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## Version History

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## Introduction

Para powerlifting rules must be interpreted and applied consistently at each competition throughout the world. World Para Powerlifting (WPPO) along with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Sports Volunteer Workforce Professional Development Department have developed an educational pathway for Technical Officials to ensure a high standard of officiating at competitions throughout the world.

The pathway and courses provide clear direction and outcomes for Technical Officials to advance between levels. They build on theoretical knowledge and practical skills to improve their expertise and ensure a consistent level of officiating throughout the world.

WPPO believes that high quality learning materials and a tailored method of delivery is the key to having a high standard of officiating Para powerlifting competitions throughout the world. WPPO developed educational pathways for those wishing to become involved in Para powerlifting at various levels and capacities. These pathways offer different levels of courses in technical officiating taught by trained WPPO Educators and can be delivered in multiple languages.

This document outlines the pathway for Technical Officials, and lists candidate qualification criteria and profiles and the course learning outcomes of the various levels of courses offered by WPPO. Additional information and specific Rules and Regulations for Technical Officials can be found in Appendix 5: Technical Official Handbook.

A National Paralympic Committee and/or National Federation may have their own Technical Official Pathway but they are not considered certified by WPPO until they successfully complete an official WPPO course.

# Contents

The following document describes the pathway, candidate profiles and learning objectives of each World Para Powerlifting education course for Technical Officials.

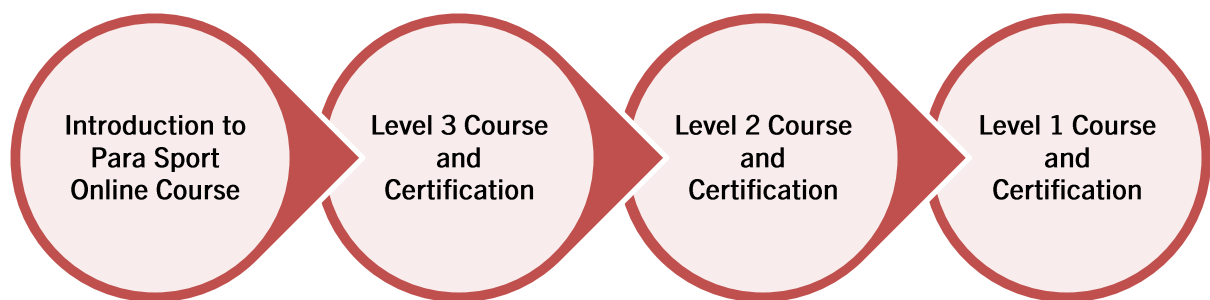
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## WPPO Technical Official Pathway

The WPPO Technical Official Pathway includes three levels (Level 3, Level 2 and Level 1), which are based on the Technical Official's knowledge and expertise of the Technical Rules and Regulations, their application of them and their experience.

Based on the level of the Technical Official and the level of the competition, they are entitled to be appointed in different roles.

The three courses are designed to help strengthen the theoretical knowledge and practical skills in technical officiating in Para powerlifting. Successfully passing each course through the examinations and executing the necessary practical elements to the required level will allow Technical Officials to progress along the pathway as a WPPO Technical Official.



Course	Delivery Method	Length	Delivery Languages	Outcome
Introduction to Para Sport	Online course	2 hours	Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish	Gain basic knowledge on the Paralympic movement and classification process.
Level 3	Face-to-face course	3 days	English with option to have simultaneous translation in desired language or Educator's native language	Be certified and licensed to officiate certain competitions in certain roles.
Level 2	Face-to-face course	3 days	English	Be certified and licensed to officiate certain competitions in certain roles.
Level 1	Face-to-face course	3 days	English	Be certified and licensed to officiate certain competitions in all roles.



# IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course

The IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course is web-based course that contains a combination of reading and video content.

<b>Duration</b>	2 hours
<b>Delivery Languages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Arabic</li><li>▪ English</li><li>▪ French</li><li>▪ Mandarin</li><li>▪ Russian</li><li>▪ Spanish</li></ul>
<b>Candidate Fee</b>	EUR 0 per person
<b>Assessment</b>	Online test
<b>Pre-requisite</b>	None required

## Learning Objectives

- Understand the history and structure of the Paralympic Movement
- Understand the history and concepts of classification
- Introduction to Classification Code and International Standards

## Candidate Profile

This online course is open for everyone who wants to learn more about the IPC, the Paralympic Movement and the importance of classification. Participants may be an athlete, coach, technical official, sport medical practitioner, event organiser or generally just an interested supporter of Paralympic Sport or the Paralympic Games looking to test their knowledge.

## Course Outcome

By completing the course and successfully passing the online test, candidates will receive an electronic course certificate of completion, sent by email following the course. Successful candidates will then be eligible to continue their education with WPPO and the IPC Academy to the Level 3 Technical Official Course.

Please click the following link to access the course: [Introduction to Para Sport Online Course](#).

## Level 3 Course

The Level 3 Technical Official Course is the first opportunity for participants to receive face-to-face training by WPPO certified Educators.

<b>Duration</b>	3 days
<b>Delivery Language(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li><li>Host native language with simultaneous translation</li></ul>
<b>Candidate Fee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New candidate: EUR 150 per person</li><li>Previous candidate: EUR 90 per person</li></ul>
<b>Assessments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Theoretical examination (Minimum passing score of 80%)*</li><li>Practical examination (Minimum passing score of 80%)*</li><li>English competency examination (If requested for pathway progression) (Minimum passing score of 50%)</li></ul>
<b>Pre-requisite</b>	IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course

\*It is possible for a candidate to take the theoretical and practical examinations in their native language (if a certified translation exists). In this case, the candidate can only progress to take the Level 2 course until the Level 3 theoretical and practical examinations are successfully passed in English.

### Learning Objectives

- To demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the Technical Rules and Regulations
- To understand and develop all necessary skills, abilities and knowledge of the Level 3 Technical Official roles, and the specific competition processes related to these roles
- To develop, adopt and apply a consistent, accurate and fair technical officiating approach
- To demonstrate teamwork, an understanding of the wider roles completed within the technical officials' team and the philosophies, attitudes and behaviours expected of a technical official
- To demonstrate an understanding of the Classification Rules and Regulations, specifically how the impairment types can impact adjudicating a lift
- To correctly, consistently and effectively execute the roles of a Level 3 Technical Official at recognised WPPO competitions
- To develop full awareness of all health, safety and risk management elements in competition

### Candidate Profile

Candidates must:

- Have completed the IPC Introduction to Para Sport online course
- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older
- Be interested/experienced in Para sport, Para powerlifting, powerlifting and/or weightlifting
- Be available to complete the entire duration of the course



- Only if desired to progress on the WPPO Technical Official Pathway, have a good command of the English language (Reading, writing, speaking and listening)

Preferably candidates should also have the following:

- Desire to serve as a Level 3 Technical Official in their current country of residence
- Skills, competency and knowledge to act as the roles of a Level 3 Technical Official at WPPO recognised competitions
- Adequate computer and technology skills
- Desire to assist and support in the development of Para powerlifting in their country of residence

### **Course Outcome**

By completing the course and successfully passing the examinations, candidates will receive a course certificate of achievement. Successful candidates will then be eligible to serve as a Level 3 Technical Official at WPPO recognised competitions for the current cycle.

## Level 2 Course

The Level 2 Technical Official Course is for candidates that have displayed the necessary knowledge, understanding and practical competencies to advance.

<b>Duration</b>	3 days
<b>Delivery Language</b>	English
<b>Candidate Fee</b>	EUR 90 per person
<b>Assessments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Theoretical examination (Minimum passing score of 85%)</li><li>▪ Practical examination (Minimum passing score of 85%)</li><li>▪ English competency examination (Minimum passing score of 65%)</li></ul>
<b>Pre-requisite</b>	Minimum experience of four competitions (Minimum of two group 1-2 competitions) appointed and acted as a Level 3 Technical Official

### Learning Objectives

- To demonstrate complete knowledge of the Technical Rules and Regulations
- To understand and develop all necessary skills, abilities and knowledge of the Level 2 Technical Official roles, and the specific competition processes related to these roles
- To correctly, consistently and effectively execute the roles of a Level 2 Technical Official at recognised WPPO competitions
- To develop comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the administration and management processes related to WPPO recognised competitions, such as the development of duty rosters and competition and training schedules, administering the entry process and list, selecting and creating groups, combined categories and medal events, preparing necessary forms, and organising and capturing the final results

### Candidate Profile

Candidates must:

- Have successfully passed the WPPO Level 3 Technical Official Course
- Have signed and returned the IPC Officials' Engagement Agreement
- Have a minimum experience of four competitions (minimum of two group 1-2 competitions) appointed and acted as a Level 3 Technical Official
- Have a good command of the English language (reading, writing, speaking and listening) through having successfully passed the English competency examination
- Possess adequate computer and technology skills
- Be available to complete the entire duration of the course

Preferably candidates should also have the following:

- Confidence, desire and availability to serve as a Level 2 Technical Official in their current country of residence and internationally
- Skills, competency and knowledge to act as the roles of a Level 2 Technical Official at WPPO recognised competitions
- Desire to assist and support in the development of Para powerlifting in their country of residence

- Advanced knowledge of all Technical Rules and Regulations, technical official duties, and competition processes and procedures

### **Course Outcome**

By completing the course and successfully passing the examinations, candidates will receive a course certificate of achievement. Successful candidates will then be eligible to serve as a Level 2 Technical Official at WPPO recognised competitions for the current cycle.

