

JANUARY 1, 2026

PATHWAY TO INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS NOMINATIONS

International Technical Official (ITO) nominations are made when the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), the Pan American Weightlifting Federation (PANAMWF) or an International Organizing Committee requests ITO participation at a specific event.

The USAW Technical Official (TO) ranking list will be used to determine nominations. USAW will nominate one Female and one Male Technical Official with the highest number of points according to the ranking of the previous calendar year. E.g.: For a request for nomination that arrives on July 1, 2023, USAW will nominate the top two candidates based on the 2022 TO ranking.

USAW ITOs may participate in up to two (2) events hosted by the IWF and/or PANAMWF per year.

Nomination does not ensure participation. The IWF and PANAMWF will select nominees to participate in their respective events.

If an ITO is nominated for, but not selected to participate in a specific event, or declines a nomination, their name will remain at the top of the ranking list, and they will receive the next IWF or PANAMWF nomination.

IWF Category 2 and IWF Category 1 ITOs may accrue points toward their USAW TO ranking by participating in USAW National-sanctioned events such as the Series, National Championships, Finals, etc.

- a) One point is earned per session worked in any of the following positions:
 - i) Speaker
 - ii) Weigh-in Official
 - iii) Referee
 - iv) Technical Controller
 - v) Timekeeper
 - vi) Marshal
 - vii) Assistant Marshal
 - viii) Jury Member and
 - ix) Jury President.

- b) The Competition Secretaries and Competition Secretary Shadows will receive points equal to the total number of sessions in their assigned event, plus 5 points.
- c) ITOs who are nominated and selected via the USAW Pathway policy and work at an IWF or PANAMWF international event will accumulate five (5) points per event, with a maximum of two (2) events eligible per ITO, for a maximum of 10 points per year.
 - i) Whenever those International events are hosted by USAW, points will be accumulated in the same manner as at a USAW national event (as noted in topics *b*, *c*, and *d* above).
- d) Participation as part of, or at the request of, an organizing committee during the International Federation meetings, as a contractor for the organizers, or under other arrangements will not grant the Technical Official points in the USAW TO Ranking.
- e) Local meets are not included in point accumulation.