

REFEREES EXAMINERS' REPORT FOR 2014 OWNZ AGM

A 65% increase in the number of active referees in 2014 from 45 in 2013 to 70 in 2014 is consistent with increases in weightlifting participation throughout the year.

A comparison of club and Provincial referees over the 2 year period:

	2013	2014
Whangarei	nil	5
Auckland	14	19
Wellington	6	18
Christchurch	12	16
Otago	7	7
Southland	6	5

Included in the totals above are: 4 IWF Category 1 referees

4 IWF Category 2 referees

OWNZ have been well represented at International events with Garry Marshall, Keisha-Dean Soffe, Tony Ebert and Jenni Ebert all officiating at the Commonwealth Championships in Penang, Malaysia.

Keisha-Dean Soffe and Garry Marshall officiating at both the Oceania Championships in New Caledonia and the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

During the year I have retained my position as Chairman of the Oceania Weightlifting Technical Committee. At the Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation meeting in Glasgow I retained my position as Vice President and was elected Chairman of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Technical Committee.

A noticeable trend during the year was for affiliated members to complete the written examination but to not become involved with practical refereeing. Whilst I accept the value of personal development and increasing ones knowledge and understanding of our sport I would like to see a greater percentage of referees taking a more active role in local and national competition.

I have received great support throughout the year from Ron Mann and the information he provides is invaluable. I thank Ron for his continued support.

Finally I would like to wish all those who have volunteered to officiate during these National Championships all the very best for an efficient and enjoyable performance.

Garry Marshall OWNZ Referees Examiner