

Masters Weightlifting – Technical Officials Career Path

Introducing training and licensing
of Technical Officials
in and for Masters events



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- System currently used is based on IWF Technical Rules and Regulations, with a focus on senior events and their procedures.
- Training and promotion of Technical Officials is usually steered by the individual national federations.
- Internal disputes or a lack of interest in promoting specifically „older“ Technical Officials can become a problem.
- At masters events, the number of dedicated and supportive IWF 1 and IWF 2 license holders is fairly low – in contrast to a high number of national license holders who cannot cover all positions around the competition platform (such as Jury, center referee).

Currently, the following criteria apply to the individual positions covered at a Masters event:

	Regional / District/ Volunteer	National	IWF 2	IWF 1
Jury	x	x	x	✓
Center Referee	x	x	✓	✓
Side Referee	x	✓	✓	✓
Technical Controller	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chief Marshal	x	✓	✓	✓
Chief Marshal Assistant	✓	✓	✓	✓
Competition Secretary / Weigh-In	✓	✓	✓	✓

Technical Officials – the problematic status quo

- Especially at national and IWF 2 level, the expertise varies greatly, as not all federations actually use all these roles at their national championships.
- For this reason, a standardised training procedure and promotion for Masters events would be desirable in order to ensure an equally high level across nations and at all events in the long term.

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- **Creating a career path tailored to the needs and requirements of Masters Weightlifting.**

Training and examination of Technical Officials by the masters community, including mentoring, training on the job, written and practical exams (online).

This will ensure a smooth run of all competitions through efficient officiating.

Level 4 / Specialised Licenses:
e.g. Weigh-In /
Chief Marshal Assistant /
Assistant Technical Controller

	IWF	Masters
Base level	National	Level 3
Second level	IWF 2	Level 2
Third level	IWF 1	Level 1

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EMWA / IMWA TO Promotion Requirements

Promotion of Volunteers to EMWA / IMWA Level 4 – Specialised Licenses:

Volunteers with no Technical Official license, but experience and/or explicit interest in (masters) weightlifting competitions can apply for a specialised license, allowing to officially cover license specific positions around the area of play. Volunteers completing such training and licensing process may not be covering other positions in the field.

Typical examples would be the Weigh-Ins, Speaker, Time Keepers, Assistant/Chief Marshal positions or Technical Controller Assistant.

Example:

Jane Smith has completed mentored training at the marshal table for 8 sessions at international masters events and may officially qualify for a written and practical exam for the EMWA / IMWA Chief Marshal Specialised License, allowing her to henceforth cover that particular position at masters events.

EMWA / IMWA TO Promotion Requirements

Promotion of a National Licensed Technical Official to EMWA / IMWA Level 3:

- Officiating at 2 national (masters) championships
- Recommendation by national masters body
- Participation at International Masters tutoring zoom sessions (twice a year)
- 3 sessions as Marshal at international masters events
- 3 sessions as Technical Controller at international masters events
- 1 sessions as timekeeper at international masters events
- 3 sessions at weigh-in
- 5 sessions as referee at national masters events and 3 sessions as side referee at international masters events.

Modified IWF written exam tailored to fit master's needs and requirements (focusing on practical procedures and knowledge), 85% required.

EMWA / IMWA TO Promotion Requirements

Promotion of a National Licensed Technical Official to EMWA / IMWA Level 2:

- 3 years as national referee and / or officiating at 3 national (masters) championships
- Recommendation by national masters body
- Participation at International Masters tutoring zoom sessions (twice a year)
- 6 sessions as Marshal at international masters events
- 6 sessions as Technical Controller at international masters events
- 5 sessions as timekeeper at international masters events
- 6 sessions at weigh-in
- 10 sessions as referee at international masters events.

Modified IWF written exam tailored to fit master's needs and requirements (focusing on practical procedures and knowledge), 90% required.

EMWA / IMWA TO Promotion Requirements

Promotion of a National Licensed Technical Official to EMWA / IMWA Level 1:

- 5 years as national referee and/or officiating at 5 national (masters) championships
- Recommendation by national masters body
- Participation at International Masters tutoring zoom sessions (twice a year)
- 10 sessions as Marshal at international masters events
- 10 sessions as Technical Controller at international masters events
- 8 sessions as timekeeper at international masters events
- 8 sessions at weigh-in
- 15 sessions as referee at international masters events

Modified IWF written exam tailored to fit master's needs and requirements (focusing on practical procedures and knowledge), 95% required.

EMWA / IMWA TO – General information

- Written and practical exams will be run via an online platform (language specific?)
- Ongoing evaluations, feedback and mentoring opportunities at international masters events
- Bi-annual training (online), with required participation for EMWA / IMWA license holders.
- Proof of license and training via EMWA/IMWA Technical Official Book
- Loss of license after inactivity of 3-5 years; renewal possible after evaluation.
- Costs of licenses would be minimal (e.g. EUR 20-75) to cover administrative fees
- Standardised tie/scarf for „uniform look“ and to further identify with the masters family

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Questions? Feedback?