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Technical Development Policy

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Purpose

The WWA Technical Policy aims to create a structured and equitable approach in encouraging the development of technical officials. This is achieved through education, mentoring, and exposure to varying technical roles. With consistency in volunteering, the technical official can gain the confidence and skills necessary to progress along the Australian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) Officiating Pathway.

The AWF Officiating Pathway recognises five levels of Technical Accreditation:

-  Club Referee
-  State Referee
-  National Referee
-  IWF Category II Referee
-  IWF Category I Referee

To attain each level, stipulated competencies must be achieved to demonstrate sound knowledge in the application of the IWF Technical and Competition Rules and Regulations. These competencies can be summarised as follows.




Club Referee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completion of directed learning on AWF Learning Management SystemMentoring: Officiate 100 competition attempts with 70% pass rate
State Referee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum of 5 Club or State level events in past 12 monthsCompletion of directed learning on AWF Learning Management SystemMentoring: Officiate 100 competition attempts with 80% pass rateSuccessful completion of AWF Technical Rules Exam: 85% pass rate
National Referee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Officiate 10 events (Club, State, National) in past two yearsHold qualification of State RefereeSuccessfully fulfil the following roles within previous two years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Referee at three (3) Club or State Open EventsReferee at two (2) State or National EventsTimekeeper at two (2) State or National EventsOfficiate 100 attempts in a State or National Competition overseen by a Jury. Pass Rate=80% on 3 Jury average90% pass rate of the AWF Technical Rules Exam
IWF Category II Referee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hold qualification of National RefereeSuccessfully fulfil the following roles within the previous 5 years:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Referee at three (3) State EventsReferee at two (2) National EventsTechnical Controller at two (2) National EventsTimekeeper at two (2) National EventsMarshal at two (2) National EventsTimekeeper at two (2) State Championship EventsBeen an active official at State and National Level for a minimum of five yearsPass written exam prescribed by the IWFPass practical exam prescribed by IWF

IWF Category I Referee

- Hold IWF Category II Referee qualification for minimum of two years
- Successfully fulfil the following roles within the previous 5 years:
 - o Referee at three (3) State Events
 - o Referee at two (2) National or International Events
 - o Technical Controller at two (2) National or International Events
 - o Timekeeper at two (2) National or International Events
 - o Marshal at two (2) National or International Events
 - o Timekeeper at two (2) National or International Events
- Been an active official at State and National Level for a minimum of five years
- Pass written exam prescribed by the IWF
- Pass practical exam prescribed by IWF

For a technical official upgrade from National Referee to both International Referee qualifications, an application must be made to the AWF Technical Committee at a minimum of 60 days before the nominated event with all criteria for the stipulated upgrade completed.

Technical upgrades to both International Referee qualifications can only be attained at three (3) events over the AWF calendar year. These events being:

-  Australian U15 and Youth Championships
-  Australian Junior and U23 Championships
-  Australian Senior Championships

As a result of the AWF Technical Official Pathway, and its competencies, several provisions need to be satisfied to nominate an individual as a Technical Official on a Weightlifting Western Australia (WWA) team. These provisions are centred around ongoing WWA membership, good standing, consistency in volunteering, meeting the competencies and standard of the Technical Official Level application, priority in fulfilling competencies versus a referee level upgrade, the availability of referee assessment and opportunity, and the financial provisions of WWA.

WWA Technical Official Selection Matrix

Ongoing WWA Membership?	Y=1 point/N=0 points
Good Standing with WWA?	Y=1 point/N=ineligible till good standing is restored
Consistency in Volunteering?	1 point for each session over the current and previous year
Meeting the competencies of the Technical Official Level application	Y=5 points/N=no application or application to WWA to achieve competencies=2 points
Level of Upgrade Application?	Cat I=5 points, Cat II=4 points, Nat=3 points
Availability of Assessment Opportunity	Based on hosting state, AWF Technical Committee, and number of applications for the nominated event
Financial Provisions of WWA	Successful applications based on full or part payment of airfare?

Model for Selection

Selection as a Technical Official accompanying a WWA State team, either to satisfy Technical Official competencies or, to complete a referee upgrade, is based on a two- tier combination of accrued selection points and a WWA Technical Official Selection Committee.

Appeals

The appeals process for non-selection on the WWA Team as a Technical Official is advised to follow the same appeals process associated with the WWA Coach Selection Policy.