

## USAPP NATIONAL REFEREE DEVELOPMENTAL AND CREDENTIALING CLINICS

The World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations are mandatory for all World Para Powerlifting and USA Para Powerlifting recognized competitions. The overall governance and management of all IPC Sports (including World Para Powerlifting) is subject to the detailed provisions of Chapter 2.7 of the IPC Handbook.

The Current Rules and Regulations for World Para Powerlifting can be found by clicking this hyperlink: [Current World Para Powerlifting Rules](#) or go to: <https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/rules-and-regulations/rules>

### PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING AND CREDENTIALING OFFICIALS

In order to provide equitable and uniform officiating for Para Powerlifting Athletes within the United States of America, USA Para Powerlifting adopted a clinical protocol for developing and classifying USA Local and Regional Referees. Ultimately, by successfully undertaking the training/credentialing pathway and available officiating opportunities, interested individuals will have the opportunity to become IPC/ World Para Powerlifting Referees.

### USAPP MANDATORY REFEREE CLINICS -- WHO MAY TEACH CLINICS?

Any current IPC Recognized Cat. I or Cat. II Referee in good standing with the IPC and USAPP, can teach the clinics after attending one clinic at each level and being recognized as a trainer by the USA Para Powerlifting High Performance Referees Committee. This designation is accompanied by appointment to the High Performance Referees Committee.

At these clinics, the candidates will learn the methodology of uniform application of specific rules and protocols defined in the IPC Handbook. The USA Para Powerlifting rules handbook is the IPC Handbook.– The Clinics are designed to take any person, with or without prior experience, who's interested in becoming a USA Para Powerlifting referee, through the local level on the pathway to becoming a National IPC Referee. It is virtually impossible to become wholly proficient in understanding and applying the rules and regulations of performance and administration with only a few hours of training. Therefore, we have adopted a multi-level specificity of training program. It includes didactic, hands on, and real-time training. To be certified at any specific officiating level, it will be necessary to attend the corresponding certification clinic and demonstrate proficiency by passing both a written and practical test.

Please note: that these clinics may be changed at any time as circumstances dictate.

### REFEREE ELIGIBILITY

**Serving as a USAPP Technical Official (TO), is dependent upon not being barred from participation by the USA PPAZJT, the IPC/ World Para Powerlifting, or any of their bodies, or a judiciary decree.**

### USAPP REFEREE PATHWAY

All **USAPP Referees** will have an official "License Book" in which to log their participation.

**Local USAPP Referee** – No prior experience necessary. Complete Level 1 Referees' Clinic  
Credentialed Local Referees may participate as a Chair Referee at any Local Event.

**USAPP Regional Referee** – Has worked a minimum of 2 events with an **IPC Referee**.

Recommended for ascension **submitted** by the HPRC **to the USAPP**

Complete Level II Referees' Clinic

Regional Referees may participate at any local event in any position.

**USAPP- National Referee** – Worked a minimum of 4 events with an IPC Referee. At least **two** of the events must be USAPP Sanctioned Events.

Complete Level II Referees' Clinic

Recommended for ascension **submitted** by the HPRC **to the USAPP**

Any level USAPP Referee may participate in an HPRC designated position at USA Para Powerlifting Events.

### **COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES**

Candidates and Certified USAPP Referees are responsible for any and all expenses for travel, food and accommodations to/from and during all clinics. Neither USAPP, IPC nor World Para Powerlifting will be responsible for any costs associated with candidates' participation at any clinic. This does not exclude any voluntary third party reimbursement. USAPP is a tax exempt 501-3c organization.

There is an IPC established pathway to attain IPC Referee certification. The process is exclusively within the purview of the IPC/World Para Powerlifting organization. The NGB has the authority to submit candidates provided to them by the USA HPRC.

### **WORLD PARA POWERLIFTING REFEREE PATHWAY**

Since the Pathway information is updated routinely by the IPC /World Para Powerlifting, the material is not being enclosed within this explanation. We direct you to go to their website and specific heading:  
<https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting>