



Judges Rules & Regulations

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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, 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 national judges who have judged at FIG events and 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 with matching full-length dress pants or skirt. Skirt should be at least knee length,
- A solid white blouse or shirt. 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,
- Solid dark colour shoes,
- In hot weather, dress sandals may be worn. Running shoes must be worn when required by the facility to protect the floors,
- Plain neutral tone, dark blue or black non-decorative hosiery.

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 P/TSO. The P/TSO 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 P/TSO.

2.2 REGISTRATION

Judges must register with the P/TSO in the province of their residence and with GymCan. All brevet judges must be Canadian citizens. All national and provincial level judges must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Individuals with a valid work permit may, at the discretion of their P/TSO, be permitted to be provincial and club level judges.

Please note: this section is under review by GymCan and the RG-JDWG. P/TSO's can request exemptions for unique circumstances in regards to P/TSO judge affiliation. Requests will be reviewed for consideration by GymCan, in consultation with the JDWG.

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 P/TSO'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 or Canadian Championships.

2.2.1.2 TRANSFER OF BREVET WITHIN CANADA

If a brevet judge moves to another province during the competition season they must register with their new P/TSO, 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 P/TSO, and include a copy of their judge records for the last two years (minimum). GymCan will send a letter to the new P/TSO stating the judge level and confirm the judge has no warnings or outstanding cards. The new P/TSO must advise the judge, GymCan, and the previous P/TSO that the judge is to be registered with the new P/TSO. The new P/TSO 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 P/TSO to send a letter to the new P/TSO stating the judge license level and that there are no warnings or cards outstanding. The P/TSO must send a copy of the judges' record showing competitions judged and courses/workshops attended with the letter. The new P/TSO must advise the judge and the previous P/TSO that the judge is to be registered with the new P/TSO.



2.2 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.

2.2.1 ANNUAL JUDGE RECORD PROCESS

In the fall of each year, GymCan will request that each P/TSO 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).

2.3 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 (RG-JDWG).

2.3.1 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 P/TSO and GymCan to participate in FIG courses. All judges participating in FIG courses must take both the individual and group exams.

In the 2022 to 2024 cycle:

- Judges who recertify or become FIG brevet will be referred to within Canada as Brevet 1, 2, 3 or 4 (B1, B2, B3, B4) - level depends on the exam/test results from FIG judge exams/tests, and the number of competitions judged according to the grouping of international competitions.
- Former FIG brevet judges who did not recertify, or who completed the course but did not pass the exam/test, will be referred to as GymCan brevet.
- Any national 1 level judges who complete a FIG course but did not pass the exam/test will remain as national 1 judges.
- GymCan brevet and all levels of national judges will be required to successfully complete the national course exam/test for both RGI and RGG to be eligible to judge at Canadian Championships, Elite Canada, or Western/Eastern Regional Championships.
- FIG brevet judges must have passed both the RGI and the RGG exam/test in order to judge at GymCan competitions. For Canadian Championships only, an exception may be made by GymCan depending on the number and type of groups participating (e.g. single panel or double panel).
- Former FIG brevet, GymCan brevet or national level judges are eligible to judge domestic invitational competitions once they have successfully completed the national course and exam/test.

All Brevet judges (FIG or GymCan) will be part of the Brevet Judges Council.



2.3.2 NATIONAL JUDGES

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. • Must be approved and registered by P/TSO to attend a national course. P/TSO must confirm candidate has met the above two criteria. 	
To become National 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend GymCan RG national course & pass the exam/test. 	Judge granted National 3
	<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 ○ 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 2022-2024 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 2022 or later.</i></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.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge's P/TSO 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 ○ 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. • 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 2022-2024 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 2022 or later. 	<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 P/TSO 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 P/TSO/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>

Note 1: judges who do not have sufficient competitions to upgrade at the time a national course and exam/test is held may take the course, and provided they pass the exam/test and meet all other criteria, will be upgraded later in the cycle once they have met the competition requirements.

Note 2: the P/TSO's in conjunction with GymCan may identify individuals as development pool judges and/or identify provinces as development pool provinces (DPJ). DPJ may move more quickly through the above levels. Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- P/TSO who does not have many judges. A development pool province must have less than two FIG brevet judges and two national 1 judges to fit into this category. Once a P/TSO meets the minimum judge requirement, they are no longer a DPJ province.
- 30 years old or less at the time of the initial selection, provided satisfactory performance and P/TSO support, may remain on the DPJ list through two FIG cycles. After two cycles have

passed, the judge will become part of the regular pool of judges. Once the judge is national 1, they are no longer a DPJ.

