

**JUDGING
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1. General Principles

- 1.1 In Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions all exercises should be evaluated by judges possessing the necessary qualifications as outlined by GCG
- 1.2 The judges must be members of their provincial Rhythmic Gymnastics Associations, and GCG.
- 1.3 FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Code of Points forms the basis for judging.
- 1.4 In case of necessity, modifications of the Code of Points or application within Canada may be undertaken by RGC/TC Judging Representative and Technical Committee. These changes will have application only in Canada
These changes should not contravene any GCG Rules and Regulations or Policies
- 1.5 Judges are required to be acquainted with and have in their possession the current Code of Points, the Judges Rules and Regulations and the Judges' Record Book
- 1.6 Judges are required to strictly observe the instructions concerning dress, seating arrangements and other disciplinary and organizational matters stated in the GCG Policy and Procedures Manual's Code of Ethics and Conduct and in the FIG Code of Points.
- 1.7 Both females and males are eligible for an GCG (Club, Provincial and National) Judging License

2. Registration of Canadian Judges

2.1 All licensed GCG and or FIG judges must:

- Be registered with GCG through A provincial association
- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
- In some situations, judges may be registered in two provinces. (see lower reg. 2.3 transfer of province)

2.2 Transfer

2.2.1 Transfer of nationality

The transfer of nationality of a Brevet licensed judge is under the jurisdiction of FIG "change of Nationality of judges"

2.2.2 Transfer of province

The provincial transfer of a judge must be by request of the judge for a release from the province.

The release must state

- The judge license degree,
- Competition records and
- Past judging history

NOTE:

- Judges may continue to judge for a province without requesting transfer, regardless of current province of residence in Canada.
- Provinces must agree in writing to register out-of-province judges, and may choose not to register an out-of-province judge if insurance and/or provincial bylaws will not allow registration of out-of-province judges.

2.3. Classification of Canadian Judges

Each Provincial Association must submit to the GCG-RG Program Judging Representative

- by Oct. 15th. each year
- a list of their active judges and
- their qualification level

A list of National and Brevet judges will be updated and published annually by GCG-RG Program Judging Chairperson on or before Oct. 30th each year

2.4 Changes in qualification level of judges

- Will be confirmed annually by GCG-RG Program Judging Chairperson
- Provinces must submit requests for upgrading of National judges license by Oct. 15th each year. The request must be accompanied by the following information:
 - The personal average of the judging evaluation from competitions judged. The average must not be less than 80% overall average (Of the total of competitions required for upgrading, one only can be below 80%, but the overall average must be 80%)
 - Number of competitions judged including name and date of competition
 - Degree of judging license currently held
 - Degree of judging license being requested
 - Clean record of sanction

A written confirmation of the upgrade will be provided by RGC/TC Judging Chairperson to the judge and to the judge's provincial association

2.5 Quadrennial Classification- FIG Brevet Judges

As per Regulations for FIG Judges Rhythmic Gymnastics, 2005

3. Judging Licenses

3.1 GCG- RG Program recognizes the following judge's licenses

Club Licence	2 nd degree 1 st degree
Provincial Licence	2 nd degree 1 st degree
National Licence	3 rd degree 2 nd degree 1 st degree
International Licence	4 th degree 3 rd degree 2 nd degree 1 st degree

3.2 Exemption

3.2.1

- a) Retired National Team Gymnasts who are 16 years of age are exempt from holding a club level of 1st degree. They may enter the judging system at Provincial License 2 degree. All criteria of a Provincial License 2nd degree must be met.
- b) National Stream gymnasts, who did not achieve National Team status, who competed in junior and Senior category, for at least 3 years, have retired from competition, and who are 18 years of age are exempt from holding a club level license of 1st degree. They may enter the judging system at provincial license 2nd degree. All criteria of a provincial license 2nd degree must be met

3.2.2 Rhythmic Gymnastics Canada National Team Pool Coaches are exempt from requiring a provincial license of 1st degree. They are eligible for a National license of 3rd degree if they:

- are registered members of the GCG through their provincial associations
- have successfully completed a National Judges' Course in the current FIG cycle
- have passed the course with an mark of 80% (see 5.2.1)

4. **Validity of the license**

4.1 Duration:

4.1.1 **Validity of the Brevet License:**

As per Regulations for FIG Judges Rhythmic Gymnastics, 2005
The validity of the license is limited to the duration of the FIG cycle

4.1.2 **Validity of National, Provincial and Club License**

The validity of the license is limited to the duration of the FIG cycle

4.2 Renewal requirements

If a judge wishes his/her name to continue to be listed on the official list of judges recognized by GCG the judge must take part in a full course in the new cycle and pass the examination.

