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**USA POWERLIFTING SELECTED TO HOST 2008 IPF MASTERS WORLD  
POWERLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.**

**OVER 500 ATHLETES, COACHES AND OFFICIALS  
FROM OVER 30 COUNTRIES EXPECTED FOR EVENT**

Palm Springs, CA – September 21, 2007 - The International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) has selected USA Powerlifting and the city of Palm Springs, Calif., as the hosts for the 2008 IPF Masters World Powerlifting Championships. The competition will be hosted by USA Powerlifting and will take place September 30 – October 4, 2008 at the Palm Springs Convention Center in Palm Springs.

"USA Powerlifting is excited to serve as host of the 2008 Masters World Powerlifting Championships to be held in Palm Springs," USA Powerlifting President Dr. Larry Maile said. "The 2008 World Championships will be the most prestigious international masters powerlifting event of that year, since it attracts top athletes from all over the world".

Lance Slaughter, championship director stated, "We know that the Masters World Powerlifting Championships will create a lot of interest and excitement for the local community. Palm Springs was a wonderful host of our 2005 USA Powerlifting Men's Masters National Powerlifting Championships, and we were thrilled that the community and the local media embraced the sport of powerlifting and these tremendous athletes."

Palm Springs hosted the 2005 USA Powerlifting Men's Masters Powerlifting Championships, which helped determine the athletes for the 2005 U.S. Men's World Team that competed in South Africa. "The city is a great destination for athletes, officials and fans from across the globe to come enjoy the many attractions of the Coachella Valley area and the best powerlifting in the

world. USA Powerlifting will work closely with the IPF to help stage the best World Championships possible", Slaughter said.

USA Powerlifting most recently hosted the World Masters Powerlifting Championships in 2006 in Killeen, TX with more than 300 athletes, coaches and officials from over 20 nations participating in the week-long event. Palm Springs in 2008 will mark the 8th time USA Powerlifting will host a IPF World Championship since 2003. "We are delighted and proud that the Palm Springs Convention Center and the city of Palm Springs will host the 2008 Masters World Powerlifting Championships, Palm Springs Convention Center Director of Sales Rick Leson said."Palm Springs has a distinguished history of hosting and supporting international events, and I know that the excitement generated by the 2008 championships will capture the enthusiasm of the entire region."

The IPF Masters World Powerlifting Championships is the most prestigious masters powerlifting event held annually, crowning world champions in men and women ages 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and older. The event consistently hosts more than 300 lifters from 20 to 40 countries.

All competition will take place at the Palm Springs Convention Center. Ticket information will be released at a later date.

### **USA Powerlifting**

USA Powerlifting is the leading powerlifting organization in the United States. USA Powerlifting is a member of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), the governing body of powerlifting internationally. The IPF is comprised of member federations from over one hundred countries on six continents.

Distinct from weightlifting, a sport made up of two lifts: the Snatch and the Clean-and-Jerk, where the weight is lifted above the head, powerlifting comprises three lifts: the Squat, Bench Press and Deadlift. USA Powerlifting is responsible for sanctioning local and regional events where powerlifters can compete in hopes of qualifying for the national level events. USA Powerlifting sanctions several National Championships in all age groups, giving athletes a chance to see how they fare against competitors across the country. Top competitors are selected

by USA Powerlifting to compete in five IPF world championships- the World Men's and Women's Open Powerlifting Championships, World Junior and Sub-Junior Powerlifting Championships, World Master's Powerlifting Championships, the World Open Bench Press Championships, and World Master's Bench Press Championships.

The goal of USA Powerlifting is to promote drug-free powerlifting in the United States and around the world. For more information about USA Powerlifting and its programs, access USA Powerlifting online at [www.usapowerlifting.com](http://www.usapowerlifting.com).

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