

September 3rd, 2019

Dear Athlete:

The **mandatory** Regional Qualifier for the 2020 International event on the World Para Powerlifting Pathway is scheduled to be held at Logan University. The event will include an educational and informative Athlete Summit. Please go to www.logan.edu/usapp to register and for hotel information for the 2020 USA Para Powerlifting Athlete Qualifier Competition and Summit. Registration opens **Friday, September 6th, 2019 and will close on Sunday, November 30th, 2019.**

The event is **mandatory** to be selected for the team that will travel to the international qualifying event on the 2020 Paralympic Games pathway. Originally this Regional Qualifier was for the 2020 World Cup in Dubai. Recently, World Para Powerlifting changed the pathway to offer countries more than one option for ranking competitions leading to the 2020 Paralympic games. As a result, USAPP will be opting to attend the [Colombia 2020 Road to Tokyo Para Powerlifting World Cup](#) in Columbia March 18th -25nd, 2020 instead of the 2020 World Cup in Dubai April 16th– 27th. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- The Columbia event will be more cost efficient on/for the athletes
 - Initial estimates for Dubai are between \$5000.00 - \$7000.00
 - Initial estimates for Columbia are between \$3000.00 - \$5000.00
 - *These are only estimates as we have not been given all of the information from the Local Organizing Committees
- The Columbia event is less time away from work/school
 - For the Dubai competition
 - Departure: April 13th, 2020
 - Return: April 23rd, 2020
 - For the Columbia competition
 - Departure: March 18th, 2020
 - Return: March 25th, 2020

If you have any questions, please sure to direct them as follows. Should you have any concerns with the change in the 2020 International competition location, we ask that you express them to any one of the three contacts listed above no later than **5:00pm CST September 6th, 2019.**

Questions about the logistics of the January Qualifier and Summit, financial responsibilities/expectations and logistics for the international competition, and all other administrative matters please contact Dr. Kelley Humphries , Executive Director at Kelley.humphries@logan.edu

Questions about the changes made by World Para Powerlifting to the 2020 Paralympic Pathway please contact Coach Mary Hodge, High Performance Manager at Mary.Hodge@logan.edu

Questions about how the changes in the selection procedures to reflect the new competition location effects the athlete please contact Ms. Chelsi Figley, Athlete Representative at thptekgirl@aol.com

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all in January!

Sincerely,



Dr. Kelley Humphries
Executive Director

