

**JANUARY 1, 2022**

**TECHNICAL OFFICIALS ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

**National Referee:** Must meet each requirement below.

1. WSO referee, for at least 24 months prior to application date.
2. National competition requirement. Technical official at a minimum of one USAW national competition, in the 36 months prior to application, as follows (**10 total sessions**):
  - a. Five sessions as a referee;
  - b. Five sessions in any technical official position (includes referee sessions in excess of the five used to meet requirement 2a)
3. Additional competition requirement. Technical official at 4 additional USAW sanctioned competitions at any level, in the 36 months prior to application, as follows (**20 total sessions**):
  - a. Ten sessions as a referee;
  - b. Ten sessions in any technical official position (includes referee sessions in excess of the five used to meet requirement 3a)

**IWF Category 2 ITO:** Must meet each requirement below.

1. National Referee for at least 36 months prior to application date.
2. National competition requirement. Technical official at a minimum of 8 USAW national competitions in the 24 months prior to application, as follows (**30 total sessions**):
  - a. Ten sessions in any technical official position at in person competitions; and
  - b. Twenty sessions in any technical official position at in person or virtual competitions.
3. Additional competition requirement. Technical official at any additional 4 USAW sanctioned competitions at any level, in the 24 months prior to application.

**IWF Category 1 ITO:** Must meet each requirement below.

1. IWF Category 2 ITO for at least 24 months prior to application date.
2. National competition requirement. Technical official at a minimum of 8 USAW national competitions in the 24 months prior to application, as follows (**30 total sessions**):
  - a. Ten sessions in any technical official position at in person competitions; and
  - b. Twenty sessions in any technical official position at in person or virtual competitions.
3. Additional competition requirement. Technical official at any additional 4 USAW sanctioned competitions at any level, in the 24 months prior to application.

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**PATHWAY TO INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS NOMINATIONS**

International Technical Officials (ITO) nominations are made at the end of the calendar year based on the most current IWF event calendar. Per the USAW Technical Official (TO) ranking list the highest-ranking male and female ITO USAW may request nomination for two (2) events. USAW will nominate those individuals, however, nomination does not ensure participation. The IWF will appoint nominees to specific events.

IWF Category 2 and 1 ITOs may accrue points toward their USAW TO ranking in the following manner:

a) Participation as a Technical Official at a USAW national event, namely:

- i) North American Open Series 1
- ii) National University Championships
- iii) National Youth Championships
- iv) National Junior Championships
- v) National Under 25 Championships
- vi) USAW National Championships
- vii) North American Open Series 2
- viii) North American Open Finals
- ix) National Masters Championships
- x) Howard Cohen American Masters
- xi) North American Open Finals

b) One point is earned per session worked any of the following positions:

- i) Speaker
- ii) Weigh-in Official
- iii) Referee
- iv) Technical Controller
- v) Timekeeper
- vi) Marshal
- vii) Assistant Marshal and,
- viii) Jury Member.

c) One (1) point will be awarded for attending a national event pre-competition Referee briefing (online or in person).

- d) The Competition Secretary and Assistant Competition Secretary will receive an equivalent of the total number of sessions in their assigned meet.
- e) The Testing Coordinators will receive the points equivalent to the number of sessions at their specific meet.
- f) ITOs who are nominated, selected via the USAW Pathway policy, and appointed to an international event will accumulate five (5) points per event; with a maximum of two (2) events eligible per ITO.
  - i) Whenever those International events are hosted by the USA, accumulation of points will be counted in the same manner as a USAW national event (noted on topics *b*, *c*, *d* and *e*, above.
  - ii) The same rule shall be applied to events hosted by the IWF-Masters Weightlifting.
- g) Participation as part of the organizing committee, as part of the International Federation meetings, as a contractor for the organizers or under other arrangements will not grant the Technical Official points in the USAW TO Ranking.
- h) Local meets are not included in the accumulation of points.