



## National Officials Development Pathway

### CRITERIA

All officials must be financial members of Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.

### LEVEL TWO OFFICIAL

#### 1. Theory Exam

To attain level two candidates must sit a written examination and gain a mark of 65% or better;

#### 2. Practical Exam

If successful, the candidates must referee at two club competitions under the supervision of an experienced level one official. This test is either a clear pass or fail basis and must be two separate competitions, not two sessions of one competition.

#### 3. Qualification

OWNZ Level two officials can officiate at all club and regional competitions.

They cannot referee national record attempts and for competition results to be accepted for rankings and qualifications there needs to be at least two OWNZ Level one officials as referees as well.

### LEVEL ONE OFFICIAL (into effect from 01/01/2017)

#### 1. Promotion (Two options for this step)

##### a) Open 1: Active Involvement

To become a Level one official the candidate must have been involved as a Level two official within their association/club for at least one year from the time they complete their second practical exam.

The OWNZ Officials Examiner will keep a record of this involvement and once the one year involvement has been

completed they can apply via the Officials Examiner to the Executive Group for promotion to Level one.

**OR**

**b) Option 2: Officials Workshop & Video Exam**

The candidates that successfully participate in an OWNZ sanctioned Officials Workshop scoring at least 85% on the video exam will entitle them to immediate promotion to Level one status.

**2. Qualification**

OWNZ Level one officials when promoted can referee at all levels of National competition, referee national record attempts and seek to be promoted to IWF Category two.

## **International Officials Development Pathway**

### **IWF CATEGORY TWO**

**1. Meet the Criteria**

- a) have been involved as a National Level 1 Referee for at least 5 years;
- b) must be proposed to the IWF by OWNZ; and
- c) must have a complete knowledge of the IWF Technical Rules.

**2. Practical Test**

Must prove their competence in a practical examination organized either by the IWF or in an IWF approved examination organized by OWNZ and must obtain a mark of 90% or more.

**3. Theory Test**

Must obtain the marks of at least 85% in a written examination prepared and revised by the IWF Technical Committee from time to time.

**4. Qualification**

A referee who has attained IWF Category 2 status may referee at national championships, international tournaments, Regional Games and continental championships. Excluded games include Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, World Championships and Universiades.

## **IWF CATEGORY ONE**

### **1. Meet the Criteria**

- a) Must have served at least two years as an IWF Category Two referee.

### **2. Practical Test**

Prove competence before three IWF Category One referees in the course of a competition held under IWF rules. The candidate must obtain 95% in the practical test.

### **3. Theory Test**

Must pass a written examination in the form of a questionnaire prepared and revised periodically by the IWF Technical Committee. The candidate must obtain 90% in the theory test.

### **4. Qualification**

A referee who has attained IWF Category One status may referee at National Championships, International Tournaments, Regional Games, Continental Championships, Olympic Games and World Championships. They may also serve on an International Jury.

Note: The written examination is the same for all levels with escalating pass marks. The exam test and answers are on the IWF website.