



## INTRODUCTION

As all of you know, our sport faces challenges in developing the number of Technical Officials we need to sustain competitions at all levels, from local to international events. This is particularly true with respect to female Technical Officials. Because officiating is a key pathway to leadership positions in weightlifting, it is crucial that we create opportunities for women not only to volunteer as Technical Officials, but also to develop and advance as Technical Officials to help stay engaged in the sport and take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

WCH is therefore pleased to announce the launch of a new initiative aimed at building the number of female Technical Officials at foundational levels. In partnership with Sport Canada and as part of our Gender Equity Initiative, WCH will assist with funding opportunities to help ensure women in weightlifting get the experience they need to advance as Technical Officials. These opportunities may include:

1. Participation in online and/or in-person technical officiating courses
2. Financial support for travel to targeted competitions in Canada for development
3. Working with our partners outside of Canada to create additional TO development opportunities.

If you aren't already a Technical Official, that's okay. This initiative will help you become one. However, participants will be required to become certified and commit to volunteering at a certain number of local, provincial, and national events to ensure these events have the TO coverage they need.

Women who are interested in taking part in this initiative are invited to complete the Expression of Interest form found below and return it prior to April 30, 2022. Funding is limited and should there be more interest expressed than funding available a random draw will be conducted to determine participation.

Please return the form to Deanne Friesen - [dfriesen@cwfhc.ca](mailto:dfriesen@cwfhc.ca)



Expression of Interest Form – Technical Official Program 2022/2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you currently a Technical Official?
2. At what level are you certified? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Can you commit to volunteering as a technical official in at least three provincial competitions, one of which must be a provincial championship, and one WCH national championship in the 2022/23 season?
4. Are you available to serve as a Technical Official the 2022 Canadian Senior Weightlifting Championships in Kelowna, BC from May 20-22?
5. Are you available to serve as a Technical Official for the 2022 Canadian Junior Weightlifting Championships in La Prairie, QC on June 4/5?
6. Are you available to serve as a Technical Official at the 2022 USA Weightlifting Nationals in Las Vegas from June 26-July 3? If so, on what dates would you be available?
7. Are you available to serve as a Technical Official at North American Open in Calgary from September 15-18?
8. Are you available to serve as a Technical Official at the 2022 Canadian Youth Weightlifting Championships (Online), dates TBD?

General Comments: