



2025-28 Judges Rules & Regulations

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS





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SECTION 1: GENERAL

1.1 GENERAL

The rules and regulations covered in this document apply to Canada's brevet, national judges, as well as provincial judges at Eastern/Western Regional Championships (ERC/WRC).

Provincial and club level judges are regulated by their provincial associations. It is recommended that the provincial associations follow the rules and regulations stated in this document.

Judges must follow the FIG Code of Points, and the Canadian RG National and Development Programs. These documents must be in their possession while judging at all GymCan events. Judges must also follow the FIG General Judges' Rules, Specific Judge Rules, and Code of Ethics. Judges must abide by GymCan's Code of Ethics and Conduct and complete all required GymCan safe sport requirements.

It is the judge's responsibility to maintain a personal record of all competitions, courses, and workshops in which they participate. Note: GymCan keeps a record of all Brevet judges who have judged at FIG events; Brevet and national judges who have judged at GymCan domestic events (Canadian Championships, Regional Championships and Elite Canada), and competitions approved by GymCan to count towards upgrading as outlined in this document.

1.2 JUDGE'S UNIFORM

Judges must project a professional appearance. The judging uniform for all rhythmic gymnastics program national and provincial level competitions consists of:

- A solid dark blue or black (no stripes) suit jacket, or dark blue or black cardigan sweater, with full length dress pants or skirt. Skirt should be at least knee length.
- A solid white blouse or shirt, tie or scarf is optional. A neutral colour tank top must be worn underneath if the shirt is see-through. The blouse or shirt must not be revealing when the judge is seated at the table or leaning over,
- Classic shoes or sneakers, solid black, blue or white colour
- In hot weather, dress sandals may be worn. Running shoes must be worn when required by the facility to protect the floors,

1.2.1 JUDGE UNIFORM INFRACTIONS

The Judge Responsible (JR) and/or Judge Administrator (JA) will discuss any infraction with the judge not wearing the correct uniform, and the judge will be asked to correct their uniform prior to the start of the day's competition. Further action will be as outlined in Section 5: Warnings and Cards.



SECTION 2: REGISTRATION, GYM CAN JUDGE LIST, JUDGE LICENSE LEVELS

2.1 AFFILIATION

All judges must state their affiliation when registering with their PTO. The PSO will provide this information to GymCan when requested. A judge is affiliated if they are, in the current season, or in the previous season, one or more of the following:

- a) A close family relative as defined by FIG: people who are or were married to, or live in a registered partnership or co-habit with a gymnast; people who are related to a gymnast by birth or marriage in direct or in collateral line, including the following persons: grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandchild, nephew and cousin
- b) A club owner, club employer, club employee, club board member,
- c) A registered coach,
- d) A registered athlete.

Club affiliations are valid for the duration of the competitive season and are based on the club with whom the athlete or coach or judge is registered for that season, and/or the club where an individual works or owns. A judge/coach may be registered with one club, however, if they are coaching, or has coached at other clubs in the current or the past season, they must declare this to the PSO.

2.2 REGISTRATION

Judges must register with the PSO in the province of their residence, or in the province where they are most closely affiliated provided they have PTO approval (examples: coaching, judging and/or committees) and with GymCan. All brevet judges must be Canadian citizens. All national and provincial level judges must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

PSO's can request exemptions for unique circumstances in regard to PSO judge affiliation. Requests will be reviewed for consideration by GymCan.

2.2.1 TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION

Any requests for exceptions to the rules below will be reviewed by GymCan on an individual basis and the decision will be provided to the PSO's and the judge.

2.2.1.1 TRANSFER OF BREVET BETWEEN ANOTHER COUNTRY AND CANADA

Brevet judges may transfer their nationality as outlined in the FIG rules. Brevet judges who are affiliated with another country (as per FIG list) are not eligible to judge at Elite Canada, Canadian Championships or Regional Championships.



2.2.1.2 TRANSFER OF BREVET WITHIN CANADA

If a brevet judge moves to another province they must register with their new PSO, and advise GymCan of their new province within 7 days of moving to the new residence.

2.2.1.3 TRANSFER OF NATIONAL JUDGE

If a national judge has moved to another province, the judge must send a request to transfer to the new province in writing to GymCan, with a copy to their current PTO, and include a copy of their judge records for the last two years (minimum). GymCan will send a letter to the new PTO stating the judge level and confirm the judge has no warnings or outstanding cards. The new PSO **MUST** register the judge at the SAME level as they were in their previous province, and assign them to competitions accordingly, GymCan, and the previous PTO that the judge is to be registered with the new PTO, and the judge must be registered as, and treated, as the same National level as in the previous province. The new PTO must advise GymCan once the new registration has been completed and the fee paid, at which point the judge record will be updated.

2.2.1.4 TRANSFER OF PROVINCIAL JUDGE TO ANOTHER PROVINCE

Provincial level judges must request their PTO to send a letter to the new PTO stating the judge license level and that there are no warnings or cards outstanding. The PTO must send a copy of the judges' record showing competitions judged and courses/workshops attended with the letter. The new PTO must advise the judge and the previous PTO that the judge is to be registered with the new PTO.

2.3 GYM CAN BREVET AND NATIONAL JUDGE LIST

GymCan will maintain a record of international, GymCan, and Eastern/Western Regional Championships national stream competitions judged for each judge. GymCan will also record approved domestic invitational competitions as per Section 4.4.

2.3.1 ANNUAL JUDGE RECORD PROCESS

In the fall of each year, GymCan will request that each PTO send their list of registered provincial 1, all national, and all brevet judges. Each province should include their request for upgrading of any of their eligible judges and provide the list of competitions judged that meet the criteria (refer to Appendix 1: Sample Judge Upgrade Request).

2.4 JUDGE LICENSES AND RENEWALS

GymCan is responsible for the education and certification (licensing) of national judges in Canada, and for the assignment of judges to FIG courses with input from the RG Judge Development Working Group (JDWG).

2.4.1.1 BREVET JUDGES

Each cycle, GymCan will approve the recertification and/or upgrading of as many judges as permitted by FIG provided the judges have met the GymCan criteria. All judges must be



approved by their PTO and GymCan to participate in FIG courses. All judges participating in FIG courses must take both the individual and group exams. All 2025-28 FIG brevet judges will be part of the Brevet Judges Council.

In the 2025 to 2028 cycle:

Brevet Judges from previous cycle

January 2025 to Elite Canada (February 2025)

- If exam results from Mexico City course are not received, or if results received, and an individual did not pass the exam, judges will retain their FIG levels until the end of Elite Canada 2025
- If exam results are received, the current cycle brevet levels will apply for those who passed

Feb 17, 2025, to Dec. 31, 2025

- Until exam results from Mexico City course are received, judges who attended that course will continue to be treated at same level as previous cycle
- Once results are received, those who did not pass will be considered GymCan brevet (GCB) at the level they were. For example, a previous cycle Brevet 3 will be GCB 3.
- Brevet from the previous cycle who did not attend the Mexico City course will be considered GCB at the level they were. For example, a previous cycle Brevet 3 will be GCB 3.
- Previous cycle Brevet judges, or those who attended a course but did not pass the exams, will have up to the end of 2025 to successfully complete the FIG RGI and RGG exams to retain the GCB status.
- It is highly recommended to those previous cycle brevet judges who are not attending the Mexico City course to complete and pass the National RGI and RGG exams (see below) in 2025.

