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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 International Organizing Committee request 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, they decline 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 1 ITOs may accrue points toward their USAW TO ranking in the following manner:

- a) Participation as a Technical Official at a USAW national event, namely:
 - i) North American Open Series 1
 - ii) National University Championships
 - iii) USAW National Masters Championships
 - iv) National Youth Championships
 - v) National Junior Championships
 - vi) National Under 23 Championships
 - vii) National Under 25 Championships
 - viii) USAW National Championships
 - ix) North American Open Series 2
 - x) North American Open Finals

- b) One point is earned per session worked 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.

- c) The Competition Secretary and Assistant Competition Secretary will receive the points equivalent to the total number of sessions in their assigned meet plus five points.

- d) The Testing Coordinators will receive the points equivalent to the total number of sessions at their specific meet.

- e) ITOs who are nominated, 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, and thus 10 points maximum per year..
 - i) Whenever those International events are hosted by USAW, accumulation of points will be counted in the same manner as a USAW national event (noted on topics *b*, *c*, and *d*, above).

- f) Participation as part of, or at the request of an organizing committee, as part of 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.

- g) Local meets are not included in the accumulation of points.