

2022 OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON REPORT

By Janet Loesel Sitar

The current MPA referee roster

Brock Haywood – Category 1
Sue Haywood – Category 1 **
Krista Sanger – National
Matt Bowen – National
Janet Loesel Sitar – National
Thea Olalia – National
Amanda Burg – National
David Hrynkow -Provincial
Ashleigh Wiebe – Provincial

New referees

Wanda Bosek – Provincial
Andy Allden – Provincial
Jordan Smith – Smith
Riley Bertrand - Provincial

Since the last AGM, we have had 4 people passing the written referee test. We currently have 13 active and qualified referees. Some others are taking breaks from powerlifting or refereeing and/or have not updated their memberships and are thus considered inactive.

This past year I have presented three CPU Rules seminars. Mar 19 (before the Brickhouse meet), June 12 (before Shake the Interlake), and Oct 2 (before MPA BP Provincials and Movement). These seminars are offered to help lifters learn the rules and are aimed at first time lifters and to anyone interested to come and improve their knowledge of the rules and ask questions. Seminars are usually offered at the gym holding an upcoming meet and simultaneously online for those who cannot come in person. Attendance is typically between 6-15 people, mostly brand new lifters.

This year we have started offering Parapowerlifting at MPA meets. We have had two meets with para lifters: Bench Like a Mother – 3 lifters, and MPA Bench Press Provincials – 1 lifter. Parapowerlifting rules are slightly different than IPF rules, and this year has been a learning process for our referees. We have also had the opportunity to officiate for parapowerlifters at CPU Westerns. There are still things to iron out in how we officiate for these lifters, but we are working on making it consistent across the CPU. Several CPU referees including MPA referees are taking a course to get Technical Official Level 3 certification in the World Para Powerlifting Organization.

Janet Loesel Sitar, Officiating Chairperson