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RADISSON HOTEL
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Greetings

On behalf of USA Powerlifting, I would like to cordially invite the world to the 2003 Women's World Powerlifting Championships in Chicago, IL. We are very happy to once again have the IPF returning not only to the country of its origins but also to the city that has been the site of so many great moments in our sport. We fully expect 2003 Women's Worlds to add to Chicago's powerlifting tradition. We, the members of USA Powerlifting, are dedicated to making this competition very memorable for all participants and spectators in attendance.

Venue

The Lincolnwood Radisson in Lincolnwood, IL (<http://www.purplehotel.com/>). Located on Chicago's north side, the Lincolnwood Radisson offers easy access to downtown Chicago (15 minutes on I-94 expressway) and O'Hare airport (15 minutes by hotel shuttle). The surrounding area provides wide variety of restaurants as well as markets and drug stores such as:

- Walgreens drug store 1km east of hotel
- Lincolnwood Produce – grocery store walking distance from hotel.

- Shopping (Wall-mart, Cub Food, GNC) - 1-2 km west of hotel
- Lou Malnati's Pizza (<http://www.loumalnatis.com/>) authentic deep dish Chicago style Pizza – Free delivery to hotel
- Psistaria across from hotel – authentic Greek style food
- Graziano's (<http://www.dineme.com/restaurant/GrazianosBrickOvenPizza/>) authentic Italian cuisine.
- Jack's Restaurant .75km east of hotel – open 24hours

There are also numerous fast food restaurants (Macdonalds, Subway, Burger King) within 15 minutes walking distance from the hotel.

There is a restaurant in the hotel, which serves breakfast lunch and dinner and the hotel offers an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for all competitors and spectators at the competition. For socializing, the hotel has 2 bars. An elegant piano bar, which provides a more relaxing upscale atmosphere and a sports bar, which includes a sand volleyball court, 2 pool tables and several televisions for a more casual atmosphere. The hotel also offers an indoor pool, Jacuzzi and Sauna and several comfortable lounges where people and relax and congregate.

Main Ballroom

The Lincolnwood Radisson has been the site of several USA Powerlifting National Champions within the last few years and their staff is very accommodating for Powerlifting competitions. The warm-up area is spacious and provides live feed on 2 monitors of the action on the platform as well as a scoreboard. The main ballroom provides a 16 inch elevated platform and seating for up to 500 spectators with additional space in the back for vendors and sponsors. The weigh-in room, located down the hall from the main ballroom, is open 24 hours a day before and during the competition for competitors to check their weight.

Awards Ceremony and Banquet

The awards ceremony will be held in the secondary ballroom, which provides seating for 200+ people. The cost of the banquet will be \$25 (US for lifters, coaches and officials) and will include admission to the after banquet party that will include a DJ and dancing. Those who wish to come only to the party may do so after the banquet and awards ceremony for \$5 (US).

Meet Director and Information

The meet director is Dennis Brady who has organized over 20 national and international level powerlifting competitions and over 100 total competitions. He has over 20 years experience running powerlifting competitions and has been called, "the best meet director in the US" by Powerlifting USA magazine (Mar. 02, Powerlifting USA)

Additional information regarding the 2003 Women's World Championships will be available within the next few months at <http://www.bwgym.com/> as well as the IPF website. Please email Dennis Brady (info@bwgym.com) or Nectar Kirkiris (nkirkir1@motorola.com) if you have any questions.

Chicago

With about 3 million residents, Chicago's central location in the USA has made it the financial and industrial center of Midwestern part of the United States on par with other great cities of the world like New York, London, Paris and Tokyo (go here for facts on Chicago: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/PlanAndDevelop/ChgoFacts/Fun.html>). As the destination of nearly 30 millions visitors each year it is no stranger to hosting large international events. The cities cultural diversity serves as a great example of the American Melting Pot. Among the things Chicago is famous for are Blues (<http://www.thebluehighway.com/>, <http://www.buddyguys.com/>), shopping (<http://www.themagnificentmile.com/>), gangsters (http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/prohibition_and_the_gangsters.htm) and Michael Jordan (<http://www.unc.edu/~lbrooks2/jordan.html>) Typical temperatures for late May are 10-15°C at night and 18-21°C during the day.

The links below provide some additional information on Chicago:

Chicago facts and information:

<http://www.chicagohs.org/history/> Chicago Historical Information

<http://www.choosechicago.com/HISTORY.HTM> Chicago Historical Information <http://www.cityofchicago.org/PlanAndDevelop/ChgoFacts/> Chicago Facts and general information

<http://www.ohare.com/ohare/home.asp> Chicago O'Hare airport information

Chicago places of interests

<http://www.greektownchicago.com/> Greek Town Chicago

http://chicago.cubs.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/chc/ballpark/chc_ballpark_history.jsp (Wriggle field)

<http://www.lpzoo.com/> Lincoln Park Zoo, largest free public Zoo in the US

<http://www.aviewoncities.com/gallery/chicago1.htm> Chicago pictures and information

<http://www.ci.chi.il.us/SpecialEvents/Festivals/Blues2003/> Chicago Blues Fest (May 19 – Jun 1)

<http://www.searchchicago.com/dining/> Chicago restaurants

<http://www.shorelinesightseeing.com/> Chicago tours by boat.

<http://www.chicagotrolley.com/> Chicago tours by bus

<http://www.ci.chi.il.us/Tourism/ThingsToDo/Tours.html> things to see in Chicago

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