

# BWL Welcomes Weightlifting Wales



British Weight Lifting are delighted to announce that Weightlifting Wales will be joining their membership. Any member that signs up to a British Weight Lifting Membership that lives in Wales and selects the region 'Wales' will sign up to a joint membership providing affiliation and the benefits of both organisations.

This will incorporate a combined membership platform for Welsh members for access and ease. Members will gain the benefits that all BWL members currently receive, such as member insurance cover and discounts. More information can be found on our members page <https://britishweightlifting.org/become-a-bwl-member>

Weightlifting Wales will also be moving all competition entries over to the BARS system, all Welsh events will be included in the national ranking and therefore qualification for events and national records will be recorded and recognised by BWL.

If you are currently a BWL and WW member, your membership will be transferred to a joint membership by BWL automatically, and you do not need to do anything until your BWL membership expires. If you are not a BWL member currently, then you will need to go to the BWL website, click on Memberships, and become a joint member.

**IMPORTANT:** to gain a joint membership, you **must select your region as WALES** in the sign-up process. If you do not select Wales as your region, you will only gain a BWL membership, and not a joint membership. You must have a joint membership in place to lift in Welsh competitions, hold any Welsh records, or to be eligible to be selected to lift for Wales internationally.

These changes will take effect on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

BWL Only members will not be affected with this change.