

Head Referee Procedure

Administering Referee Practical Exam

1. Before beginning any test, verify there are enough flights (9 or more) to complete the test. If there are not 9 or more, the applicant must select a future meet that will allow them to take the entire test in one day.
2. Go to our web site and verify that any official involved in the test is approved to administer the test and their own judging status is current.
3. Verify that the weigh-in session for training will have no less than 20 lifters, with the priority being the 24-hour before lifting session.
4. During the weigh-in training session, rotate the trainee around to all four positions allowing them to perform each task hands on and not just watching over your shoulder.
5. Each of these four positions will be explained in great detail to cover circumstances beyond just that day's lifters.
6. Read the process of the test. Verify with the applicant that they have read and fully understand the test process. Ask if they have any questions before starting.
7. Immediately after each lift, discuss not only if it was a lift, or no lift, but any details about the lift, gear, spotters, table, score board, etc., to help the applicant better understand the bigger picture.
8. If the meet is big enough, and time allows, in addition to the required 6 flights sitting next to an approved official and the 2 flights expediting alongside an official, you should have the applicant sit in for at least one flight of card and computer training. Expeditor training does not have to be a National or International judge if not available, as long as they will be trained correctly.
9. If time allows, we always encourage the applicant to do additional side judging during the squats to take advantage of your mentoring.
10. If any applicant shows up not properly dressed for the event wearing black shoes, black pants, and the proper judge's shirt, explain to them you are not permitted to administer the test, and send them home. Hats and headbands are never permitted. If they have not received their "official" USPA shirt, they will be permitted to wear a similar looking red polo style shirt in its place.
11. Remember the applicant must dedicate this entire meet and 100% of their attention to taking their test. They may not compete in the meet, help warm up friends, wrap knees, or any other distraction – just judge.
12. If you are the head official selected by the Meet Director to administer the test, you will not sign off until you have reviewed the entire test score sheet and verified it is complete. The names of everyone that took part will be clearly printed, the number of lifts and score will be calculated and filled in, and last, you will remind the applicant they are the only one that can submit the sheet directly back to the Referee Chairman within the 7-day requirement. Last thing, have the applicant take the sheet to the Meet Director for review and signature.