



ONTARIO WEIGHTLIFTING ASSOCIATION

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Since the membership numbers for OWA officials had dropped from 2020-2021, the main goal for 2021-2022 was to get more people trained in order to operate in-person competitions while maintaining a quality standard of judging in Ontario.

The OWA returned to in person competition in the early fall of 2021.

Online TO Courses led by Larry Robinson were given in Feb 2021 and in July 2022...a huge thank you to Larry Robinson. I would also like to thank those officials who have assisted over the past year with L4 trainees shadowing, exams and the adjudications...Mike Miller, Mark Gomes, Lana Roguel, John Florento, Nikki Quero, Daniel Pare, Larry Robinson, Irina Ivanova, Lara Feretto, Amanda Braddock,...to name a few volunteers.

From the fall of 2021 to the spring of 2022, 6 were successfully promoted to level 4.

No promotions to level 3.

One promotion to Level 2 in May 2022.

No promotions to Level 1.

From the past year approximately 15 people are partially trained and are on their way, to being qualified. Goal would be to have most of them as qualified level 4 officials by the December of 2022.

Changes to the Technical Officials Policy were...

- The travel mileage/km and the cap were raised due to the rising cost of gas prices.
 - Hotel stay/night for a two-day competition was raised to \$130 a night.
 - Parking expenses were raised to \$20.
 - Financial support for Level 1 Officials going to the Olympic Games or World Championships was approved.
 - And the Host Contribution was increased to assist with TO travel.
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As VP Technical, I would like to continue to encourage the training of individuals within clubs. And, to have host club owners provide more of their own officials to alleviate the need to call on officials from distant and far-reaching towns.

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer their time and energy to keeping our sport and competitions strong.

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