Jan. 1, 2026 – Dec. 31, 2028

- As of Jan. 1, 2026, the GCB status is eliminated
- All previous cycle brevet must be re-certified as Brevet, or as National judge, or will not be permitted to judge at GymCan events.
- Previous cycle brevet that passed the National exams will be considered National 1 judges (no longer GCB), and treated the same as all other National 1 judges in terms of assignments.

National Level Judges

Jan. 2025 to Elite Canada (Feb. 2025)

- It is expected that all National level judges who will be judging at Elite Canada 2025 will have taken the National course and passed the exams (offered in Dec. 2024 & Jan. 2025)



- In the event that a National judge was not able to pass the exams prior to EC, but did take the course, she will be treated at her previous National level for Elite Canada only.

Feb. 17, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2028

- All national level judges must certify by successful completing the National RGI and RGG exams offered by GymCan (no other country course or exam will be accepted).

2.4.1.2 NATIONAL JUDGES

All National judges are required to recertify by participating in, and / or writing the GymCan National exams each cycle.



2.4.2 NATIONAL JUDGES UPGRADING

Table 1: Judge Level	Pre-requisites	License granted
To become National 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Must be provincial 1 for minimum of one year with no warnings or cards ● Must have judged at least two Provincial Championships, OR one Provincial Championships and one GymCan approved invitational or sanctioned international invitational competitions (as per section 4.4 ● Must be approved and registered by PTO to attend a national course. PTO must confirm candidate has met the above two criteria. 	
To become National 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As a national 3, judge the national stream at 4 of the following events with no warnings or cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four competitions made up of any combination of the competitions listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Championships ○ Novice portion of Elite Canada or Canadian Championships – maximum of 1 will count towards upgrading ○ GymCan approved invitational or sanctioned international invitational competitions (as per section 4.4) - maximum of 1 will count towards upgrading ○ Alternate judge at one EC or CC as per section 4.2.3 – maximum of 1 will count towards upgrading ○ Provincial Championship for national stream provided the JR is a FIG Brevet, and there are a minimum of 5 seniors and 8 juniors, of whom a minimum of two are national high performance or national team. - maximum of 1 will count towards upgrading. Judges of provinces who do not hold this competition, or who do not have athletes that meet the criteria may request to judge at another province’s competition. The host must send a copy of the scoring program and the name and level of the Judge Responsible within 5 days of the competition to GymCan. <p><i>NOTE: Judges who were N3 in the previous cycle may count a maximum of 2 eligible competitions (acting as alternate judge or line / apparatus judge in a previous cycle does not count) towards the 2025-2028 cycle upgrade. In this cycle, they must take the national course, and judge at least one ERC / WRC, plus one other eligible competition as described above in 2025 or later.</i></p>	<p>Judge granted National 3</p> <p>NOTE: After passing the national course, it will take at least 3 years for a national 3 judge to judge enough competitions to be able to progress to national 2.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Judge’s PTO requests upgrade from GymCan by email & include copy of judging record showing required number of competitions. 	Judge granted National 2



Level	Pre-requisites	License granted
To become National 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As a national 2, judge the national stream at 4 of the following events with no warnings or cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Four competitions made up of any combination of the competitions listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Championships ○ Novice portion of Elite Canada or Canadian Championships – maximum of 1 will count towards upgrading ○ GymCan approved invitational or sanctioned international invitational competitions (as per section 4.4) - maximum of 1 will count towards upgrading ○ Alternate judge at one EC or CC as per section 4.2.3 - only one of these while a national 2 judge counts for upgrading ○ Provincial Championship for national stream provided the JR is a FIG brevet, and there are a minimum of 5 seniors and 8 juniors, of whom a minimum of two are national high performance or national team - maximum of 1 will count towards upgrading. Judges of provinces who do not hold this competition, or who do not have athletes that meet the criteria may request to judge at another province’s competition. The host must send a copy of the scoring program and the name and level of the JR within 5 days of the competition to GymCan. ● <i>NOTE: Judges who were N2 in the previous cycle may count a maximum of 2 eligible competitions not previously counted for an upgrade (acting as alternate judge or line / apparatus judge in a previous cycle does not count) towards the 2025-2028 cycle upgrade. In this cycle, they must take the national course, and judge at least one ERC/WRC, plus one other eligible competition as described above in 2025 or later.</i> 	<p>Note: It will take at least 3 additional years for a national 2 judge to judge enough competitions to be able to progress to level 1. Therefore, the judge will be required to complete at least 1 national course during this time due to the new FIG cycle.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Judge’s PTO requests upgrade from GymCan & include copy of judging record showing required number of competitions. 	Judge granted National 1
To become Brevet 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As a national 1, must judge a minimum of 2 EC or CC in order to be eligible to ask for approval from GymCan to attend a FIG course. ● Request PTO/GymCan approval to participate in a FIG course. 	<p>Note: it will take at least 1 more year for a National 1 judge to be eligible for brevet course. The majority of national judges will have had to complete at least 3 national courses in order to move from Provincial 1 through to being a National 1 judge eligible for brevet course.</p>

Once a national license/level has been granted by GymCan, a judge remains at that level and cannot be “demoted” by a province. Individuals who wish to judge are required to annually with the PTO, and participate in the appropriate (see “Education”) course or workshops and



pass the exam/test. The license is then active for the duration of that FIG cycle. If a judge does not participate in the course or participates and does not pass the exam/test, the judge is not eligible to judge at GymCan (EC or CC), ERC/WRC, or FIG competitions, however that judge may act as a JA, line judge or timer. If the judge attends a subsequent course and passes the exam/test, they will be eligible to judge at GymCan and ERC/WRC competitions.

2.4.3 SPECIAL CASES: DEVELOPMENT PROVINCES, FORMER NATIONAL TEAM / STREAM ATHLETES & NATIONAL TEAM COACHES

Developing Provinces

PTO's in conjunction with GymCan may identify as a developing province (DP). Judges in a DP may move more quickly through the above levels. The province generally will have two or fewer FIG RGI & RGG brevet judges. Other situations may be discussed with GymCan and the JDWG for inclusion. Once a PTO meets the minimum judge requirement, they are no longer a DP province. In order to assist the DP judge growth, N1 or N2 Judges may be assigned to judge at EC or CC.

Former National Team

A gymnast who was a national team member for a minimum of 3 years, with at least one of those years in the current or previous Olympic cycle, and who will be a minimum of 18 years old in the calendar year of the course, may, with PTO approval, take a national course and progress to national 3 upon successful completion of the course and exam/test.

