

## WNZ TECHNICAL OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

**All Technical Officials must be financial members of Weightlifting New Zealand**

Technical Officials are required to conduct competitions in order to guarantee fair conditions for the athletes and correct decisions for ranking.

<b>Club Technical Official</b>	<p><b>To attain a WNZ Club TO qualification, applicants must:</b></p> <p><b>Theory section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend the WNZ Technical Officials workshop.</li><li>• Sit and pass the current WNZ written exam (pass mark of 80% or better).</li></ul> <p><b>Practical section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Once successful with the theory section, the applicant must referee at a minimum of 2 club competitions under the direct 'one on one' supervision of an experienced National (or higher) TO within 12 months of passing their exam.</li><li>• These must be separate competitions not 2 sessions at the same competition, outcomes need to be a clear pass or fail.</li> <li>• Club TO's can officiate only at club level competitions.</li><li>• Those Club TO's who want to take advantage of the opportunity, can 'shadow' higher level TOs at Regional and National championships, to gain knowledge &amp; experience.</li></ul>
<b>National Technical Official</b>	<p><b>WNZ prerequisites to attain National TO qualification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• have been actively involved as a Technical Official for at least 12 months after they sat and passed their exam.</li><li>• must have refereed a minimum of 2 competitions, or a minimum of 100 lifts (good &amp; bad) under the supervision of a Senior NTO.</li><li>• must be approved by a Senior National (or above) TO as competent to be upgraded to National level</li><li>• A request for the upgrade must be made to the Technical Officials Manager (TOM) and approved.</li> <li>• National TO's can officiate at Regional and National championship events if approved by the TOM.</li><li>• Gain experience officiating in all areas of Technical official duties</li><li>• National TO's can officiate at events that are international qualifiers, and the breaking of national records.</li></ul>

<p><b>Category 2 International Technical Official (Cat 2 ITO)</b></p>	<p><b>WNZ prerequisites for upgrade to attain Category 2 ITO qualification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have been an active National TO within the WNZ competition programme for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years, and</li> <li>• Refereed at a minimum of five (5) championship events, and</li> <li>• Officiated as a Technical Controller, Marshall, Timekeeper, &amp; Tabulator twice in each position.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a complete knowledge of the IWF Technical and Competition Rules &amp; Regulations (TCRR).</li> <li>• Sit and pass the current written IWF exam (pass mark of 85% or better).</li> </ul> <p><b>Practical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must prove their competence in a practical exam organised by WNZ under IWF TCRR (pass mark of 90% or better).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Category 1 International Technical Official (Cat 1 ITO)</b></p>	<p><b>WNZ prerequisites for upgrade to attain Category 1 ITO qualification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have actively held the Cat 2 ITO qualification for a minimum of 2 consecutive years, and</li> <li>• Continued officiating at championship events, either nationally and/or internationally, in all Technical Official roles a minimum of twice a year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sit and pass the current written IWF exam (pass mark of 90% or better).</li> </ul> <p><b>Practical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must prove their competence in a practical exam organised by WNZ under IWF TCRR (pass mark of 95% or better) in front of 3 Cat 1 ITO's during a National championship event.</li> </ul>

**All Technical Officials must attend a TO workshop or refresher every 2 to 3 years.**