- The renewal of the Brevet License will be endorsed on the documents by FIG.
- The renewal of the National License will be endorsed by the GCG-RG Program Judging Chair
- The renewal of Provincial and Club Licenses will be endorsed by the Provincial Associations TC/Judging Chair

4.3 Failure

When a judge fails to meet the appropriate standards of a course and examination and receives a failing mark, the judge must, in order to receive the certification of the degree, participate in another course and attain the required passing mark

4.4 Non-Renewal

Without renewal of FIG or GCG License the judge does not lose certification, but loses the right to judge at GCG/FIG competitions of the current cycle. Having received a license it remains in all respects the possession of the judge and will not be withdrawn by FIG or RGC

5. **Education and certification**

The GCG-RG Program Judging Representative is responsible for the on going education and certification (licensing) of Canadian judges in order to maintain a sufficient number of qualified or "licensed" judges For this purpose FIG and GCG have specific cycles of instructions.

5.1 FIG Intercontinental Judges Course

At the beginning of each Olympic Cycle FIG will hold a course to study the Code of Points

This course is open to up to 4 participants per country and all current FIG Brevet 1 judges

The GCG-RG Program Judges Representative shall nominate up to 4 top ranking Brevet 3 or 2 judges to participate in this Intercontinental Course. This **may** be in addition to the Brevet 1 judges who are already eligible.(GCG funding will have to be considered when determining how many judges will be chosen to attend this course)

Selection Criteria :

- Judging record
- Must have judged a minimum of 4 International FIG sanctioned competitions
- Must have judged a minimum of 2 Canadian Championships in the previous cycle
- Minimum Brevet 3 for one Olympic cycle
- Clean record of sanctions and warnings at National and/or International from the previous cycle

5.2 FIG Continental Judges Course

At the beginning of each Olympic cycle the GCG-RG Program Judging Representative will work with GCG to submit an application to FIG for Canada to host a Continental Judging Course

The following judges may participate in this course:

- RG/FIG Brevet judges seeking confirmation of the brevet for the Olympic cycle
- GCG-RG Program National license 1st degree (confirmed) wishing to obtain their international FIG brevet for the Olympic cycle
- GCG-RG Program National license degree confirmed judges wishing to confirm their license or to upgrade

NOTE 1: Provincial degree judges are not eligible to attend a FIG Continental course except by request of their province with sanction given by the GCG-RG Program Judging Representative. This will only be given if there are spaces left in the course after all eligible judges are registered.

NOTE 2: Other than the judges who attend the Intercontinental judges course all other Canadian judges wishing to renew their license or be eligible to advance to the next level **MUST** attend the course sanctioned/hosted by GCG-RG Program

In case a Canadian judge will not comply with this guideline, GCG may not request the confirmation of a brevet from FIG/RG/TC

NOTE 3: Canadian judges must comply with all registration rules set out in the Technical Rules and Regulations for registration in any FIG and National judging course

5.3 National Judges Course

- The GCG-RG Program Judging Chairperson will schedule a minimum of two National certification courses within the Olympic cycle.
- These will be scheduled in the first and third years of a new Olympic cycle. Whenever possible, the National Judges course in the first year of the quadrennial will take the form of the Continental Judges course which is sanctioned by FIG and RG/TC
- Courses can also be scheduled as need arises

5.3.1 Course Participants

- GCG-RG Program National License wishing to confirm their license for the new cycle
- GCG-RG Program Provincial judges with 1st. degree wishing to upgrade to National license of 3rd degree

5.3.2 Course Conductor

Assigned by GCG-RG Program Judging Chairperson

5.3.3 Registration

Provincial judging chair should submit the names of the judges in their province who are eligible for the National course. A license will not be granted to unapproved participants

5.3.4 Brevet Judge Participation

Brevet judge taking a new cycle National judges course, rather than a continental judges course cannot confirm their brevet license for the new cycle nor can they judge international competitions sanctioned by GCG-RG Program. They can however have their license confirmed to judge National competitions.

5.3.5 The location and date of each course

will be published by GCG-RG Program on the advise of the judges Representative

5.4 Provincial/Club Judging Courses

Provincial courses are under the jurisdiction of the provincial judging committee and the provincial judging chairperson for each province

General regulations for provinces re certification of judges

- The provinces are to administer the certification of judges up to Provincial Level 1 and to ensure these judges fulfill all stated requirements to attain and maintain certification
- Provinces must collect the record books of their judges annually and verify their activity
- Based on the activity and the fulfilling of other provincial requirements, the provinces are to confirm or remove the judges from the National Judges' list by Oct. 30 of each year
- Provinces are responsible for ensuring that Provincial judges are informed about GCG-RG Program & FIG judging matters
- Provinces wishing to host a National Judging course must apply in writing to the GCG-RG Program Judging Representative 3 months in advance.

6. Judge's Licenses Requirements

6.1 Brevet License

See FIG rules governing Brevet Judges Appendix #1

6.2 National License

6.2.1 National License of 3rd degree

In order to obtain a National judge's license of 3rd degree a judge must:

- Be registered as an GCC-RG judge with GCG-RG Program through her/his provincial association
- Hold the GCG-RG Program Provincial Judging License of the 1st. degree for a minimum of one full year after it has been confirmed by her/his provincial association
- Participate in the GCG-RG Program National Judge's Course or in a Continental Judge's course taking place in Canada and successfully passing the examination with a minimum average on the written and practical portions of 80%. The minimum mark on either written or practical is 70%

6.2.2 National License of 2nd degree

A judge with National License 3rd degree may request upgrade to National 2 at anytime during an Olympic cycle after judging a minimum of 3 GCG-RG Program sanctioned competitions with no warnings and must have achieved an overall average for the 3 competitions of not less than 80%

In order to obtain a National License of 2nd degree confirmed a judge must then judge 3 additional competitions with no warnings and must have achieved an overall average for these 3 competitions of not less than 80%

6.2.3 National License of 1st degree

In order to upgrade from National License of 2nd degree a judge must:

- Be registered as a judge with GCG-RG Program through her provincial association
- Hold the GCG-RG Program National Judge License of 2nd degree confirmed
- Be registered on the current National judges' list
- Judge at least 3 additional GCG-RG Program sanctioned competitions without warning and achieve an overall average of not less than 80% in order to have the level confirmed

Once the judge has fulfilled all the requirements of a national 1 license confirmed, he/ she is eligible to upgrade to Brevet in the subsequent Olympic cycle.

Within 1olympic cycle (4 years) a judge may not upgrade from Provincial 1 to Brevet 4. The maximum upgrade within 1 cycle will be to National 1 confirmed cycle

6.2.4 GCG-RG Program sanctioned competitions

For a competition to be considered a national competition and for judges who attend it to be given credit toward the confirmation of their level, this competition should fulfill the following criteria:

1. The competition should use the same evaluation program as the GCG-RG Program competitions (Elite, Group Championships, Canadian Individual Championships, Eastern and Western championships)
2. No more than half the judges on the panel can be from the Organizing province OR a minimum of three (3) other provinces/ countries must be represented on the judges panel
3. Athlete participation: There must be at least 8 FIG seniors, 8 FIG juniors and 6 national stream novices* (see note below)
4. The judge responsible should be a minimum Brevet 4 with minimum two (2) cycle of certified judging or as approved by the Judging Chair
5. The Organizing Committee/ judge responsible must submit the judges' evaluation to the GCG-RG Program judging Representative with a request for the competition to be considered for the national Judges' evaluation in the 30 days following the end of the competition
6. The Organizing Committee must submit a request in writing to the GCG-RG Program Committee for the competition to be considered as a National judges' upgrading competition in the 30 days following the end of the competition
7. The competition must take place in Canada

