

Practical Test Procedure

1. After an applicant achieves a passing score of 90% or better they will first work during at least one weigh in session consisting of 20 or more lifters. They will learn how our paper work is to be done, do gear checks, and answer lifters questions. The lead official at the weigh ins will sign off on their test sheet once completed.
Review - http://uspla.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/USPA_Weigh-in_Rules_v4.10.13.pdf
2. The practical test will consist of the applicant judging a total of 6 flights, one from the Head, and one from the side chair for each of the three lifts. The meet must have a minimum of 20 full power lifters competing.
3. The minimum number of total lifts for the test will be at least 180, but 270+ is preferred.
4. The test can only be conducted by a high ranking National, or an International Referee, no State level officials may conduct the test.
5. During the test the applicant may never hold or activate the light control box, this can only be done by the official administering the test.
6. After each lift the applicant will immediately inform the official next to them if it was a good lift, or no lift. There can be no delay for discussion prior to making their decision that will slow down the process of the meet. The official administering the test will not throw their switch until the applicant gives their decision.
7. If the applicant's decision matches the light of the official testing them they will circle "A" on the score sheet indicating they both agreed. If their decision does not agree with the official sitting with them they will circle the "D" on the test sheet that they disagreed. A copy of the score sheet can be found at - <http://uspla.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Referee-practical-test-score-sheet.pdf>
8. This is our last chance for an experienced official to sit and mentor a new official, so it is extremely important that the official giving the test constantly talks with the applicant about what they see, and the applicant asks lots of questions the entire day. Remember this is not only about their judging lifts, but checking lifters gear several lifters out, watching over the table to be sure procedures are being followed (re-read sections 6.2.1-6.2.23), and that all spotters are following the correct safety and USPA procedures. (re-read sections 6.2.24-6.2.48) Remember at the very next meet this new official could be the Head judge and needs to know all of this a head of time.
9. If any record (State, American, or World) is set the applicant must follow the correct procedure and inspect the lifters gear no matter what division they have entered. Review - [http://uspla.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/USPA State and American Records Procedure vs.1.11.11.pdf](http://uspla.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/USPA_State_and_American_Records_Procedure_vs.1.11.11.pdf)
10. Any applicant that is not dressed according to the USPA officials dress code will not be allowed to take their test at any meet. Review - <http://uspla.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Referee-Dress-Standards.pdf>
11. It is the applicant's choice when and where to take their practical test, but they must provide the National Referee Chairman in writing with the date of the meet, location, name and e-mail of the official administering their test, along with their ranking, at least two weeks in advance.
12. The completed score sheet from their exam must be received back to the National Referee Chairman within two weeks. It needs to have the signatures of both the official that administered the weigh in session, and the practical test on the sheet to be valid.
13. Only after the paperwork has been reviewed by both the National Referee Chairman and the President, and the applicants name and test date has been posted on the National web site, can that official judge at any USPA meet. Any meet that utilizes an official that has not been certified will have all its lifters records invalidated from that meet.