If this gymnast is 17 in the calendar year of the course, they may still take the national course but will progress to provincial 1. They may be upgraded to national 3 the following year without having to take another course.

If a national course is not available, the individual may complete a club or provincial level course within their province and upon successful completion, progress to provincial 1. They will be eligible to participate in the next available national course (with PTO support) regardless of the number of competitions judged while at the provincial 1 level.

In all other situations, a former national team member will need to start at the club level within their province.

Former National Stream Junior or Senior

A gymnast who was a national stream junior or senior for a minimum of 4 years, with at least two of those years in the current or previous Olympic cycle, and who will be a minimum of 18 years old in the calendar year of the course, may with PTO approval take a national course and progress to national 3 upon successful completion of the course and exam/test.

If a national course is not available, this gymnast may complete a club or provincial level course within her province and upon successful completion, progress to provincial 1. S/he will be



eligible to participate in the next available national course (with PTO support) regardless of the number of competitions judged while at the provincial 1 level.

In all other situations, a former national stream athlete will need to start at the club level within her province.

Note: special upgrade possibilities for unique scenarios/interested athletes may be considered on a case by case scenario by the JDWG and GymCan. Formal requests must be submitted to GymCan by the athlete in question through their affiliated PTO.

National Team Coach

A coach who has been named by GymCan as a National Team coach (as a result of having an athlete named to the National Team) for a minimum of two seasons within the current or previous Olympic cycle, may take the national course and progress to national 3 upon successful completion of the course and exam.

NCCP Level 3 Coach

A fully certified level 3 coach, or one who has completed the level 3 technical portion, may participate in a club or provincial level judge course within their PTO and upon successful completion of the course and exam, progress to provincial 1.

In all other situations, a coach will start as a beginner (club) level judge within their province

SECTION 3: JUDGE EDUCATION

All brevet judge education and courses are detailed in the FIG General Judges' Rules and the FIG Specific Judges' Rules for Rhythmic Gymnastics available on the [FIG website](#). The GymCan document includes only the information relevant to the selection of Canadian judges to participate in the FIG courses and provides details on the courses provided by GymCan for national judges. (Pass rates will be established by the JDWG for the courses/exams/tests for the cycle, dependent on FIG required pass rates for that cycle.)

A list of FIG courses, exam results and competitions for each brevet judge can be found on their FIG profile. GymCan maintains the records for national courses, exam results and competitions: EC, CC, Regional Championships. PTO maintains the records for provincial courses, exam results and competitions.

3.1 FIG COURSES

Please note, the information below is based on the most recent information received from FIG regarding judge courses for the 2025-2028 cycle. Should there be any adjustments made to the information below for the upcoming cycle (2025-2028), the community will be updated accordingly.



3.1.1 INTERCONTINENTAL COURSE

Each federation may enter a maximum of two (2) judges + one (1) reserve (to be placed on a waiting list) for RGI and RGG (cat. 1,2 or 3). After the close of registrations, the remaining places will be allocated to the reserve judges in the order of registration by their federations.

All judges who wish to raise or maintain their category must take the practical examination Category 1 may be achieved at the Intercontinental Judges' course only.

There will be two (2) examinations: one (1) for individual brevet and one (1) for group brevet.

For a judge to be considered for selection:

- a) meet FIG criteria
- b) Current highest level Brevet RGI and/or RGG Judge
- c) Must commit to completing both the RGI and RGG courses and exams
- d) In the event a) and b) are met, criteria for selection include: judged at major FIG competitions, GymCan competitions and those who have provided education to Canadian judges will be reviewed.
- e) Member in good standing with GymCan

3.1.2 INTERNATIONAL COURSE

As per FIG, the number of judges is limited to 15 judges per federation per course. Should places be available after the registration deadline, additional judges may be accepted by FIG

Three (3) additional judges from the host

Three (3) additional judges from other federations according to the date of registration

Participants are able to qualify up to category 2

For a judge to be considered for selection:

- a) Meet all FIG criteria
- b) Brevet 4 or higher and National 1 Judges
- c) Brevet and National 1 judges who have judge a minimum of 4 GymCan competitions in the last cycle
- d) Member in good standing with GymCan
- e) Must commit to completing both the RGI and RGG courses and exams

GymCan will approve judges to attend in an order of priority as follows:

- Brevet RGI and RGG judges who wish to upgrade their **RGI and RGG** level.
- Brevet RGI and RGG Judges who wish to maintain their **RGI and RGG** levels
- National 1 RGI and RGG judges who wish to **obtain brevet 4 RGI and RGG**
- Brevet RGI **or** RGG who wish to obtain their RGI and RGG levels
- National 1 RGI **or** RGG who wish to obtain their RGI and RGG levels

Exceptions due to unusual circumstances, or for developing provinces may be made on an individual basis by GymCan and JDWG.



3.1.3 ONLINE EXAMINATION UPON CONTINENTAL UNION REQUEST (AS PER FIG)

Details to be obtained from FIG and to be added

3.2 GYM CAN COURSES

All national courses are self-funded. GymCan will organize the courses and will provide the PTO's with information regarding course logistics. GymCan will offer the courses and exams/tests via an electronic delivery method when possible. The course and/or exam(s) will be offered a few times during the cycle.

Judges must be approved and registered by their PTO.

SECTION 4: JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

4.1 ASSIGNMENTS - FIG EVENTS

Canadian brevet judges must meet all FIG and GymCan criteria to be assigned to FIG competitions. GymCan, with the input of the JDWG when requested, assigns judges to FIG competitions and to GymCan competitions. To ensure Canada is well represented at strategic international events the RG Brevet Judge International Assignment Plan is developed annually. The list of assignments is published in the RG calendar of events.

GymCan maintains a list of competitions brevet judges attended and required in order to maintain or upgrade if opportunities become available. Note that the assignment plan depends on many factors, including when information is received from FIG regarding FIG competitions, the strategic plan and assignment of the national team members to competitions, the brevet level of the judges required, what competitions the brevet judges require to upgrade or maintain, etc.

GymCan will fully fund judges for major FIG competitions, however, others will be cost-shared or self-funded. Details will be discussed with the proposed judge/s for each competition before the final assignment is confirmed.

4.1.1 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - FIG EVENTS

Brevet Judges interested in judging a FIG competition should submit their expression of interest by email to the GymCan Program Manager two weeks prior to the definitive registration deadline. In the case of no judge named, GymCan will send a call out to Brevet judges. Judges are responsible for travel costs and other expenses, except where GymCan has advised in advance the expenses GymCan or host will cover.

4.1.2 NON-FIG EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Authorization to travel to non-FIG events and activities no longer require an authorization to travel approval from GymCan as of Feb. 2024.



For virtual international competitions that are not assigned as described in 4.1 above, judges are not required to submit a sanction request, however, judges must inform GymCan that they are judging a virtual event for GymCan records only.

Note: Judging a FIG competition without GymCan approval is a “misconduct” as per section 5: Judge Requirements at Competitions, Warnings, and Cards, and a warning/card will be given.

