

# Coach and Official License FAQs

**Q. Who does the British Weight Lifting Coach and Officials Licensing Scheme affect?**

A. Anyone coaching in a BWL affiliated club

Anyone who wants to officiate in any capacity at a BWL affiliated competition

Club secretaries are responsible for ensuring that all club coaches complete a license application before working with athletes

**Q. Why does British Weight Lifting have a Coach and Official Licensing Scheme?**

A. The Coach and Official License Scheme allows BWL to regulate who is coaching and officiating at clubs and competitions. This ensures that all coaches and officials have met the minimum required standards to perform their roles.

**Q. How do I get a Coach or Official License?**

1. Hold a current British Weight Lifting membership, either Attached or Unattached
2. Sign the Code of Conduct for Coaches and/or Officials
3. Hold a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check through BWL issued within the last 2 years
4. Provide proof of your BWL recognised coaching or officiating qualifications
5. Provide a recent passport photograph of yourself

When the above steps are complete you will be issued with a BWL Licence to Practice.

**Q. What happens if I don't have a Coach and/or Official License?**

A. Unlicensed Coaches:

- Will not be permitted to enter the warm-up/weigh in area, field of play or competition areas at BWL competitions
- Will not be eligible for positions with regional, national and international squads

Unlicensed Officials

- Will not be permitted to officiate at BWL competitions