- Commitment to the sport shown through judging a minimum of 3 provincial and national stream competitions each year. The P/TSO will be asked to confirm this participation annually.
- Has confirmed their interest in progressing in judging and judging at ERC or WRC and GymCan competitions.
- The P/TSO is prepared to support the judge and assign the judge to at least one GymCan (EC or CC) competition at minimum every two years as a panel judge or as an alternate judge.
- The judge performs at a satisfactory level at competitions as confirmed by the JR's and displays a collaborative and positive attitude.

Once a national license/level has been granted, a judge remains at that level, however they are required to remain active by registering annually with the P/TSO and participate in the appropriate (see "Education") course 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. If the judge attends a subsequent course and passes the exam/test, they will be eligible to judge at GymCan and ERC/WRC competitions.

2.3.3 SPECIAL CASES: FORMER NATIONAL TEAM / STREAM ATHLETES & NATIONAL TEAM COACHES

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 P/TSO 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 P/TSO 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 P/TSO 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 P/TSO 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 RG-JDWG and GymCan. Formal requests must be submitted to GymCan by the athlete in question through their affiliated P/TSO.

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 P/TSO 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 RG-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. P/TSO 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 2022-2024 cycle. Should there be any adjustments made to the information below, the community will be updated accordingly.

3.1.1 FIG ONLINE TESTING FOR THE 2022 SEASON

As a result of the global pandemic, the FIG Executive Committee approved changing traditional in-person judge courses and exams to an online format for the start of the 2022-2024 cycle.

The online tests will allow FIG brevet judges category 4 or above to retain their 14th cycle category to the 15th cycle with no other requirements other than achieving the required passing score. New judges may certify to category 4 at a maximum through the online testing. Judges will receive a pass or fail. A maximum of 10 new judges per discipline are eligible to take the online judge exam/test. The judge's national federation must complete the registration process for all judges



GymCan will only consider brevet judges and national 1 judges for the FIG online testing who:

- Meet minimum requirements from FIG to attend the course.
- Judged a minimum of two Canadian Championships or Elite Canada in the previous cycle.
- Have no outstanding warnings.
- Are approved by their P/TSO to attend.

Other considerations may be reviewed by the JDWG/GymCan on a case-by-case scenario which may include: DPJ judge or province, or other unique circumstances

3.1.2 FIG REGIONAL COURSE

FIG regional in-person courses may be held in 2023, allowing qualified judges to receive brevet through category 2 (including upgrades). More information will be released mid-2022 through an addendum to the [General Judge's Rules](#).

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

- Brevet judges who wish to upgrade their judge level.
- Brevet judges who did not attend the online judge exam/test.
- National 1 judges who wish to obtain brevet 4 who did not complete the FIG 2022 online testing.

In order to be eligible to attend a regional judge course judges must:

- Have no outstanding warnings;
- Judged a minimum of 1 Canadian Championships, Elite Canada, or a Provincial Championships that meets the following criteria:
 - 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.
- Be approved by their P/TSO as well as GymCan.

If Canada does not host a FIG regional judge course, then national 1 and brevet judges will be approved by GymCan to attend a FIG regional course in the priority order above. Note: FIG will confirm with GymCan the brevet license for the new cycle.

3.2 GYM CAN COURSES

All national courses are self-funded. GymCan will organize the courses and will provide the P/TSO's with information regarding course logistics. GymCan will offer the courses and exams/tests via an electronic delivery method when possible.

All brevet and national judges who did not attend the FIG online testing or a regional judge course must attend a national course and pass the exams/tests in order to be eligible to judge at GymCan competitions.

Judges who did attend a FIG course but did not pass both RGI and RGG will be required to successfully write the national exam for whichever exams/tests were not passed. These judges will not be required to pay the GymCan national judge course fee for the first attempt. Payment will be required for the second and subsequent GymCan national judge course tests if required.

Judges must be approved and registered by their P/TSO.