4.1.3 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION REPORTS

To receive GymCan approval/sanction for judging at FIG international competitions, judges must complete an online report form within 10 days of the competition and give a joint presentation, once per month, with others who attended. Judges returning from international assignments must also hold a 30-60 minute virtual session within 10 days to update domestic judges on code changes or common issues. A live stream link should be shared with provinces, and all sessions will be recorded and distributed to PTSOs. Failure to meet these requirements will result in loss of future opportunities.

A condition for receiving assigned GymCan approval/sanction to judge at any assigned and/or funded FIG international competitions, is that the assigned judge is required to complete the online report form (“survey”) within 10 calendar days of the last day of the competition. If this requirement is not met, future opportunities will be denied. The survey is available [here](#).

4.2 ELITE CANADA AND CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

GymCan assigns the Judge Responsible (JR) and the Judge Administrator (JA) and the Organizing Committee will pay their expenses for Canadian Championships and Elite Canada. It is the province’s responsibility to confirm availability of judges before submitting their names to GymCan for assignment consideration. GymCan will send the list of assigned judges to the PTO within 5 business days. Should a judge withdraw from their assignment after GymCan has sent the assignments to the provincial office, a \$100 fee will be invoiced to the province for each judge that withdraws. (Note, at the discretion of GymCan, withdrawal due to medical reasons (with proof) or other exceptional circumstances will not be subject to the fee.). There is no guarantee that GymCan will assign another judge from the same province. The fee must be paid even if another judge from the same province is assigned.

For Elite Canada, the provinces will be requested to provide their proposed judges by Nov. 10 annually, and the final assignments sent to provinces by Nov. 20 each year.

For Canadian Championships, the provinces will be requested to provide their proposed judges by March 15 annually, and the final assignments sent to the provinces by March 30 each year. Refer to the Appendix 5 for the JR and JA responsibilities, and for JA experience requirements.

4.2.1 JUDGE RESPONSIBLE (JR)

The JR for EC and CC must be a minimum RGI brevet 3 and RGG brevet 3 in the current cycle with experience as a JR at a minimum of two Eastern/Western Regional Championships.



Priority will be given to eligible unattached brevet judges on a rotational basis.

If there are no unattached judges available, assignment will be made in the following order of priority (judge must meet the criteria stated above):

Brevet with:

- Highest level of RGI brevet with a minimum of RGG brevet 3,
- No athletes in the competition,
- Least number of senior and junior athletes combined in the competition.

Refer to the Appendix 5 for the JR and JA responsibilities, and for JA experience

4.2.2 JUDGE ADMINISTRATOR (JA)

The primary responsibility of the JA is to act as the GymCan judging representative at EC and CC, to ensure that all judge rules and technical rules are followed, and to ensure that all score ranges are within FIG requirements. The JA acts as the coordinator judge and does not score the routines. The JA manages the process and supervises the judging for any score inquiries. The JA, in consultation with the JR, the GymCan Manager of Events (or designate) and NTD-RG, may adjust the competition schedule or other areas as needed to help ensure the smooth running of the competition.

The individual must not be affiliated and must be aware of GymCan and FIG rules and regulations.

Refer to the Appendix 5 for the JR and JA responsibilities, and for JA experience

4.2.3 JUDGE PANELS

The total number of panel judges will be 16 for in-person events. There will be one panel of judges consisting of the following:

- Four DB
- Four DA
- Four A
- Four E

Slight modifications may be made to the total number of panel judges and/or the process of panel judge assignments for Elite Canada, Regional Championships, and/or Canadian Championships. Panel adjustments will be at the discretion of GymCan, with input received from the Program Committee and JDWG.

The intention is to have equal representation from each province at Canadian Championships and Elite Canada to create the full panel of 16 judges. If there are insufficient judges from each province available, then judges will be assigned in a way that will balance east and west representation. There cannot be more than two judges per club for both RGI and RGG. Two



judges per club is permitted as long as the panel is single panel, and there are four judges for each category: DA, DB, A and E.

4.2.3.1 ELITE CANADA AND CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The information below applies to 2025-2028 competitions. All panel judges must have passed the exam/test for the FIG RGI and RGG courses, or a national course prior to being assigned. (due to the timing of the FIG courses, and the national courses in late 2024 and early 2025, judges may need to be assigned based on previous cycle levels, with written commitment that they will be completing a FIG or National RGI and RGG course and exam)

At the end of the process described below a minimum of 8 of the 16 panel judges outlined in section 4.2.3 Judge Panels, should be brevet (a judge who completed a FIG course for RGI and RGG and passed both exams). This will ensure at least two brevet for each panel. Provinces should note that their priority order must always have brevet with RGI and RGG first, followed by National 1 or 2 with RGI and RGG, followed by brevet, then national with just RGI,

Judge panel assignment process:

- Four brevet from the east, and 4 brevet from the west for a total of 8
- A National 1, or N2 judge from the identified Developing Provinces
- Up to two of the remaining positions may be allocated to two national 1 judges (split between east and west), who have completed the national judge course and passed the exam/test.
- The remaining spots are assigned to brevet judges to balance east and west, and the provinces as much as possible, in the priority order provided by the PTO's
- If the total of 16 judges hasn't been met using the criteria above, the remaining spots will be allocated in the following order of priority and in order to maintain balance between east and west:
 - Province(s) with a FIG Senior Group. Note: If there is more than 1 province in this category, spots will be allocated to maintain balance between east and west until all spots used. If more provinces have groups than there are spots, then a draw will be performed by GymCan.
 - Province(s) with a FIG Junior Group (FIG group of 5 - may not be from the same province as the FIG Senior Group).
 - Note: If there is more than 1 province in this category, spots will be allocated to maintain balance between east and west until all spots used. If more provinces have groups than there are spots, then a draw will be performed by GymCan.
 - Random draw from provinces with 2 or more National Team/High Performance athletes at the competition.
- After the assignments are sent by GymCan, should a judge withdraw due to major illness or family emergency (proof must be provided to GymCan prior to the first day of the event), GymCan will request replacement of that judge with that judge's province



provided the province has a judge that meets the eligibility requirements. Otherwise, an eligible judge will be assigned by GymCan from another province.

- Provinces may also submit one national 3 or higher to participate as a line judge/apparatus judge and to practice judge. GymCan will assign a maximum of 2 practice judges per competition.
 - The assigned “” judge will be advised at the same time as the panel judges and will be required to be available for the entire competition, in proper judge uniform, and attend all judge meetings.
 - The “practice” judge will have the opportunity to practice judge for the equivalent of one full day minimum, will be assigned to line judge or timer for the equivalent of one full day. The practice judges’ schedule will be prepared by the JA, and shared with the JR and Meet Director.
 - One assignment of this type (judge/line or timer) may be counted towards upgrading each cycle.

