

Referee Transfer of Credentials to USA Powerlifting Procedure

Purpose

This procedure outlines the process for former referees seeking to return to officiating with USA Powerlifting (USAPL) or the IDFPFA after previously leaving the organization or transferring referee credentials from another organization.

Step 1 – Submit Returning Referee Application

Individuals seeking to return as a referee must complete and submit the Returning Referee Application.

Applications will be reviewed by the appropriate Technical Committee (TC):

- **USA Powerlifting TC** for applicants returning as a USA Powerlifting referee.
- **IDFPFA TC** for applicants returning as an IDFPFA referee.

Step 2 – Technical Committee Review

The Technical Committee will verify the applicant's previous referee status and determine the appropriate return pathway.

Pathway A – Former USA Powerlifting Referee

If the applicant was previously certified as a USA Powerlifting referee:

1. The applicant must successfully complete the current USA Powerlifting written referee examination.
2. Upon passing the written examination, the Technical Committee will notify Joe Mannion.
3. Joe Mannion will coordinate:
 - Background screening (if required)
 - Athlete Protection training/compliance
 - Issuance of the referee patch and name badge
4. Once all requirements have been completed, the referee will be reinstated to active status.

*A practical referee evaluation is **not** required for former USA Powerlifting referees.*

Pathway B – Never Previously a USA Powerlifting Referee, but Previously Certified with Another Organization

If the applicant has never been certified as a USA Powerlifting referee but can provide verification of previous referee certification with another organization:

- Must have the application approved by the Technical Committee:
- The standard one-year membership requirement will be waived
- The applicant must:
 1. Successfully complete the current USA Powerlifting written referee examination.
 2. Complete the required background screening.
 3. Complete all Athlete Protection requirements.
 4. Successfully complete a practical referee evaluation.

Upon successful completion of these requirements, Joe Mannion will coordinate the issuance of the referee patch and name badge, and the applicant will be certified as a USA Powerlifting referee.

Step 3 – Activation

A referee will be considered active only after:

- Successfully completing all required examinations and evaluations (as applicable).
- Satisfying all background screening requirements.
- Completing Athlete Protection requirements.
- Receiving official processing by Joe Mannion, including issuance of the referee patch and name badge.