* NOTE: In case of a competition that does not completely correspond to these numbers, the tolerance number being 1 athlete in 1 category and a significant excess in another (for example 7 national stream seniors, 15 national stream juniors and 6 national stream novices), the situation will be referred to the Program Committee for final decision on the granting of status as a GCG-RG Program sanctioned competition

6.3 Provincial Certification Requirements

6.3.1 Provincial License of 2nd degree

In order to obtain a Provincial license of the 2nd degree an RG judge must

- Hold a club license of the 1st degree for a minimum of 1 full year after it has been confirmed
- Be a registered RG judge with GCG-RG Program through his/her provincial association
- Participate in the provincial level course of the 2nd/1st degree organized by the provincial judging committee and successfully pass the final examination with a mark of 80% on both the written and the practical portions of the exam. The minimum mark on either section is 70%
- Participate in a minimum of 2 provincial/club invitational competitions and 1 provincial Championships after passing the exam and obtain at each competition a score of 7.5

Once all of the above requirements have been met, the Provincial judging chair will confirm the Provincial Judging license of the 2nd.degree

Provincial License of 2nd degree is eligible to judge:

- Provincial stream athletes at all provincial level competitions, provincial championships and club invitationals
- National stream athletes at the discretion of the Provincial judging chairperson at provincial competitions and club invitational competitions
- Line judge and act as a judge coordinator assistant at Regional and National Level Championships

6.3.2 Provincial License of 1st degree

In order to obtain a Provincial license of the 1st degree, and RG judge must:

- Hold a provincial license of the 2nd degree for a minimum of 1 full year after it has been confirmed
- Be registered RG judge with GCG-RG Program through his/her provincial Association
- Participate in the provincial or national level course and successfully pass the final examination with a mark of 80% on both the written and the practical portions of the exam. The minimum mark for either portion of the exam is 70%
- Participate in a minimum of 2 provincial/club invitational competitions and 1 provincial Championships after passing the exam and obtain at each competition a score of 8.0

Once all these requirements have been met, the provincial Judging Representative will confirm the provincial license of 1st degree

Provincial License of the 1st degree is eligible to judge:

- All provincial competitions of national level championships
- Line judge and act as a judge coordinator or assistant at Regional or National Level Championships
- [Provincial 1 license judges can judge provincial stream athletes at Eastern and Western Regionals](#)

NOTE: The course content for a provincial 2nd and 1st degree course must meet the FIG Code of points Requirements

7 Selection criteria for judges at competitions

7.0 Refer to Regulations for FIG Judges Qualification for Official FIG Championships, Olympic Games and World Championships

7.1 International Assignments

7.1.1 Funding

GCG-RG Program (for strategic competitions: partial or full funding)

7.1.2 Responsibility of assigning judges

The responsibility of assigning judges to international competitions which fall under the jurisdiction of GCG-RG Program will be that of the GCG-RG Judging Representative to the Program Committee.

The priority of assigning judges to specific international competitions will be guided by the National Team Training Plan and the budget

The GCG-RG Program Committee Judging Representative will consult with GCG-RG Program professional staff with regards to schedule and budget.

The GCG-RG Program Judging Representative has the authority to change published assignments

7.2 International Invitational Competition Assignments

7.2.1 Assignments to International Invitational Competitions not covered by the National Team Training Plan or the GCG-RG Program officials budget will be passed on to the provincial associations for funding

7.2.2 The sanctions to judge at these competitions are under the jurisdiction of the GCG-RG Program Committee Judging Representative

7.2.3 All requests for sanctions must be first approved by the judge's provincial judging chairperson and forwarded to the GCG-RG staff person for further processing

7.3 Assignments to National Competitions

7.3.1 Generalities

7.3.1.1 Funding

- Panel Judges : PSO
- Judge Responsible: GCG-RG Program

7.3.1.2 The GCG-RG Program Judges Representative will assign the judge responsible and the for all RGC Championships

7.3.1.3 In consultation with the judge responsible for the competition, the GCG-RG program Judge representative will also determine the number of panel judges required for the competition.

7.3.1.4 As of January 2009 the panel will be made up of 4D1, 4D2, 4A and 4E

7.3.1.5 4 of these positions are reserved for

- Developmental pool (judges in preparation for the Youth Olympics)
The provinces that have judges in the developmental pool (judges in preparation for the Youth Olympics) will list these judges for the first choice for the extra 4 positions on the panel for a minimum of 2 national competitions per year. (Elite, Eastern, Western, CIC)

- National level judges requiring competitions to fulfill upgrading requirement
The provinces will nominate national level judges of level 3 and more who need upgrading in the national judging category. The GCG-RG Judging Representative will assign these judges based on their development needs and on a rotating basis. There will be no more than 1 such judge in each panel component

7.3.2 Elite Canada/Group Championships

7.3.2.1 Funding:

- GCG-RG Program Judges Representative/Judge Responsible: GCG-RG Program
- Panel Judges : PSO

7.3.2.2 Each province is eligible to send 1 brevet or 1 national license 1st degree judge to the competition
Each province registering a group will be allowed to send an additional qualified judge if the numbers warrant an extra judge
2 alternate judges can be listed in provincial order. The alternate judges will be drawn if additional judges are required

7.3.3 Individual National Championships

7.3.3.1 Funding:

- GCG-RG Program Judges Representative/Judge Responsible: GCG-RG Program
- Panel Judges: PSO

7.3.3.2 Each province is eligible to send 1 brevet or 1 national license 2nd degree judge to the competition
Each province registering gymnasts will be allowed to list one additional judge and one alternate judge in provincial order. If so requested the alternate judges will be drawn if need arises

7.3.4 Eastern and Western Championships

7.3.4.1 Funding:

- Judge Responsible: GCG-RG Program
- Panel Judges: PSO

- 7.3.4.2 Each participating province is eligible to provide up to 5 judges with a minimum National 3 license to judge National stream athletes.
Each participating province is also eligible to provide up to 5 judges with a minimum Provincial 1 license to judge Provincial stream athletes.

The RGC/TC Judge Representative, in consultation with the organizing committee and the competition judge responsible, will determine how many judges will be required for the competition and will notify the provinces

If Provinces cannot field the full quota of requested judges, the Judge Responsible for the competition will request additional judges from the alternates listed by the provinces

- 7.3.4.3 [Judges from either Western or Eastern Canada are permitted on request of their province or GCG to participate as judge in the alternative Regional Championships](#)

7.3.5 Canada Winter Games

7.3.5.1 Funding: Provincial Associations

- 7.3.5.2 Each province is eligible to send 1 judge with a minimum National 2 degree
Each province registering gymnasts is eligible to list 1 additional judge and 1 alternate in provincial ranking order. The alternate judges may be requested if provinces can not fill their quota of judges.

7.4 Acceptance

- 7.4.1 GCG-RG Program judges representative has the authority of acceptance or refusal of the recommendations from each province of their list of judges for National competitions
- 7.4.2 The provincial assignments are made by the judging chair of each province according to their selection criteria

8. Code of Ethics and Conduct

As a member of a judging system that is universal there is an obligation by every individual judge to maintain the highest standard of ethical conduct and professional integrity both within Canada and outside Canada when judging as a representative of this country

See Appendix #3

See Regulations FIG Code of Conduct

See Regulation #5 (Sanctions) in the FIG Rules and regulations for Judges

9. Judges Evaluation

9.1 Judges classification

Judges classification should be assessed according to categories:

- Excellent – 95% - 100%
- Very good – 90% - 94%
- Good – 85% - 89%
- Satisfactory – 80% - 84%
- Unsatisfactory – below 80%
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9.1.1 Recognition Program

Judges who receive an Excellent evaluation (95-100%) or a Very good evaluation (90-94%) will receive a certificate from GCG-RG Program recognizing this accomplishment. Copy of it will be sent to their province. In addition this award will be acknowledged in the GCG-RG Program Newsletter

9.2 Evaluation

9.2.1 All judges will be evaluated at national competitions.

9.2.2 The same program of evaluation will be used to ensure consistency of evaluation.

9.2.3 The evaluation will be forwarded to the GCG-RG Program judging representative who will:

- Place a copy on file with GCG-RG Program for each judge
- Send each province the evaluation for their judges. The province will in turn distribute this information to each judge

9.2.4 The evaluation of the judges will consist of

- Evaluation of the scores given by the judge evaluated against the average of the middle scores. This counting for 50% of the final evaluation of the judge
- evaluation of the ranking given by the judge evaluated against the average of the middle ranking. This counting for 50% of the final evaluation of the judge

9.2.5 Appeal Process

If the evaluation is considered by the recipient judge to be in error, the recipient judge and/or the provincial staff could appeal the evaluation to the GCG-RG Program judge representative

PROCESS:

- The judge/ provincial office will request in writing a full copy of the breakdown of the scores received by the judge for each part of the evaluation. This request will be sent to the RGC Program office together with a cheque in the amount of \$100.00 (If the appeal is granted, the %100.00 will be reimbursed)
- If after this documentation is received, the judge still feels the evaluation is in error, she will be provided with the scores and the ranking she gave to the athletes along with the panel average in each case

It is the responsibility of the judge to verify all the calculations and present in writing the statistics to support an error in the evaluation. It then becomes the responsibility of the Judge representative to reverify and settle the matter. Her decision is final

10. Judges' Sanction

10.1 Authority

The behavior of the judges will be evaluated by the GCG-RG Program Judges Representative according to the FIG Technical Rules and Regulations, current code of points, GCG Policy and Procedure and the GCG-RG Program Judges Rules and Regulations

10.2 Sanction

10.2.1 Type of sanction

Judges who fail to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined in appendix 3, will be penalized in the following manner:

- Verbal warning or reprimand.
A written record will be given to the judge with a copy to the provincial association, GCG-RG Program office and GCG-RG Program judging representative
- Yellow card
A written record will be given to the judge with a copy to the provincial association, GCG-RG Program office and GCG-RG Program judging representative
- Red card
A written record will be given to the judge with a copy to the provincial association, provincial judging representative, GCG-RG Program office and GCG-RG Program judging represent

10.2.1 Reasons for sanctions

10.2.1.1 Example of behaviors that will bring to sanctions:

- Incorrect uniform
- Not having the Code of points and official updates
- Late for judges meeting
- Late for the start of the competition or rotation
- Non adherence to instructions from the competition director/ judge responsible
- Talking at the judges table during a rotation
- Repeated deviations below or above the deductions for errors, as stated in the code of points
- Showing favoritism or disfavor toward an individual gymnast or a team
- Taking part in obvious discussions and/or agreements with other judges with the intent to collaborate
- Talking to coaches or members of clubs or team until the judge has been released from judging duties for the day
- Confronting or questioning another judge about the score she/he has given
- Obstructing the operation of the competition
- Having means of communication which are not permitted (e.g. mobile phone)

NOTE: For very serious infraction such as

- Very serious favoritism/ disfavor for example giving a score that is 1.5 points over the average mark of the panel for a gymnast or group from own province or club or 1.5 points or more under the average mark of the panel for a gymnast or group from a rival province or club
- Abusive behavior/ harassment (direct threats, physical intimidation) the sanction could be immediately a red card

10.2.1.2

Apart from very serious occurrence (see above) the sanctions will be given in the following manner:

- First infraction: verbal warning
- Second infraction, be it in the same competition or in a following one: Yellow card
- Third infraction be it in the same competition or in a following one: red card

10.3 Consequences of Sanctions

10.3.1 Verbal warnings

- Stays in the judge's file for one cycle.
- Is registered in the judge's book
- A judge who accumulates 2 verbal warnings in one Olympic cycle will receive a letter form the GCG-RG Program Judging Representative informing them that the next infraction will result in a yellow card

10.3.2 Yellow card

- Stays in the judge's file for one Olympic cycle
- Is registered in the judge's book
- A judge who accumulates two yellow cards in one Olympic cycle will receive a letter informing them that the next infraction will result in a red card.