4.2.3.2 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OPTION FOR THE NOVICE COMPETITION

If applicable, provinces may submit one additional judge national 3, national 2, or national 1 who can replace one of their other judges for the novice portion of the competition. The province must indicate specifically who this judge will replace (for example: province A submits the name of national 3 judge Josie and states that they will replace brevet judge Mae). GymCan will assign a maximum of two judges (one from the east and one from the west). If assigned, this will count as a competition toward the judges upgrading/maintaining (refer to section 2.3.2 National Judge upgrading). The assignments will be advised at the same time as the other assignments. The proposed judges must have judged national stream at a minimum of one ERC/WRC.

4.3 EASTERN / WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All panel judges must have passed the exam/test for one of the FIG RGI and RGG courses, or a national course prior to being assigned. (due to the timing of the FIG courses, and the national courses in late 2024 and early 2025, judges may need to be assigned based on previous cycle levels, with written commitment that they will be completing a FIG or National RGI and RGG course and exam)

GymCan will assign the JR for the national stream competition of ERC/WRC, however the host organization is responsible for the travel and accommodations expenses.. The JR assigned will be an unattached judge, minimum level brevet 4, with experience as a JR for at least two Provincial Championships, and a panel judge for at least two ERC or WRC, or previous experience as the JR for ERC/WRC. If there is no unattached judge available within the province, GymCan will assign another brevet judge from the same region, for example from the east for ERC.

GymCan will assign the JA, and because this role is the GymCan representative at these competitions. The LOC is responsible for assigning and funding the JA for the provincial portion of the event.1



The host province's judge chair will assign the JR for the provincial stream portion of the competition. Where there is not a suitable judge in that province, GymCan will assign one from a nearby province. The host is responsible for the provincial stream JR's expenses, if applicable. The JR must be a minimum of national 1 and must have been a JR for at least two Provincial Championship. The same JR may officiate both the national and provincial stream. Each PTO is responsible for funding its own judges to be panel judges at the competition.

4.3.2 ERC/ WRC NATIONAL STREAM COMPETITION PANEL JUDGES

GymCan will assign the panel judges for both the national portion and the provincial portion of the competition from the list of judges provided to GymCan by the PTO's. GymCan will request proposed judges from the provinces by Feb. 15 annually and advising of the assignments by Feb. 28 at the latest, each year.

There will be one panel of judges as described above for Elite Canada and Canadian Championships in section 4.2.3.1.

- Judges must be national 3 or higher for the national stream competition
 - It is highly recommended that each province send at least 1 brevet RGI & RGG judge as this is a qualification to CC
- Judges should be assigned to ensure equal representation from all provinces as much as possible.

If 16 judges are not available, or if the required numbers at the levels described above are not available, then the competition may be run with a minimum of 12 judges (and schedule adjusted accordingly).

4.3.3 ERC / WRC DEVELOPMENT STREAM COMPETITION PANEL JUDGES

- Each PTO will provide a list of judges for the development stream competition, preferably different judges than for the national stream competition. The PTO must clearly indicate on their list who is judging national stream and who is judging development stream.
- Judges must be Provincial 1 or higher for the provincial stream competition

4.4 OTHER NATIONAL STREAM COMPETITIONS FOR UPGRADING PURPOSES

In order for a national stream invitational to count for judge upgrading or confirmation of level, it must meet the following criteria:

- Take place in Canada;
- The number of panel judges from the province of the host cannot be more than 60% of the total number of judges, or there must be a minimum of judges from three other provinces in addition to the host province;
- There must be a minimum of 8 national stream seniors, a combined total of 8 national stream juniors and pre-juniors / pre junior, and 4 national stream novice athletes.
 - Exceptions must be sent to GymCan in cases where there are slightly lower numbers in one category and much larger in another (e.g. there are 7 seniors and



15 juniors). The requests will be reviewed by GymCan in consultation with the JDWG;

- The JR must be minimum brevet 4 who has been a panel judge for at least 2 Elite Canada or Canadian Championships, and a JR at least three times at a provincial championships or an ERC/WRC competition.

The host must request approval from the GymCan Program Committee for the competition to be considered for national upgrading within 15 days after the conclusion of the event and forward the completed scoring program to GymCan.

4.5 NON-FIG INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONALS HELD IN CANADA

All international invitational competitions held in Canada require GymCan authorization to host approval and a minimum brevet 4 judge as the JR for National Stream.

SECTION 5: JUDGE REQUIREMENTS AT COMPETITIONS, WARNINGS AND CARDS

Below are items specific to Canada, and are in addition to the FIG Disciplinary Measures and Sanctions found in the 2025 - 2028 FIG General Judging Rules. Add judges must be familiar with the FIG rules as well as with the GymCan rules.

All judges assigned, including the practice judges, and the Novice Judges must:

- Attend the judge course/meeting prior to start of competition. The competition schedule will indicate the time of the scheduled course/meeting, and it may be held virtually several days prior to the competition
- All judges must attend the daily morning meeting. Judges must ensure their travel arrangements are made so they arrive in time to attend the judge meeting on the first morning of competition, and they are available for at least one hour after the end of the competition on the final day – no exceptions will be permitted. (this means they may not leave the competition facility until one hour after the end of the competition)
- The JR and the JA may attend the “Technical Meeting”.

All assigned judges, including practice judges, will:

- Have access only to the judging area and judging room for each day of the competition, unless registered as a coach during a specified rotation (with the approval in advance from GymCan).
 - A judge may go quickly to obtain or purchase coffee or food but may not talking to coaches, athletes, parents, etc.
 - A judge may not go into the audience area, the warm up gym, change rooms, etc. at any time during the competition day, including breaks.
- Arrive at the judges meetings on time and in judging uniform.
- Be knowledgeable and understand the rules and regulations governing competitions.
- Be prepared for each specific judging assignment.



- Work quickly and accurately to produce an unbiased score and be prepared to justify that score with reference to current documentation.
- Ensure that when using any kind of paper record, write their scores in pen (not pencil), and if they change a score at a judge meeting, cross the old score out, write the new score below, and initial. The judge must not write over scores.
- Be a cooperative member of the judging panel.
- Be unbiased, fair, and impartial in scoring.
- Be respectful of other judges, coaches, athletes, GymCan staff, spectators, and media, and to refer any questions or concerns to the Judge Responsible and/or Meet Director.
- Not communicate with other judges while at the judging table for in-person events, or electronically for virtual events.
- Not use their cell phones or any other electronic device while judging, including the calculator function (refer also to FIG rules).
 - Use of any type of electronic device at the judging table will result in immediate red card and dismissal from the panel for the remainder of the competition. A contact number for a GymCan representative will be given to the judges to provide to their family members for urgent messages.
- If a judge needs a calculator, they must bring their own non-electronic calculator to the competition.

NOTE: Individuals who are judges, but not assigned to the competition may not be in the judging area in the competition gym or in the judge room and may not interact with the assigned judges, including by cell phone, during the competition day. Infractions will result in the penalties shown in Table 2.

NOTE: In order to not appear biased, the JR or panel judges should not pose for pictures with an individual club or team at any time during the event. They may pose for photos with all of the athletes competing in finals for example, or with all of the athletes that received awards. Listed below are some actions that are not allowed, and the warning or cards that would be applied. There may be other situations that occur which will be considered on an individual basis. The warning or card must be given by the JR, and a GymCan representative, or the Chair of the Brevet Judge Council at the competition, or within 5 business days (to allow sufficient time for score reviews). A written copy of the warning will be provided to the judge’s PTO.. A red card will result in being removed from the remainder of the competition and the judge will not be assigned to GymCan competitions (EC, CC, ERC/WRC) for the remainder of the season. The judge will not be approved for an upgrade during the competitive year that card was given.

Table 2: Misconducts

Misconducts and corresponding penalties apply for both in-person and virtual events.

Misconduct Description	Warning / Card
Not wearing the proper judging uniform.	1 st offence – verbal warning and told to change before the competition. If cannot change, then removed from panel. May be reassigned to a panel once wearing the correct uniform provided there is an appropriate opportunity in the schedule.



Misconduct Description	Warning / Card
	2 nd offence– yellow card & removed from the panel for the day 3 rd offence– red card & removed from the entire competition
Late appearance to the judge meeting or returning from a break.	1 st offence – verbal warning 2 nd offence - yellow card & removed from the panel for the day
Criticize another judge’s scores or judging ability to the judge or to others; harass another judge	3 rd offence – red card & removed from the entire competition
Attempts to influence another judge’s score.	
Conversations (other than a brief polite greeting) with anyone other than other judges at any time during the competition day. (Competition day ends when JR officially dismisses judges for the day).	**Exception: Cell phones 1 st offence – written warning 2 nd offence - red card & removed from the entire competition
Criticize an athlete to the judges, other coaches, etc. Exhibit behaviour or have expressions regarding performances or scores that are derogatory	
Not recording scores on scripts or on other judge chits/paper while judging.	
Bias towards certain gymnasts being shown when judging gymnasts	
Use of cell phone or any other electronic device while at the judging table, or communicating to individuals not on the judge panel as described above.**	
Judging at an international competition without obtaining GymCan sanction in advance. Applies to in-person events only. For virtual events, judges must inform GymCan of their participation only, no sanction is required.	Red card & barred from judging internationally or domestically for the remainder of the season.
Judge did not receive advance permission from the JR to not participate in all assigned days of the competition and arrives late or leaves before the end of the assigned time.	Red card & barred from judging internationally or domestically for the remainder of the season, and for the next season.
Obstructing the operation of the competition (i.e. creating a scene or circumstance which delays or prevents the normal proceeding of the competition)	Yellow or red card depending on the seriousness of the obstruction or delay. If yellow card then removed from the panel for the day. If red card then removed from the entire competition



APPENDIX 1: SAMPLE JUDGE UPGRADE REQUEST LETTER

<Insert Date>

Please accept this email as a request for <insert judges name> to upgrade from <insert existing level> to <insert new level>.

As per the Judge Rules and Regulations, the following competitions should count towards their judge upgrade:

Year	Competition Date	Location	Event Name	Panel Position (panel judge, alternate, etc.)	Name and Level of JR for the Competition

If anything else is required, please let me know.

<Insert PTO Representative Signature>

<Insert PTO Representative Name>

<Insert PTO Representative Email>

Copy: <Insert Judge Name>

<Insert Judge Email>



APPENDIX 2: RECOMMENDED PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Provincial certification and licensing is the responsibility of each PTO. Below are recommendations for the provincial.

Level	Pre-requisites	License granted
To become Club level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet minimum age requirements ● Complete club level course and pass exam (pass rate set by PTO) 	Club level
To become Provincial 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hold club level license for a minimum of 1 year ● As club level judge, judge number of competitions as required by the PTO 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete provincial level course and pass exam (pass rate set by PTO) if required by PTO (note that some PTO's may choose not to require the Provincial course) ● Judge requests upgrade from JDWG by email & includes copy of logbook/judge records showing required number of competitions 	Provincial 2
To become Provincial 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As a provincial 2, judge number of competitions as required by the PTO ● Judge requests upgrade from PTO by email & includes copy of logbook/judge records showing required number of competitions <p><i>Note: Some PTO may require another course & exam to upgrade from P2 to P1</i></p>	Provincial 1



APPENDIX 3: INQUIRY REQUEST PROCESS

DIFFICULTY REVIEW

Score Inquiry is only permitted at:

- Elite Canada for junior and senior RGI and FIG RGG junior or senior;
- Canadian Championships for RGI junior or senior and FIG RGG junior or senior;
- Eastern/Western Championships for junior and senior RGI and FIG RGG junior or senior.

Only the accredited athlete's competition coach as per the competition registration form may submit an inquiry.

At EC and CC, a maximum of 4 inquiries per Competition A and 2 for Competition B ("apparatus finals") will be accepted per federation, and a maximum of 4 inquiries at ERC / WRC. In Canada, a federation is defined as a club.

The fee per inquiry request (regardless of whether score goes up) is as follows:

- \$400 for the first
- \$600 for the second
- \$800 for the third
- \$800 for the fourth

Note 1: One inquiry = an inquiry on a DB score OR an inquiry on a DA score. If a coach wishes to inquire on both DB and DA for the same gymnast, this will count as TWO inquiries, and payment of \$1000 is required (\$400 for the first, and \$600 for the second). If an inquiry is for both DB & DA, as per FIG, the DB is always considered before the DA.

Note 2: If in Competition A (maximum 4 inquiries per club), the coach wishes to inquire on one or more scores for more than one gymnast from her club, the fee will apply based on the rotation order. For example, if the coach wishes to inquire on the DB score for her gymnast who was 2nd in the rotation; the coach must indicate "first inquiry" and pay \$400. If the coach then wishes to inquire on both the DB and DA score of her gymnast who was 10th in the rotation, the coach must now fill in one form for DB and mark it as the second or third inquiry with the fee of \$600, and fill in another form for that same gymnast's DA score and mark it as the second or third inquiry with the fee of \$800. The coach then has only 1 inquiry remaining for one DB or DA score for any of her other gymnasts in Competition A.

Note 3: The "Score Review Score" will always replace the originally posted score, even if the score is lower.



PROCESS

Note that the process may change if a streamlined, digital to submit inquiries is tested and implemented, and this section will be updated accordingly, and communicated to PTOs.

Step 1: The inquiry must be made immediately, i.e. within two minutes, following the display of the score, and at the very latest, immediately after the routine of the gymnast next in the rotation order, to the GymCan representative by text message. For the last gymnast in the rotation, it must be made two minutes after the publication of the score. The text must include the name of gymnast and apparatus and indicate if the score inquiry is for DB, DA, or both. The GymCan representative receiving the inquiry must note the time of the text notification and advise the Judge Administrator and GymCan National Team Director RG. The GymCan representative receiving the inquiry by text must forward the text to the JA immediately.

Step 2: The completed score inquiry form that includes payment information must be given to the GymCan representative within four minutes following the text notification of an inquiry. The person receiving the inquiry must note the time of the text notification, and of the written form, collects the memory card from the videographer, and collects the completed form from the coach. No late or incomplete inquiries will be accepted.

Step 3: The GymCan representative will then give the form to the JA and immediately makes arrangements to play on two TV's or a large monitor screens simultaneously as soon as possible within the rotation. . The JA informs the JR that there is an inquiry and informs the JR who the drawn score inquiry judges will be as soon as the completed form is provided to the JA and validated. The form cannot be given to any other individual, including the Meet Director.

- The video review is conducted under the supervision of the JA and the GymCan National Team Director and/or other GymCan representative only.
- There will be a very short pause in the competition while the routine review takes place.
- The JA will advise the JR of the inquiry request, and arrange for the following judges to prepare for the score inquiry as soon as possible:
 - JR;
 - DB1 or DA1 of the same panel as the inquiry
 - One judge drawn from the same panel of the remaining brevet judges on the DB or DA panel from a different province than the gymnast and the D1 judge
 - One judge drawn from the opposite D panel from a different province than the gymnast and the D1 judge
 - If there are no other brevet judges from a different province on the DB or DA panels as described above, then one will be drawn from A or E panel.
- The 4 score inquiry judges will watch the routine at the same time (requires two large monitor setup in the inquiry space), and each will provide their own score on a judge chit independently without discussion. The JA will check the score ranges, and calculate the new score.



- If the middle two scores are not within range, a brief meeting of the inquiry judges will be held to agree on a common score.
- If the score is the same as the original, or lower, the fee will be charged to the credit card. If the score is higher than the original, the fee will not be charged.
- The JA completes the Score Inquiry Review Request Form and change the score in the scoring program. The GymCan Representative photocopies the completed request form and gives the copy to the coach. If applicable, the fee will be charged to the credit card number (name and signature) previously provided.
- The original inquiry form and all relevant paperwork are to be scanned & sent to GymCan, who will retain the information for six months following the event and will then be discarded.

TIME REVIEW PROCESS

No time reviews will be accepted at GymCan events if there are two timers present and timing the routines.

If there is only one timer present timing a routine, then a request for review will be accepted by the JA. The same process will follow as outlined above for difficulty score inquiries in regards to timing, process, etc. The review for time inquiries will be performed by the JA, along with either the JR or a GymCan representative. The time reviews are in addition to the maximum difficulty inquiries per club. There is no fee for a time review request. A maximum of two time review requests can be submitted per club per competition.

Please refer to the time review form for additional details.

LINE REVIEW PROCESS

Line reviews will be accepted at GymCan events.

The same process will follow as outlined above for difficulty score inquiries in regards to timing, fees charged, process, etc. The review for line inquiries will be performed by the JA, along with either the JR or a GymCan representative. The line review inquiries are in addition to the maximum difficulty inquiries per club. A maximum of two-line review requests can be submitted per club per competition.

Please refer to the time review form for additional details. The fee is \$100/line inquiry.



RG Score Inquiry Form (updated 2025)

Circle one of: **Elite Canada** **Canadian Championships** **Eastern RC** **Western RC**

Score Inquiry only allowed for Junior and Senior RGI, or Junior and Senior FIG groups of 5

EC / CC: For Competition A, each club may submit a maximum of 4 for RGI, and 2 for RGG.
For Competition B, a maximum of 2 for RGI and 1 for RGG

ERC/WRC: Each club may submit a maximum of 4 for RGI, and 2 for RGG

Print Name of Coach _____ Email of coach _____

Gymnast Name & Level	Apparatus	Club Name
Time Score Posted	Time of Inquiry	
Posted Score	Expected Score	
Review Score	Higher? Circle	Same or lower? Circle
	Yes - No Fee	Yes - see below
RGI Inquiries by club - circle one		
Request #1 - \$400		Request #3 - \$800
Request #2 - \$600		Request #4 - \$800
RGG Inquiries by club - circle one		
Request #1- \$400		Request #2 - \$600

For EC and CC, Credit Card information entered on the online form and confirmed by Meet Director

Enter Credit Card information below for ERC / WRC

Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard) information for Score or Line Inquiry

Card#

Expiry Date

CVV#

Print Name on Card

Cardholder Signature



Line Inquiry Form

Circle one of: Elite Canada Canadian Championships Eastern RC Western RC

Line Inquiry form only allowed for Junior and Senior RGI, or Junior and Senior FIG groups of 5

EC / CC: For Competition A, each club may submit a maximum of 2 for RGI, and 1 for RGG. For Competition B, a maximum of 1 for RGI and 1 for RGG

ERC/WRC: Each club may submit a maximum of 1 for RGI

Table with 3 columns: Gymnast Name & Level, Apparatus, Club Name; Time Score Posted, Time of Inquiry; Line Deduction Posted, Deduction Review Amount, Deduction Confirmed or higher.

For EC and CC, Credit Card information entered on the online form and confirmed by Meet Director

Enter Credit Card information below for ERC / WRC

Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard) information for Score or Line Inquiry

Card# Expiry Date CVV#

Print Name on Card Cardholder Signature



APPENDIX 4: JUDGE OATH

In the name of all the judges and officials, I promise that we shall officiate in this competition with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

Au nom de tous les juges et officiels, je promets d'officier cette compétition avec impartialité, respectant et adhérant aux règlements qui la gouverne, dans un véritable esprit d'équipe.



APPENDIX 5: DUTIES OF JUDGE RESPONSIBLE AND JUDGE ADMINISTRATOR

Judge Responsible

Works with GymCan, JA, and Meeting Director to ensure smooth operation of the event

Responsible for overseeing all judging details for the meet:

- Responsible for instructional course and judges meeting preceding the competition.
- Assigns individual(s) to say the Oath in English and French, if applicable.
- Conducts draw for panel assignments.
- Liaises between the Meet Director, Judge Administrator, GymCan and the judges.
- Requests JA to hold panel judge meetings when scores are not within range.
- It is strongly recommended that the JR judge all junior and senior high-performance athletes in the competition rotation. The JR should aim to judge the maximum routines possible outside of the HP/NT athlete judge expectations. This is required in order for the JR to make an informed analysis of the competition. This analysis is to be shared during the following day's judge meeting.
- Can change "Order of Competition," in consultation with the JA and Meet Director, due to unusual circumstances.
- Can allow for repetition of a routine if obstruction by something beyond the gymnasts control.
- Can give warning/card to any judge who is not conscientiously fulfilling her duties and following all rules and regulations.
- Can expel any coach, gymnast, or judge who hampers the competition by disobeying the rules and regulations (if JA or Meet Director not available or in other urgent situation).
- Checks and approves computer scores before they are published.
- Maintains a record of "impossible scores" as per FIG.

Judge Administrator

The primary responsibilities of the Judge Administrator are to act as the GymCan representative at EC and CC, and WRC/ERC, to ensure that all FIG and GymCan Judge Rules and Technical Rules are followed, and the smooth running of the competition. The JA monitors the score inputs from the judges, ensures that all score ranges are within FIG requirements, and advises JR of out of range differences, and with JR approval, manages panel judge meetings. The JA does not act as a reference judge and does not score the routines.

The individual must not be affiliated and must know the GymCan and FIG rules and regulations. While it is preferred that the individual is a current or former judge, they may also be a former athlete, or anyone else with strong knowledge of the rules and regulations, scoring program, general competition operation, etc.

Specific Duties:

- Provides input, or assists GymCan with proposed judge assignments, schedules and rotations
- Provides input to changes in technical rules or schedules for GymCan competitions and Regional Championships



Judges Regulations

- Assists in testing and implementing changes to the technical rules at competitions
- May attend at the end of the gym set up, or during podium training, to ensure the judge placements, music, athlete entry area, etc, will meet the needs of the JR and judges
- Ensure all FIG and GymCan Judge Rules and Technical Rules are followed.
- Holds meetings with timer, line judges and volunteer secretaries to ensure they are knowledgeable about the rules and their function.
- Attends the judge meetings to assist the JR with the panel draw and seating arrangements .
- Records the draw / judge panel assignments and informs the computer scoring team.
- Ensures the judge tables are set up by the host with the correct chits, iPads, scripts, judge place “cards”.
- Organizes and supervises score inquiries with the GymCan representative.
- Advises JR of out of range scores, arranges and supervises the panel judge meetings to agree on score, inputs new score into score program. Keeps a record of all judge meetings, and provides to the JR at the end of each day.
- Keeps track of the time as compared to the schedule of the competition, informs the JR and Meet Director, and coordinates adjustments as needed.
- Resolves issues with music, line judges, timers, apparatus, and any unusual circumstances with the input as needed from the JR and GymCan representatives
- Records any misconduct warnings / cards issues by the JR and advises GymCan who will advise the appropriate PTO.
- Ensure the correct score reports are produced and signed by the JR before publication.
- Can expel any coach, gymnast, or judge who hampers the competition by disobeying the rules and regulations.



APPENDIX 6: PTO JUDGE ASSIGNMENT NOMINATION FORM

PTO's must list the judges in the order they would like them to be assigned if selected, and must give priority to brevet judges with RGI and RGG, or National judges with RGI and RGG

Name of Competition

Required dates and times for the judges to attend

1. Please list proposed judges

Priority	Province	Level RGI	Level RGG	Judge Name
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7.				

2. Please list proposed judges for Novice competition for Canadian Championships

Priority	Province	Level RGI	Level RGG	Judge Name	Name of judge being replaced from above list



APPENDIX 8: OTHER OFFICIALS

Line Judge Responsibilities

A Line Judge determines if the athlete and the apparatus are within the boundaries of the field of play.

There are two line judges for each individual routine, and you will be responsible for the two lines that are in your “corner” of the carpet.

For national level group routines there may be four line judges. Each judge is responsible for the line to their right.

The red line denotes the warning area, and if the athlete or their apparatus touches the line they are still in bounds.

If any part of the athlete’s body and / or apparatus touches the floor outside of the red line, then s/he is out-of-bounds and you immediately hold up one flag high in the air for a few seconds.

If both the apparatus and gymnast touches the floor outside of the red line, then immediately hold up both flags high in the air for a couple of seconds.

If the gymnast finishes the exercise outside the floor area, then immediately hold up both flags in the air for a couple of seconds.

Never attempt to touch or retrieve an apparatus for a gymnast

Procedure to follow as a Line Judge

1. Have a rotation list available.
2. Check off each gymnast as they are announced so that you know which gymnast is on the floor
3. If a gymnast or their apparatus goes out of bounds, hold up the flag (or flags) as described above.
4. Enter the correct deduction into the tablet and submit for each gymnast
5. If submitting a paper form, at the end of the routine quickly record the gymnast name, number and apparatus and sign. If using a tablet, select the appropriate deduction and submit.
6. If submitting a paper form, hold up a flag immediately at the end of the routine high in the air until a runner comes to collect the line judge slip.
7. If submitting a paper form, and a runner is not available, move quickly to give the head judge your slip, and return immediately to your line judge position.



Timer Judge Responsibilities

Two timers are required for Elite Canada, Canadian Championships, and national stream portion of Regional Championships for junior and senior portions of the events. These should be provincial or national judges; where this is not possible, must be 16 years or older. Each timer requires a stopwatch that indicates the minutes, seconds and milliseconds, a rotation order, timer judge chits and a pen.

Procedure to follow as a Timer Judge

1. Each timer will have a rotation list available and record the time for each gymnast on it. .
2. Timer #1 will use the tablet to time the routine, and Timer #2 will use a stop watch.
3. Start the timer when the gymnast starts moving (or first gymnasts in group) and stop the timer when the gymnast stops moving (or the last gymnast in group).
4. Record the time to the millisecond on the rotation order. For example, 1:30:05. If the routine is over or less than the Judges Regulations 31 required time (times to be provided by the Meet Director)
5. At the end of the routine, Timer 1 and 2 will quickly compare the times they recorded. The lower time will be used to determine if there is a time penalty to apply.
6. If there is a time penalty, then Timer 1 enters the deduction into the tablet.



APPENDIX 8: JUDGING DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP/BREVET COUNCIL/PROVINCIAL JUDGE CHAIR COUNCIL

Judging Development Working Group

This working group is responsible for the design, development and ongoing management of the judging program within each discipline. It is a perpetual, hands-on working group that is chaired by the National Team Director, or designate. Members of the group are selected according to the skills and qualities that will best contribute to the development of the Canadian judging program. The group will meet 4-6 times during the year, with expectations that each member would be responsible for managing specific portfolios.

Role: to act in an advisory role to the National Team Director, or designate, in the following areas:

- To establish a master plan for training and recruitment of judges up to and including national development.
- To plan judges' clinics, courses, schools, and supervise certification of judges.
- To distribute to judges' information and literature on judging availability and as authorised by the Program Committee.
- To maintain up-to-date records of the participation and rating of all judges in accordance with the procedure of GymCan.
- To coordinate their activities with other committees of GymCan.

Composition

- NTD, Program Manager, or designate (Chair)
- Chair of Brevet Judges Council (elected by FIG brevet judges)
- Any Canadian member of a FIG Committee
- Up to 4 additional members, one of whom must be a brevet, appointed by the Program Committee on the recommendation of the Program Director

Brevet Judges Council

Brevet Judges Council is a consultative group consisting of all active Canadian Brevet judges within a discipline. The chair is elected by the council and from within the council. The council supports the work of the national team coaches and athletes, as requested. The BJC meets twice a year, at Canadian Championships and Elite Canada.

Role:

- Provide input and expertise on a range of topics as requested by the RG-JDWG
- Work on portfolios related to judging development programs

Composition: All qualified and current active brevet judges in Canada