

## Features of the Technical Official career pathway, by Eddie Halstead

As a qualified Technical Official, you will be able to start your journey to become part of a national team who have the opportunity to work throughout the country, officiating at national and regional competitions. Here are more details on the Level 2 and Level 3 Courses and the Level 4 Award.

### Level 2 Technical Official (Olympic Weightlifting)

Level 2 is the first level of qualification for Technical Officials in the UK. The new Level 2 Course for Technical Officials is available online and BWL members can get a discount on the course fee. The exam has 50 questions with 30 lifts to judge and the pass rate is 75%. Once a candidate has passed the exam the next step is to attain a Technical Officials Licence. The Licence application takes place on the Sport80 membership system and there is even a link to the Licence application after the Level 2 course exam.

### Level 3 Technical Official (Olympic Weightlifting)

The criteria to move up to Level 3 is to attend a number of tier 3 events and at least 2 national championships (Tiers 1 & 2) within a two-year period. The method of assessment is to go online and complete an exam with questions and scenarios. The candidate will then be invigilated during a competition where they are to adjudicate a minimum of 50 completed lifts and will be assessed by a higher-level Technical Official. The pass rate is 75% based on the exam and the invigilation.

### Level 4 Technical Official Award (IWF Category 2)

According to the IWF Rules of promotion Technical Officials must be active at national level competitions (Tiers 1 & 2) for 5 years before they are to be recommended for the opportunity to take the IWF Category 2 assessment. When a Level 3 Technical Official reaches this point, they will be offered the chance to take the Level 4 exam which has 100 questions. The candidate will then be invigilated at a national championship (Tier 1 & 2) where they are to adjudicate a minimum of 100 completed lifts and reach a pass rate of 90% with the combined invigilation and exam questions.

### Level 4 Advanced Technical Official (IWF Category 1)

Following the IWF rules for promotion to IWF Category 1 a candidate must attend for duty at national (Tier 1 & 2) and or international championships (European Youth up to Senior) for 2 years. The candidate takes the same exam as for Level 4 and must adjudicate 100 lifts, but the pass rate is increased to 95%.

To book on a course visit <https://britishweightlifting.org/courses-and-learning/become-a-technical-official>