If an online course is not available, judges will be approved by GymCan to attend an in-person course in the following order of priority:

- Brevet judges who did not attend the FIG online testing or a regional course or who did attend but did not pass the exams, and wish to certify to judge GymCan competitions (these will be called “GymCan Brevet”);
- National 1, 2 or 3 judges who wish to recertify;
- National 2 or 3 judges who wish to upgrade;
- Provincial 1 judge who meet the criteria to upgrade to national 3;
- Provincial 1 judge who wish to recertify as provincial 1;
- Provincial 2 confirmed judges who wish to upgrade to provincial 1.

SECTION 4: JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

4.1 ASSIGNMENTS

Canadian brevet judges must meet all FIG criteria to be assigned to FIG competitions. GymCan, with the input of the RG-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 require 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 for each competition before the final assignment is made.

4.1.1 TRAVEL REQUESTS AND APPROVALS

For in-person international competitions that are not assigned as described in 4.1 above, judges must request approval/sanction from GymCan to judge at any competition outside of Canada. The sanction requests should be submitted at least six weeks in advance of an international competition and prior to definitive registration deadlines. Judges are responsible for all travel and other expenses, except where GymCan has advised in advance the expenses GymCan will cover.

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

4.1.2 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION REPORTS

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 and funds the Judge Responsible (JR) and the Judge Administrator (JA) for Canadian Championships and Elite Canada. The panel assignments are sent by email to the provincial offices by GymCan as far in advance as possible. It is the province’s responsibility to confirm availability of judge before submitting their names to GymCan for assignment consideration. 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.

Refer to the Appendix 5 for the JR and JA responsibilities. Refer to [RG’s virtual event guidelines](#) for additional responsibilities of the JR and JA for virtual events.

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.

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 ensures the penalty deductions are applied as per FIG. The JA does not act as a reference 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 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. Therefore, the individual must be a registered national 1 judge or higher who remains current with the FIG rules through attendance at workshops and/or courses but is not required to have completed a FIG course, or a national course or exam.

Where no unattached judge is available, a judge with no athletes in the competition will be assigned. GymCan will make a list of potential JA’s each year from the list of judges provided by the P/TSO, make the assignments and advise the host club and JR for each competition as early as possible each season.

4.2.3 JUDGE PANELS

The total number of panel judges will be 16 for in-person events. Double panel for DA and DB, single panel for Artistry and Execution:

Panel 1: DA (2) + DB (2)

Panel 2: DA (2) + DB (2)

Single panel: 4 Artistry + 4 Execution

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 if these events are judged virtually. Panel adjustments will be at the discretion of GymCan, with input received from the Program Committee and RG-JDWG.

The intention is to have equal representation from each province at Canadian Championships and Elite Canada in order 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 one judge per club. GymCan will send the request for each P/STO's proposed judges and will then advise the P/TSO of the judge assignments.

4.2.3.1 ELITE CANADA AND CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The information below applies to 2022-2024 competitions. All panel judges must have passed the exam/test for one of the FIG courses, or a national course prior to being assigned.

At the end of the process described below a minimum of 8 of the panel judges should be brevet (a judge who completed a FIG course and passed the exam/test). This will ensure at least one brevet for each panel:

- Panel 1: 2 DB (1 of 2 must be brevet); 2 DA (1 of 2 must be brevet)
- Panel 2: 2 DB (1 of 2 must be brevet); 2 DA (1 of 2 must be brevet)
- Single panel: 4 execution (2 of the 4 must be brevet); 4 artistry (2 of the 4 must be brevet)

Judge panel assignment process:

- One of the national level positions is allocated to the DPJ'S, who must be a minimum national 3 and have judged at least one ERC/WRC to be assigned. The priority will be a judge who has not judged at the previous GymCan competition. If there is no DPJ identified, the spot will go to the "pool".
- Up to four of the positions may be allocated to two national 1 judges and/or GymCan brevet (split between east and west), who have completed the national judge course and passed the exam/test.
- Up to four of the positions may be allocated to judges who are national 2 or national 3 who require upgrading/maintenance (split between east and west), and/or a province that has no brevet to send.
 - Note: judges who are nominated under this caveat must have judged a minimum of three of the four types of competitions outlined in section 2.3.2: National Judges.
 - Provinces may request an exemption to this requirement if they qualify under the provincial DPJ requirement outlined in section 2.3.2: National Judges.
- The remaining eight "pool" spots are assigned to brevet judges as described above in the priority order provided by the P/TSO'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: the Canadian National Senior Group is a “GymCan” group and does not fall into this category.
 - 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 competing both apparatus - 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.
- 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.
- Provinces may also include on their list up to two alternate judges national 2 or higher.
 - A national 2 or higher judge may be assigned during the competition to replace a panel judge in the event of illness or the removal of a judge from the panel for any reason.
- Provinces may also submit one national 3 or higher to participate as a line judge/apparatus judge and to practice judge.
 - The assigned alternate and the assigned “practice” 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 assigned alternate and assigned “practice” judge will have the opportunity to practice judge for the equivalent of one full day minimum, will be assigned to line judge for the equivalent of one full day and as secretary judge for the equivalent of one full day
 - One assignment of this type (alternate judge/line or apparatus judge or timer) may be counted towards upgrading each cycle.

4.2.3.2 ELITE CANADA & CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS OPTION FOR THE NOVICE COMPETITION & PILOT JUDGE ASSIGNMENT PROCESS FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR COMPETITION

If applicable, provinces may submit one additional judge national 3 or higher 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 three of these judges in a way that maintain the east/west balance. It may be possible that none or only one or two of the proposed judges will be assigned. If assigned, this will count as a competition toward the judges upgrading/maintaining. 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.

P/TSO’s will have the opportunity to nominate different judges for the junior and senior portion of the competition for 2022 Canadian Championships only, identical to the novice option outlined above. This will be reflected in the GymCan P/TSO judge request form (please refer to Appendix 6: P/TSO Judge Nomination Form). Nominated judges can be field of play coaches. These judges/coaches will be required to pay both the coach registration fee, and judge fee, if applicable. This will be done as a pilot for 2022 Canadian Championships and the functionality will be assessed following the event. The purpose of this initiative is to allow more judges the opportunity to judge in order to gain competitions for their judge upgrade requests as a result of the limited number of competitions over the past two years.

4.3 EASTERN / WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All panel judges must have passed the exams for one of the FIG courses, or a national course prior to being assigned.

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, if applicable. 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, GymCan will also fund the travel and accommodations for the national portion of the event only, if applicable. The LOC is responsible for assigning and funding the JA for the provincial portion of the event.

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 not officiate both the national and provincial stream. Each P/TSO 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 P/TSO's.

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

- Judges must be national 3 or higher.
- 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 as single panel with 10 judges (and schedule adjusted accordingly). Of the 10 judges, there must be a minimum of six brevet (2 brevet for D1/2 and for D3/4, and then one brevet for each of the other two panels), and a minimum of two national 1 judges. The exact format of the panels and the assignments will be discussed and decided by the JR and GymCan.

4.3.3 ERC / WRC DEVELOPMENT STREAM COMPETITION PANEL JUDGES

- Each P/TSO will provide a list of judges for the development stream competition, preferably different judges than for the national stream competition. The P/TSO must clearly indicate on their list who is judging national stream and who is judging development stream. Judges must be provincial 1 or higher.
- It is recommended that double panels are used for the development stream as described above for Elite Canada and Canadian Championships in section 4.2.3.1.

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 represented by at least one judge on the panel;
- There must be a minimum of 8 national stream seniors, 8 national stream juniors, and 6 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 INVITATIONALS INCLUDING ATHLETES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

All competitions including athletes from other countries must have GymCan approval and a minimum brevet 4 judge as the JR.

4.6 JUDGE PANELS FOR SCORE INQUIRY REVIEWS (IN-PERSON)

Note: the Meet Director or local JR must provide the JA with approximately 20 of the small judge chits for DB and for DA before the start of Competition A.

- The designated individual, the Apparatus Judge, will advise the GymCan representative (or JA) of the inquiry as soon as the verbal notice is provided (via walkie talkie or text if authorized), and will bring the form and cash immediately upon receipt.
- The GymCan representative will retain the fee and give the Score Inquiry form to the JA.
- The JA will obtain judged scripts or chits, if applicable. The GymCan representative will make 4 copies of the unmarked original script if there was one and bring all materials in a folder to the Judge Administrator.
- The JA and GymCan representative will draw the names of the judges based on the criteria below. The judges drawn for the score inquiry will be informed just before they will perform the routine review.
- Immediately at the end of the rotation/or as soon as possible during the rotation if technically possible, the JA will advise the panel judges to remain in their seats and to not use their phones or other devices until the judges assigned to do the review are informed. The judges not involved in the review may be excused by the JA if the review takes place after the rotation. None of the judges are informed of the name of the athlete or apparatus.

