

Technical Official Recruitment Guide

One of the most important requirements at a registered Tier 3 competition is that the competition has a minimum of 3 fully licensed Technical Officials present, as 3 are needed to adjudicate each lift. If a competition does not have at least 3 licensed Technical Officials the competition will not be recognised by BWL and will therefore render all results invalid.

This document has been created as a helpful guide for clubs running a competition with recruiting a sufficient number of Technical Officials and using them effectively.

Recruiting Technical Officials

- Ask any members/staff at your weightlifting club to find out if they are qualified to officiate as a Technical Official.
- Look into the possibility of getting someone at your club to complete the BWL Level 2 Technical Official course as this is a good way of ensuring the reliability of Technical Officials for current and future events.
- Ask local or familiar weightlifting clubs to see if they have any staff/members that are qualified Technical Officials that wouldn't mind helping at your competition.
- Ask any coaches, lifters or friends that you have made within weightlifting if they or anyone they know has a Technical Official licence and would be willing officiating at your competition.
- Ask your British Weight Lifting Regional Relationship Manager if they are aware of any licensed Technical Officials looking to gain experience at competitions.
- Contact the BWL Competitions team to enquire about the availability of any Technical Officials that are available to help at your competition.

Pre-Competition Checks

It is essential that after the recruitment of any Technical Officials and prior to the competition, the licence status of the person **must** be checked to ensure they still have a valid Technical Official licence.

There are 2 ways to do this:

- Ask the Technical Official to show you their valid BWL Technical Official licence. They must log into their BWL account, click 'Licences' >> 'Current'. A box will appear that should state the Licence Type as either 'Technical Official – Coach and Technical Official' or 'Coach and Technical Official – Coach and Technical Official'. A Licence Type of 'Coach – Coach and Technical Official' cannot be accepted as the individual is licensed to coach only, not officiate. You should only accept seeing the live licence – do not accept an email confirmation of a licence, as it may have expired or being suspended since the email was sent.
You should not accept a Technical Official certificate as this proves that the individual has completed the course, but does not necessarily mean they hold a valid licence.
- Contact BWL at either competitions@britishweightlifting.org or 0113 2249402 and we can check licences for you.

If you are found to have used Technical Officials that do not hold valid Technical Official licences, this may render your competition as void and results will not be recognised.

Next Steps

- Complete a TO Rota and ensure this is issued to all Technical Officials prior to the competition.
- Issue the Start List and Schedule to all Technical Official prior to the competition.
- A WhatsApp or similar messenger chat group can be a good way of keeping your Technical Officials up to date in the run up to, and at your competition
- Make sure to thank your Technical Officials after the competition!