USA Weightlifting Technical Committee
Videoconference, January 16 2022.

Present: Joe Triolo (Chair), Jenny Schumacher (Board Liaison), Les Simonton, Corinne Grotnehuis, Jim Schmitz, Tayler Harris Rigsby.
Staff Present: Phil Andrews, Pedro Meloni.

1. **Advancement Guideline and Covid-19 Review.**

In the context of increasing numbers and gender parity with respect to National Referees and above, and the continuing Pandemic situation, a new proposal was raised to modify the amount of sessions required for advancement.

Agreed, following discussion as follows:

Minimum sessions in the last 3 years shall be increased to 30 Sessions (of which, 10 must be at a National event, and of which at least 10 must be at in-person national competitions), 15 in the Chair (of which, 5 must be at a National event), for advancing to National Referee.

Minimum Events of 12 events (including 8 National Events), considering 30 sessions, of which at least 10 must occur at "in person" meets, in the last 36 months prior to application for National to Category 1.

Minimum Events of 12 International or National (including 8 National Events), considering 30 sessions, of which at least 10 must occur at "in person" meets, in the last 36 months prior to application for National to Category 1.

ACTION: Modified form to be placed on USAW Website, using an online Google form certifying the above requirements and removing ability to place additional comments.

2. **Competition Secretary Selection**

There is a sense that the current system is not working, the issue is the skillset required for the job is different and requires significantly more training than is offered today. Sign up system to shadow a secretary.

The new system will be as follows:

CS TRAINING & SELECTION PROPOSAL

For 2022 we look at the list of experienced CSs, ask their availability, and make assignments accordingly.

Beginning with Nationals Week 2022

In order to be considered for CS, a TO must:

- Attend one national event and Shadow a CS for the entirety of the event (beginning the night before competition and inclusive of the final session.
- At each National Event, there would be two opportunities – one with each CS.
- This person would receive the points available to the CS for their shadowing event.

Following the completion of the above:

- The candidate is evaluated on the following:
    - Punctuality
    - Problem solving (weigh-in issues, staffing)
    - Willingness to work
    - Demeanor with other TOs

In the year following the completion of the above:

- The individual may apply to be ASSISTANT CS at an upcoming event

Following Asst CS assignment the individual will be evaluated on

- Punctuality
- Problem solving (weigh-in issues, staffing)
- Willingness to work
- Demeanor with other TOs

Following successful completion of the above, the individual may be considered for lead CS.

ACTION: Staff to develop Point Matrix to allow for an objective system to point towards for progress from Shadow to Assistant to Head.

ACTION 2: Call for 2022 CS Officials to be Placed, with the above Shadowing System highlighted.

4. International TO Pathway

The following adjustment will be made to the current points system:

5 points for international competitions, no points if you weren't nominated as an ITO for USAW (i.e. You were appointed by a body outside of USAW and did not go through the USAW selection process). Masters International competitions are on a per day of competition basis (as advised by USAW Masters Technical Lead – Corinne Grotenhuis). Hosted International events will continue to be credited at 1 point per session worked when hosted in the USA (Masters or Non-Masters).

With respect to the Testing Coordinators, the Testing Coordinators are proposed to receive the same points as the Competition Secretary and proposed to receive the same travel expense as the Competition Secretary. Due to the testing coordinators being on the Technical Committee, this will be

forwarded to the board for approval.

ACTION: Update ranking as we progress through 2022 using the above.

ACTION: Forward to Board for approval of Testing Coorindator.

5. Session cut off for 5 or 15 minute Break

Bringing forward an athlete raised issue of understanding the cut off for 5 or 15 minute break, a process was decide that the Data Owner would make this call at the time of sending the data to the session, in this way by the time the session begins all coaches, athletes and TOs are clear on if there will be a 5, 10 or 15 minute break.

The default break will be 15 minutes if there are 6 or less participants, and 5 minutes for 14 or more participants, but the final decision will rest with the Data Owner role.

ACTION: Les Simonton to program into the scoring system the above functionality.
ACTION 2: Inform TOs of the updated protocol for this matter.

6. Youth Rules Clarification

A discussion was held to clarify the new Youth rules with respect to going up in Weight, and it was clarified the athlete would appear in the same session as they were originally scheduled.

7. Competition Secretary Access to Data

The Staff proposed a solution to provide telephone numbers and email addresses of TOs to Competition Secretaries via the use of an NDA.

ACTION: Take this to Board level. If approved, staff to prepare NDA and give TOs an opportunity to object ahead of the upcoming NAOS 1.