The JA in consultation with the GymCan representative assigns the review panel as follows:

- JR will act as a Reference Judge for the DB Inquiry Panel, and for the DA Inquiry Panel. (Unless there is a gymnast from her club in which case the highest ranking brevet (RGI or RGG depending on if the inquiry is for RGI or RGG) who did not judge the routine.
- 2 names from the panel judges national 1 or higher are drawn for each inquiry.
- The JR and the 2 drawn judges will view the routine one time.
- The JR provides his/her score with no consultation with the two drawn judges.
- The two drawn judges provide their joint score within 60 seconds of the end of the video review. Only very brief consultation for clarification is allowed.
- The JR reference score and the one score from the drawn judges are averaged to create the final “Review Score”.

4.7 JUDGE PANELS FOR SCORE INQUIRY REVIEWS (VIRTUAL)

Note: judges selected for score inquiries must keep record of all judging notes, including score inquiries. The selected judges for score inquiries must send a picture of their scrap paper/score to the assigned JA or GymCan designate

- Coaches will send an email to the GymCan representative of the inquiry within 5 minutes of the score being posted.
- Following the written notice, coaches will have 30 minutes to complete the score inquiry forms and submit the completed forms to the GymCan representative. A credit card authorization form must be included together with the score inquiry form.
- The GymCan representative will obtain judged scripts or chits by email, if applicable. The GymCan representative will provide all materials electronically to the JA.
- The JA and GymCan representative will draw the names of the judges based on the criteria below. The judges drawn for the score inquiry will be informed just before they will perform the routine review.
- Immediately at the end of the rotation/or as soon as possible during the rotation if technically possible, the JA will advise the panel judges to remain in their seats and to not use their phones or other devices until the judges assigned to do the review are informed. The judges not involved in the review may be excused by the JA if the review takes place after the rotation. None of the judges are informed of the name of the athlete or apparatus.

The JA in consultation with the GymCan representative assigns the review panel as follows:

- JR will act as a Reference Judge for the DB Inquiry Panel, and for the DA Inquiry Panel. (Unless there is a gymnast from her club in which case the highest ranking brevet (RGI or RGG depending on if the inquiry is for RGI or RGG) who did not judge the routine.
- 2 names from the panel judges national 1 or higher are drawn for each inquiry.
- The JR and the 2 drawn judges will view the routine one time in a break-out session.
- The JR provides his/her score with no consultation with the two drawn judges.
- The two drawn judges provide their joint score within 60 seconds of the end of the video review. Only very brief consultation for clarification is allowed.
- The JR reference score and the one score from the drawn judges are averaged to create the final “Review Score”.

SECTION 5: JUDGE REQUIREMENTS AT COMPETITIONS, WARNINGS AND CARDS

All judges assigned, including the two alternates must:

- Attend the judge course/meeting prior to start of competition. The competition schedule will indicate the time of the scheduled course/meeting. For in-person events, 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.
- The JR and the JA may attend the “Technical Meeting”.

All assigned judges, including alternates, 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.
 - A judge may go quickly to obtain or purchase coffee or food but should not be 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.

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, and if a yellow or red card, a written copy provided to the judge’s PTO. If a verbal warning is given, the judge’s provincial representative will be advised verbally. 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. 2 nd offence– yellow card & removed from the panel for the day 3 rd offence– red card & removed from the entire competition



Misconduct Description	Warning / Card
Late appearance to the judge meeting or returning from a break.	1 st offence – verbal warning
Criticize another judge's scores or judging ability to the judge or to others; harass another judge	2 nd offence - yellow card & removed from the panel for the day 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 P/TSO Representative Signature>

<Insert P/TSO Representative Name>

<Insert P/TSO Representative Email>

Copy: <Insert Judge Name>

<Insert Judge Email>



APPENDIX 2: RECOMMENDED PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Provincial certification and licensing is the responsibility of each P/TSO. 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 P/TSO)	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 P/TSO	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete provincial level course and pass exam (pass rate set by P/TSO) if required by P/TSO (note that some P/TSO'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 P/TSO• Judge requests upgrade from P/TSO by email & includes copy of logbook/judge records showing required number of competitions <p><i>Note: Some P/TSO may require another course & exam to upgrade from P2 to P1</i></p>	Provincial 1