10.3.3 Red card

- Stays in the judge's file for one Olympic cycle
- Is registered in the judge's book
- The judge will be suspended for one year from all judging activity
- The judge could be downgraded 1 category
- Brevet judges may be removed from the Canadian FIG Brevet list
- The province may be denied a judge at one or more national competition (Elite, Group championships, Western, eastern and Canadian Individual Championships)

10.4 Authority of suspension

Sanctions applied by

- the GCG-RG Program judges Representative
- Judge Responsible for the competition
- GCG-RG Program Representative

These sanctions apply to all provincial, national and international competitions (championships and tournaments)

10.5 Sanction

Judges whose work does not achieve the required 80% overall average at 3 successive national competitions may be refused as panel judges for national competitions and/or refused future international assignments

11. National Judging Chairperson

The National Judging Representative must hold a valid FIG judges' license and be on GCG-RG Program active international judges list

Any Program Committee Judging Chairperson or anyone who will serve as the head judge of a national competition in Canada must not have been in the previous 5 years a founder, a club owner or a coach affiliated with any national club in Canada and must not have received any verbal warning, yellow card orange card or red card in the previous 5 years

Duties:

- Act as judge responsible for national competitions or appoint a representative
- Is responsible for screening judging records and international judge's reports and assuring all GCG-RG Program requirements are met

- Officially certifies national level judges
- Keeps a record of judges assignments
- Maintains and publishes an up to date judges list
- Provides for the planning of Judging Assemblies, Symposiums, Clinics or Courses
- Ensures that National Judging courses are scheduled a minimum of every two years
- Assigns course conductors for National Judging courses
- Distributes the information about the coming year's judging assignments as close to January 1 of each year as possible
- Works with GCG-RG Program professional staff person to ensure that request to host Continental Judging Course is submitted in a timely and appropriate fashion

12. Judging Officials during Competitions

12.1 Assignment

- Judge responsible for the competition designated by GCG-RG Program judges representative
- Judging Director for the competition (local judge responsible) assigned by the GCG-RG Program judges representative in consultation with Organizing Committee
- Juries: drawn or assigned according to criteria by GCG-RG Program judges representative or judge responsible for the competition
- Judge coordinators/assistants assigned by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the Judge Responsible

12.2 Jury of Appeal

- One member of the GCG-RG Program Committee
- Meet director of competition
- GCG-RG Program judges' representative/judge responsible for competition

12.3 Responsibilities

12.3.1 Judge Responsible for the competition

This position is assigned by the GCG-RG Program judges representative

Duties:

- To ensure that all requirements for judging a competition are satisfied
- To advise and assist the Local Judge Responsible for each event in planning the competition
- To direct, with the assistance of the Judge director (local judge Responsible), the instructional meeting and the judges meetings preceding the competitions
- To prepare and assign/draw the judging panels for the competition
- To be a good role model in deed and behaviour for all panel judges.
- To evaluate the work of the judges and issue sanctions to judges whose work is deemed unsatisfactory or who have contravened the rules outline in the Code of Conduct
- To encourage and commend judges who have performed well after the evaluation of each competition

- Conversely, if a panel judge is not performing well in any area, the Judge Responsible will meet privately as soon as possible at the event with the judge to assist her in correcting her behaviour
- To deal with the replacement of any person acting in a judging capacity
- To record the circumstance under which any person has been warned or replaced
- To watch and make reference note of each athlete's routines as performed throughout the competition
- To ensure that all requirements with respect to the conduct of judging personnel are observed
- To conduct a video review if the difference between the middle scores is higher than the tolerated difference (cf. code of points) and if the 2 judges cannot agree
- In that case, the judge responsible will review the video of the routine and will give a score
- The final score of the gymnast will be the Base score calculated in the following manner:

$$\frac{\text{Average of the 2 middle scores of the panel} + \text{score of the judge responsible}}{2}$$

12.3.2. Juries during the competitions

Duties:

- Must have in their possession the current resource materials pertaining to the competition she is officiating (FIG Code of points, Judges Record book, GCG-RG Program Judges Rules and Regulations)
- Be in uniform and attend full judges' meeting and give sufficient time to prepare at judges' table prior to beginning of competition
- Give scores independently of other judges
- Fill out score sheets correctly
- Do not leave judging table until dismissed by judge responsible

13. Podium Training

It will be conducted during the athletes practice time. This will be at the discretion of the judge responsible for the competition in consultation with the host committee

14. Travel Sanction

14.1 Invitational Competitions within Canada

Judges wishing to officiate at competitions outside their province must request a travel sanction from their Provincial Judging Chair through their provincial association.

