

From IAWA technical committee

For the attention of - All members/referees.

An ongoing project to improve and maintain the standards and consistency of our referees, was set in motion at last year's AGM.

This has been completed and the changes are as follows;

For clarification an IAWA sanctioned event must have been agreed by the committee at the AGM for inclusion in the following year's calendar of events.

### **From the 1st January 2023**

Members taking the referees exam and passing, will continue to be assessed and mentored for a minimum period of 12 months as provisional referees and on achieving competence will gain full referee status. Achieving competency and being upgraded is decided by the technical committee.

(Existing rule)

Current full referees who have not actively refereed at an IAWA sanctioned regional/ national/ international event within the last 24 months, will be downgraded to provisional referees, until such time that they attend and prove competence to the required standard during IAWA sanctioned competitions under the scrutiny of the technical committee/ technical committee delegated senior referee.

(New rule)

Competency is gained only through attending and refereeing at IAWA sanctioned events under the scrutiny of the technical committee/ technical committee delegated senior referee. Provisional referees can practice their skills during the postal league and at IAWA sanctioned events under the supervision of a qualified full referee.

(Existing rule updated)

Full referees who actively referee at IAWA sanctioned competitions, are consistently monitored during attendance and therefore reset the 24 month period, every time they referee at an event.

(New rule)

Full referees who cannot maintain consistency to the required standard, can be downgraded to provisional referees by the technical committee, until such time as their performance under supervision improves and the technical committee agree that they have returned to competency.

(New rule)

For setting records no fewer than two full referees must both pass the lift to gain the record.

(Existing rule)

In the postal league, one full referee will be required for all lifts entered. Provisional referees under the supervision of a full referee will still be able to gain experience from the postal league, but as in an IAWA sanctioned competition a minimum of two full referees will be required to pass the lift for record purposes.

(Existing rule updated)