**Weightlifting ACT Inc.**

**Association number:** A05035 | **website:** [www.wact.org.au](http://www.wact.org.au) **| email:** weightliftingact@gmail.com

**WEIGHTLIFTING ACT MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019**

**Instructions to complete membership form:** Please complete details on pages 1 and 2 and then sign page 2. Please email this completed form along with your payment receipt to weightliftingact@gmail.com

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| **Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  | **Sex**  | □ Male □ Female |
| **Telephone number** |  | **Email** |  |
| **Club** |  | **Coach** |  |
| **Membership type**  | □Athlete (Junior/Youth/Senior/Master lifter) □ Coach □ Referee / non-lifter |

**Membership Declaration and Conditions of Membership**

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership of Weightlifting ACT Inc. (WACT) and agree to be bound by the rules of the Association as follows:

**Waiver**

1. That the activities as a weightlifter involve a risk of injury which is accepted by me.
2. Whilst insurance cover may be arranged by WACT it is my responsibility to satisfy myself as to the adequacy of this insurance. If I am unable to satisfy myself that adequate insurance has been arranged, then it is my obligation to arrange additional insurance cover to meet my requirements.
3. Acceptance of WACT or its affiliates of the application for registration of an athlete is not evidence of, or acknowledgment that insurance cover has been arranged for the athlete.
4. That in consideration of the acceptance of registration of me, no member of WACT and its affiliates or any officer, agent, coach, team manager, or any other person having the care or control of me shall be liable for damages for any injury or loss suffered by me while I am engaged in competing, training, or preparing for any weightlifting competition or tournament.
5. I agree to indemnify WACT and its affiliates and any and all its officers, employees, agents, coaches or managers against all liability for damages arising out of or in connection with any injury suffered by me however caused while I am competing, training for, taking part in, or travelling to, or from, any weightlifting competition or tournament.
6. I declare that I will only participate in weightlifting activities whilst I am medically and physically fit and free from impairment and able to do so without causing an increased risk to the health and wellbeing of myself and other participants.
7. I agree that WACT retains the right to publish and utilise data and images of my participation in weightlifting activities for the purposes of promoting WACT and its programs and events.
8. I am familiar with WACT’s Infectious Diseases Policy.

**Anti-Doping Policy**

1. I am familiar with and agree to comply with the AWF’s Anti-Doping policy (available on its website [here](http://www.awf.com.au/corporate/policies)) which is the anti-doping policy of WACT and declare that I am not currently subject to a period of ineligibility imposed by any sporting organisation for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

**Membership fee adjustment for contributing members Policy**

1. I am familiar with the ‘Membership Fee Adjustment (for Contributing Members) Policy’ (copy at **Attachment A**) and acknowledge that I may be eligible for a reduction in my membership fee of up to $60 where I have contributed to WACT during the year in accordance with this policy.

**WACT Policies and By-Laws**

1. I am familiar with and agree to be bound by and comply with all policies or By-Laws of WACT as in force from time to time and as published on its website.

**T-shirts for lifting Members**

All lifting Junior/Youth, Senior and Master WACT members\* are eligible to receive a WACT t-shirt included in their membership for each calendar year (colour and style may vary from year to year). If you would like a WACT t-shirt please confirm your size below:

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| **Female** | **Male** | **No t-shirt please** |
| **□ S****□ M****□ L****□ XL** | **□ S****□ M****□ L****□ XL****□ XXL** | **□ I don’t want a t-shirt this year.**Please note there is no reduction in your membership fee if you do not wish to receive a t-shirt. |

T-shirts will be provided to you upon delivery by our supplier and given during WACT events’ T-shirts and hoodies are also available for purchase from WACT. Please send us an email if you would like any additional merchandise.

**Payment Details**

WACT’s membership year runs January-December. Memberships at different quarters of the year are pro-rated. Please tick beside the appropriate membership category (\*Note ‘Membership Fee Adjustment (for Contributing Members) Policy’ at **Attachment A**):

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| **□** | Adult (Senior / Master) | **$45\* Q4 rate**  |
| **□** | Junior/Youth  | **$35\* Q4 rate** |
| **□** | Coach / Referee / Other Non-lifter  | **$35** |

Please make payment to WACT’s account details as below (and email your receipt to weightliftingact@gmail.com).

Account name: Weightlifting ACT Inc

Bank: National Australia Bank

BSB: 082 908

Account number: 182 691 470

Reference: Year, First Initial, Surname e.g. 2019JSmith

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| **Name of applicant** (or parent / guardian if under 18) |  |
| **Signature of applicant** (or parent / guardian if under 18): |  |
| **Date**: |  |

**Attachment A**

**Membership Fee Adjustment (for Contributing Members) Policy**

**Purpose of this Policy**

This policy acknowledges that the sport of weightlifting relies on the good will and passion of individuals to contribute to the sport. Without volunteers the sport cannot function and it would be impossible to hold weightlifting events.

Every competition needs volunteers to help manage events before, during and after every competition including to: launch and promote the events, manage entries, set-up and pack-up competition venue, do male and female weigh-in, run the computer, announce, act as marshal, act as referee(s) x 3, loading the bar, music, and various other technical, official and administrative roles.

Without an adequate number of volunteers consistently attending events it is simply not possible to hold weightlifting competitions.

This policy seeks to encourage WACT members to actively participate and contribute to the sport throughout the year in a number of different ways. This will help ensure that competitions continue to be of a high standard and reduce the risk of events being cancelled due to a lack of volunteers.

**How does it work?**

To encourage more voluntary participation in events throughout 2019, individual membership fees have been increased by $60 in each membership category. However, every WACT member who actively contributes to WACT may be eligible to receive an ‘adjustment’ to their membership fee through the form of a reimbursement (of up to $60) at the end of the year, which would maintain current membership fees at the same rate for those who have volunteered.

**Do I have to volunteer?**

No, while it is strongly encouraged there is no obligation to volunteer and those who prefer not to, or are unable to, do not have to volunteer.

In those cases, those members will be contributing to WACT’s success and ongoing viability through a higher membership fee which will be used for WACT activities, including the purchase or maintenance of equipment (such as the new platform purchased in 2018), holding events in different venues (such as the ACT vs NSW competition held over two days at the Australian Institute for Sport), and providing our volunteers with support, such as free food and drink at some events.

**How do I volunteer or contribute?**

This policy is primarily aimed at encouraging WACT members to volunteer in an official role at competitions throughout the year. There are minimum requirements to hold a sanctioned event including a minimum number of qualified judges, so people are particularly encouraged to volunteer in the role of referee, loading the bar, music, set up and pack up and male and female weigh-in.

To perform the role of referee, marshall or do weigh-in, you should have completed the AWF Referee and Technical Official Course. This course is hosted by WACT at least once and sometimes twice throughout the year. The course takes one afternoon and has a small fee attached (usually around $10-20) and there is an exam at the end.

Successfully completing the course will allow you to act in any official role. If you haven’t completed the course yet but would like to, email us at weightliftingact@gmail.com to register your interest and find out when the next course will be run.

For those who decide they would like to contribute to WACT, it is up to you to be proactive in finding the right opportunity and the right time for you to volunteer or contribute. It is expected that at a minimum, volunteering at two competitions throughout the year would be sufficient to receive an adjustment to your membership fee at the end of the year.

A WACT Facebook group has been set up for this purpose which will be updated throughout the year and in advance of each competition. You can opt to volunteer at any competition through this Facebook group. If you don’t have Facebook then please send us an email at weightliftingact@gmail.com to express your preference for which competition(s) and which role(s) you would like to do.

**Other ways to contribute**

For those who would prefer not to contribute through an official role there are other ways to contribute to WACT.

For example, if you are a business owner you may like to contribute through the donation of prizes or sponsorship of our events. If you have particular professional skills you might like to get involved in a WACT subcommittee to help the WACT Committee apply for grant funding from the ACT or Commonwealth government, or to assist with our other fundraising and marketing activities.

If you have IT skills you could also help through the updating of WACT’s website, or assisting with our newsletter and in a variety of other ways.

If you would like to contribute in one of these other ways, or if you have ideas of how else you might be able to or would like to contribute, then please contact us to let us know and we will find a suitable opportunity for you to help WACT grow and succeed.

**How and when can I get a refund on my membership fee?**

For those who have contributed throughout the year and think they should be eligible for the membership fee adjustment you simply have to email WACT (by no later than the first week of December 2019) using the Membership Fee Adjustment Form below which is also available on the WACT website.

The WACT Committee will consider each application. Where you have actively and meaningfully contributed to WACT throughout the year, you may receive an adjustment of up to $60 which will be paid into your bank account by direct deposit, processed by the end of the calendar year.

Where you have only been able to provide a limited contribution (e.g. only volunteered at one competition instead of two etc) or perhaps joined half way through the year, then you may be eligible to receive a lesser amount as determined by the WACT Committee in its discretion.

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy please contact us at weightliftingact@gmail.com

**Membership Fee Adjustment Form**

I, being a WACT member, am applying for an adjustment to my membership fee on the basis that I have contributed to WACT throughout the year as below.

Please briefly set out how you have contributed to WACT in 2019 including any competitions where you assisted in an official capacity including your role and the date of those competitions, or how you otherwise contributed to WACT throughout the year:

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I acknowledge that I may receive an adjustment to my membership fee through a reimbursement of up to $60 or any lesser amount as determined by the discretion of the WACT Committee. I acknowledge that WACT process these forms in December and that I cannot receive an adjustment before this time.

Signed:

Date:

My bank account details to receive any adjustment are (please ensure your details are correct and clearly legible):

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| **Bank account details** |
| Account name: |  |
| Bank: |  |
| BSB: |  |
| Account number: |  |
| Email address for notification:  |  |