Judges who do not request and receive sanction to officiate at competitions outside of their province will receive a yellow card from their provincial Judging Representative. This will stay in their file for one Olympic Cycle.

14.2 International Competitions

Judges must request sanction through their Provincial Judging Chairperson

Sanction request must be made six weeks prior to departure. The request must be sent to GCG-RG Program office by the provincial federation.

This sanction request will be forwarded to GCG-RG Program Judging Representative

If a judge officiates at an International Competition without sanction from GCG-RG Program Judging Chairperson, a yellow card will be issued. This card will stay in the judge's file for one Olympic Cycle

15 Travel Reports

15.1 Delay

Within 21 days of completion of an International assignment, a judge must submit a written report on the event to GRG-RG Program office (copy to GRG-RG Program judging representative). It should be an analysis of participation in the event from the judge's perspective

15.2 Documents to be included:

- complete set of results
- conduct and content of judges' course – any pertinent information
- routine and performance analysis
- value of participating in this event for the team
- recommendations
- material of a sensitive nature should be separated from the main report and clearly marked confidential

15.3 Non submission of reports

If the report and the required information are not submitted within the required timeframe:

- Judge will be replaced on assignments already made
- Judge will be ineligible for further assignments for one calendar year from date report was due or until the report has been properly filed, whichever is longer

16 Assignments Commitments

Judges having committed to judge at a National or International competition and having received their sanction for the competition who do not fulfill their obligation, will be further sanctioned by the GCG-RG Program Committee and /or GCG-RG Program Committee Judge Representative and/or provincial judging committee for not fulfilling their obligations

APPENDIX 1

JUDGES' OATH

In the name of judges and officials, I promise that we will officiate in this competition with complete impartiality abiding by the rules in the true spirit of sportsmanship

Au nom de toutes les judges, je promets que nous remplirons nos fonctions pendant les présents Championnats en toute impartialité, respectueuses des règlements et fidèles aux principes du véritable esprit sportif.

APPENDIX 2

JUDGES' UNIFORM

The acceptable judging uniform for all competitions will be as follows:

- white blouse/shirt
- navy blue suit consisting of navy blue blazer, skirt or dress pants

APPENDIX 3

JUDGES' CONDUCT

- should not allow anything to influence or give the appearance of affecting his/her judgement in rendering fair and impartial scores
- shall not criticize or attempt to explain other officials judgements or decisions to any coach athlete or affiliate
- shall treat gymnasts, coaches, other judges, volunteers and spectators with respect and in so doing encourage reciprocal treatment
- any judge witnessing any verbal or physical abuse to any individual are obliged under the Canadian Charter of Rights to report the incident to the proper authorities
- shall be alert at all times and quickly and accurately produce a score. He/she should have a basis for the score and be prepared to rationally and logically explain and support such scores
- shall be cooperative during rotations when working in judging meetings
- shall refrain from derogatory remarks regarding performance scores both outward and non verbal expressions
- shall not engage in any conduct which results in the delay of a competition or any event
- shall not speak without official permission to the media on behalf of GCG-RG Program
- children of judges are not allowed on the floor at any clinic or competition unless accredited
- a judge/ coach must declare their position of either a coach or a judge for the entire competition. This position begins with the judges Meeting at the beginning of the competition and is for the duration of the competitive day including all breaks. After the last score for the day has been handed into the judge responsible and the judges has been dismissed, only then are the judges allowed to converse with coaches, athletes and affiliates. They resume their judging position the following day of competition at the judges meeting
- judges must observe FIG Judges Rules Generalities.
- judges not assigned to a specific panel will be asked to sit in the judges designated area during the competition

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Judges appeal

A judge has the right to appeal any decision on sanction to:

- Jury of appeal during the competition
- GCG-RG Program legal authority after a competition

