

IPC Powerlifting

Referees Qualification & Development Pathway

IPC Powerlifting conducts Referees courses for the different levels of Referees and such information is available on IPC Powerlifting website when such courses are confirmed. These courses have duration of four (4) days maximum including exam* and the participation fee is €150 per participants. *where translation is not required then an LOC can negotiate less days with IPC PO; fees will remain the same.

IPC Powerlifting has set a specific pathway for individuals who wished to be nominated to become an IPC Referee. In this Pathway is also included the process on how individuals can progress from their existing qualification to the next level (promotion).

All applications (for each respective course) are to be sent to IPC Powerlifting Office via the NPC / National Federation; applications will be evaluated and the responses will be sent to the respective NPC's / applicants regarding necessary arrangements for the participation in the course.

To be able to attend any level of course individuals first have to be nominated, in writing, by their National governing body / federation with full support from / endorsement of their National Paralympic Committee (NPC), where the NPC is not the sport governing body; applications are to be sent to IPC Powerlifting (IPC PO) who will assess the application and offer confirmation.

Categories

To assist National and Regional development for officials there are four (4) categories of IPC PO referee within the IPC Powerlifting Officials Pathway, which follows...

National:

To be considered as a candidate for an IPC PO National referee's course and exam the following minimum criteria will apply:

National	1	Must be a minimum of 18 years of age and in good standing with their National Federation & NPC
	2	Must have a good understanding of the English language*, oral and written to advance to International; *IPC PO reserve the right to exercise an option for a candidate with less or no command of the English Language to take a National course and exam in their native language and to still be considered for future advancement but up to regional referee status only (not the full international and Paralympic level pathway) *Where this option is exercised the qualification will remain in force until such a time that such candidates are considered by IPC PO to have a good command and understanding of the English language, both oral and written
	3	Must be educated to secondary / high school level and or have 2 years minimum experience as an IPC PO competitive lifter, or have equivalent voluntary administrative experience at national level in IPC Powerlifting events
	4	The nominated candidate must be readily available to fully participate in the entire duration of the referee course, followed by a written exam, during an official IPC PO approved course and pass the written exam with a minimum score of 80%

Regional:

Aimed mostly at less fluent English speaking candidates to create a tiered qualification & appropriate hierarchal system at National / Regional level

To be considered for an IPC PO Regional referee's course and exam the following minimum criteria will apply:

Regional	1	Must be a minimum of 21 years of age and in good standing with their National Federation & NPC
	2	Must have a minimum of 2 years proven experience working in IPC Powerlifting as national Referee
	3	Must have at least a basic understanding of the English language, both oral and written; IPC PO reserve the right to exercise an option for a less fluent English speaking candidates to take an exam in their native language to qualify as a Regional referee and not be considered for future advancement
	4	The nominated candidate must be readily available to participate in a full referee course, followed by a practical & written exam, during an official IPC PO approved course, and at an IPC PO approved competition; they must pass the written exam with a minimum score of 85% and a practical exam consisting of adjudicating as Head referee for not less than 50 lifts scoring a minimum of 90% against the decisions of a five person jury appointed by IPC PO

International Category II:

To be considered for an IPC PO International Cat II referee's course and exam the following minimum criteria will apply:

International Category II	1	Must be a minimum of 23 years of age and in good standing with their National Federation & NPC
	2	Must have a minimum of two (2) years experience at National or National / Regional level combined
	3	Must have a comprehensive command and understanding of the English language, both oral and written
	4	The nominated candidate must be readily available to participate in a full referee course, followed by a practical & written exam, during an IPC PO approved International competition; they must pass the written exam with a minimum score of 85% and a practical exam consisting of sitting as Head referee for not less than 75 lifts (total number taken across no more than two competitions where necessary) scoring a minimum of 90% against the decisions of a five person jury appointed by IPC PO

International Category I:

To be considered for an IPC PO International Cat I referee's course and exam the following minimum criteria will apply:

International Category I	1	Must be a minimum of 25 years of age and in good standing with their National Federation & NPC
	2	Must have a minimum of three (3) years experience at International Cat II level
	3	Must have a comprehensive command and understanding of the English language, both oral and written
	4	The nominated candidate must be readily available to participate in a referee refresher course, followed by a practical exam, during an IPC PO approved International competition; the practical exam will consist of refereeing not less than 100 lifts (total taken across no more than two competitions where necessary) scoring a minimum of 90% against the decisions of a five person jury appointed by IPC PO

General:

- 1) Upon being initially nominated, and then licensed, by their relevant National Governing body / Federation, via their NPC, it is taken in good faith that the official concerned is in current good standing with their organization and therefore available to be selected and appointed for all IPC Powerlifting approved competitions thereafter, as considered appropriate by the IPC PO STC. This will remain in effect until such a time that the relevant organization, via the NPC, states officially, in writing to IPC PO, any change to such good standing at which time, upon further consideration by IPC PO, the official concerned can be removed from the current officials list.
- 2) All officials have to maintain an active license according to the IPC PO rules and pay to re-register / renew their referee license at the beginning of each Paralympics cycle and or on the equivalent fourth (4) year anniversary of passing their exam; any official not fulfilling the necessary requirements as per the rules and or paying fees due within 6 months of the beginning of a new Paralympic cycle will fully forfeit their credentials / license and be removed from the IPC PO officials list; the individual will then have to re-apply to take another course / exam.
- 3) All qualified referees must always attend IPC PO approved competitions in the appropriate officials' uniform as per the rules current at the time of competition – the cost of the uniform is to be paid for by the official.
- 4) Referees who are licensed but remain totally inactive for two years should attend and participate in a National or International refresher clinic - at least once (1) per every 2 years.
- 5) Referees who are licensed but remain totally inactive for more than two years should attend and participate in a refresher clinic, re-sit and pass the exam equivalent to their existing category*.
- 6) International referees who are licensed but remain totally inactive for more than three years should participate in a refresher clinic, re-sit pass the exam at the level considered appropriate*.

*At the discretion of the IPC PO STC, any official can be demoted to the next level down and where this action is applied the official has to re-sit and pass the exam as new referee (at the new level) and or they can have their licensed revoked and be removed from the list altogether.