship program as defined in the tuition section. This membership will allow you to attend all 6 of our mandated local meets, pay for the registration of each, as well as travel expenses and registration to one National meet. Any additional meets you choose to attend, you will be required to raise those additional funds, as well as travel expenses for your coach. This membership also awards you customized programming and video analysis.

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b. Partial Membership:

- i. Local Athlete: If you choose to be a partial membership-local athlete, you are either a remote athlete, or an athlete who does not desire to participate in many meets on a yearly basis. You will be mandated to raise a minimum of \$600 a year or \$150/quarter. You will not be eligible for the scholarship program and will continue with your current membership option. This membership will allow you to attend 3 local meets of your choosing, one of those must be a Lehigh Valley Barbell, Mobility-Doc or our Profit Share meet. You will inform the Coordinator of the meets you wish to attend.
- ii. National Option: All partial membership-local athlete information pertains to this choice. However, if the athlete chooses to partake in one national event, they must participate in fundraising to cover their travel expenses as well as the coaches travel expenses, in addition. You will coordinate this with the fundraising coordinator so an amount can be established.

4. When handing in money, please enclose cash & checks, in a sealed envelope and fill out the fundraising submission form **COMPLETELY**. If paying with cash, you must obtain a cash receipt.
5. There will be no refunds made to anyone who is asked to leave the program or that quits a team. This includes all fundraising credits paid to your account. All fundraising credits will be donated to *The Lehigh Valley Barbell Team* upon departure from the program.
6. Your participation is will be mandated for all three of our in-house meets and fundraisers that support our team.
7. All monies accumulated from your fundraising efforts will roll over to the next year.

Mandatory Local Meets:

There will be six mandatory Local Meets each team member will be required to participate in. Unless otherwise specified by the President If you do not have the available funds in your fundraising account forty-five days prior to the event, you will be notified to make a payment. Please see attachment for list of yearly mandatory meets.