## Level 1 Course

The Level 1 Technical Official Course is the uppermost stage of the WPPO Technical Official Pathway.

<b>Duration</b>	3 days
<b>Delivery Language</b>	English
<b>Candidate Fee</b>	EUR 90 per person
<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Theoretical examination (Minimum passing score of 90%)</li><li>▪ Practical examination (Minimum passing score of 90%)</li></ul>
<b>Pre-requisite</b>	Minimum experience of four competitions (Minimum of two group 1-2 competitions) appointed and acted as a Level 2 Technical Official

### Learning Objectives

- To demonstrate complete knowledge of the Technical Rules and Regulations
- To understand and develop all necessary skills, abilities and knowledge of the Level 1 Technical Official roles, and the specific competition processes related to these roles
- To correctly, consistently and effectively execute the roles of a Level 1 Technical Official at recognised WPPO competitions
- To develop comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the administration and management processes related to WPPO recognised competitions, such as the development of duty rosters and competition and training schedules, administering the entry process and list, selecting and creating groups, combined categories and medal events, preparing necessary forms, and organising and capturing the final results

### Candidate Profile

Candidates must:

- Have successfully passed the WPPO Level 2 Technical Official Course
- Have signed and returned the IPC Officials' Engagement Agreement
- Have a minimum experience of four competitions (minimum of two group 1-2 competitions) appointed and acted as a level 2 Technical Official
- Have a good command of the English language (reading, writing, speaking and listening) through having successfully passed the English competency examination and be able to communicate with athletes and other technical officials in effective manner
- Be available to complete the entire duration of the course

Preferably candidates should also have the following:

- Confidence, desire and availability to serve as a Level 1 Technical Official in their current country of residence and internationally
- Skills, competency and knowledge to act as the roles of a Level 1 Technical Official at WPPO recognised competitions

- Desire to assist and support in the development of Para powerlifting in their country of residence
- Possess adequate computer and technology skills
- Complete knowledge of all Technical Rules and Regulations, technical official duties, and competition processes and procedures

### **Course Outcome**

By completing the course and successfully passing the examinations, candidates will receive a course certificate of achievement. Successful candidates will then be eligible to serve as a Level 1 Technical Official at WPPO recognised competitions for the current cycle.

# Technical Official Rules and Regulations

Further details regarding specific Technical Official Rules and Regulations are available in the Technical Rules and Regulations: Appendix 5: Technical Official Handbook, including:

- Entitlements by level earned
- Appointment process
- Inactivity and interruption
- Upgrading, failure and re-testing
- Fast track level attainment consideration

## License Validity

A Technical Official license is valid from the date the course is successfully passed until the end of the current cycle (31 December of the year of the World Championships following the Paralympic Games).

## Level Maintenance

To maintain a level for the subsequent cycle, a Technical Official must have paid their License Fee and have attended a course, passing the theoretical and practical examinations at the level they currently hold. They must have also attained the experience requirements for that level.

## License Fee

The license fee for the cycle for a Technical Official is EUR 60.

For new Level 3 Technical Officials, the License Fee is incorporated into the cost of the course.

For existing Technical Officials, the License Fee must be paid at the start of the new cycle before attending a course. A Technical Official is not considered active and certified until the License Fee is paid, the course has been attended and the relevant theoretical and practical examinations have been passed.

## Competition Experience Requirements

To maintain or upgrade a level, a Technical Official must have been appointed to and fully served a certain number of recognised WPPO competitions:

<b>Level 1</b>	Four (4) competitions (Minimum two (2) group 1-2 competitions)
<b>Level 2</b>	Four (4) competitions (Minimum two (2) group 1-2 competitions)
<b>Level 3</b>	No set requirements

Candidates may use competitions from the current cycle to reach the experience requirement to maintain or upgrade their level. Each competition may only be used once in this respect.

## Candidate Application Process

To apply to attend a Technical Official Course and to view the available courses and download the application form visit the WPPO Education webpage at the following link:  
[www.WorldParaPowerlifting.org/Education](http://www.WorldParaPowerlifting.org/Education)





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