

# Referee Advancement Requirements

All the requirements for advancement from State to National, or National to International can be found in the rule book in sections 7.2.1 – 7.2.35. Be sure you are familiar with these and have completed all the necessary requirements prior to submitting your bio for consideration for advancement.

We now require all our officials to be capable of working the different positions necessary to hold a successful meet.

The date for advancement for all State to National level officials is based on the date your practical was passed, not the date of your written test. The date to advance from National to International would be based on the date you passed your written to become a National Level.

## State to National

- Recommended by your State Chairman, and approved by either the USPA President or the Referee Chairman.
- State level referee for a minimum of two years.
- Within those two years, must have judged at a minimum of eight meets, with an average of four flights per meet.
- Conducted 2 weigh-in sessions (day of meet does not count, 24 hr is preferred), 4 flights working lifter cards, 4 flights running meet computer, 4 flights expediting

## National to International

- recommended by your State or the National Referee Chairman and approved by the USPA President.
- National level referee for a minimum of four years
- Within those four years, officiated in at least fifteen USPA sanctioned meets, and judged a minimum of 75 flights.
- Conducted 4 weigh-in sessions, 8 flights working lifter cards, 8 flights running meet computer, 8 flights expediting
- Within those four years, judged a minimum of two state, two national and one world competition.

The **EAP (Early Advancement Program)** has been drastically reduced to allow referees the opportunity to promote even faster. **While this program is rarely used, it is available to all officials that have exceeded all expectations and are willing to travel in order to help out Meet Directors outside of their own areas.**

## State to National

- minimum of 16 meets, 64 flights, 1 year
- 4 weigh-in sessions (day of meet does not count, 24 hr is preferred), 8 flights working lifter cards, 8 flights running meet computer, 8 flights expediting

## National to International

- minimum of 30 meets, 150 flights, 2 years
- 8 weigh-in sessions, 16 flights working lifter cards, 16 flights running meet computer, 16 flights expediting

The “**Apprentice Program**” – This is for anyone that at this time does not plan to judge lifters during meets, but does want to assist Meet Directors by being allowed to help at weigh in sessions, work the table, and expedite during meets. The written test is still required, but no practical test is administered. Anyone that is currently an Apprentice may change their status over the next 12 months and become a fully certified judge by requesting permission from the Referee Chairman, and then passing a practical test.