APPENDIX 3: PROCESS FOR INQUIRY REQUESTING REVIEW

DIFFICULTY SCORE INQUIRY PROCESS

Score Inquiry is only permitted at:

- Elite Canada for junior and senior RGI and FIG RGG junior or senior (when Elite Canada is used as part of national team ranking and selection for international assignment);
- Canadian Championships for all national stream RGI levels and FIG RGG junior or senior;
- Eastern/Western Championships for all national stream RGI levels and FIG RGG junior and 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 is as follows:

- \$300 for the first
- \$500 for the second
- \$500 for the third
- \$500 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 \$800 is required (\$300 for the first, and \$500 for the second). The **coach** must indicate which inquiry is the first inquiry (i.e. does the coach want the DB to be considered the first or the DA) by marking the form.

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 \$300. 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 \$500, 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 \$500. 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:

In-Person Event

Step 1: The inquiry must be made **verbally immediately** following the display of the score to the designated person (i.e. apparatus judge), and at the very latest, immediately after the routine of the gymnast next in the rotation order. For the last gymnast in the rotation, it must be made one minute after the publication of the score. The person receiving the inquiry must note the time of the verbal notification and advise the identified GymCan Representative.

Step 2: The completed score inquiry form and payment must be given to the designated person (i.e. apparatus judge) within **3 minutes** following the verbal notification of an inquiry. The person receiving



the inquiry must note the time of the verbal notification, and of the written form and payment submission. **No late inquiries will be accepted.**

Step 3: The Apparatus Measurement Official immediately takes the form and fee to the GymCan representative (preferred), or the Judge Administrator. The form cannot be given to any other individual, including the Meet Director. The GymCan representative will then give the form to the JA and advises the videographer, who immediately makes arrangements to play routine on TV or large computer screen at the end of the full rotation.

- The video review is conducted under the supervision of the JA and the GymCan National Team Director and/or other GymCan representative only.
- Details of the inquiry results are recorded on the Score Inquiry form.
- The JA completes the Score Inquiry Review Request Form and advises the scorer to change the score. The GymCan Representative photocopies the completed request form and gives the copy to the coach. If applicable, the fee is returned.
- The original inquiry form and all relevant paperwork are retained by GymCan, along with the fee if the revised score does not meet the requirements. Paperwork will be retained at the GymCan office for 6 months following the event and will then be discarded.

Virtual Event

Step 1: The inquiry must be made **by email** to the GymCan representative within 5 minutes following the display of the score. The posting time on KSIS will be used. For the last gymnast in the rotation, it must be made five minutes after the publication of the score. The GymCan Representative will note the time of the written notification.

Step 2: The completed score inquiry form and payment via a credit card authorization form must be given to the GymCan representative within **30 minutes** following the written notification of an inquiry. The GymCan Representative will note the time of receipt of the complete inquiry application. **No late inquiries will be accepted.**

Step 3: The GymCan representative will email the inquiry package to the Judge Administrator (or provide a folder if in the same location). The form cannot be given to any other individual. The GymCan representative will work with the videographer who will makes arrangements to play routine on the judging platform at the end of the full rotation.

- Break-out rooms will be used for the virtual score inquiry process.
- The video review is conducted under the supervision of the JA and the GymCan National Team Director and/or other GymCan representative only.
- Details of the inquiry results are recorded on the Score Inquiry form.
- The JA completes the Score Inquiry Review Request Form and advises the scorer to change the score. The GymCan Representative will electronically file the completed request form and provide an email copy to the coach. If applicable, the fee is returned.
- The original inquiry form and all relevant paperwork/electronic copies are retained by GymCan, along with the fee if the revised score does not meet the requirements. Paperwork/electronic copies will be retained at the GymCan office for 6 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 event.

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.



Rhythmic Gymnastics Score Inquiry Request Form



Event	Check box		Enter A or B	Apparatus
Elite Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	Competition A or B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canadian Championships	<input type="checkbox"/>	Competition A or B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comp A = maximum of 4 inquiries per club Individual; 2 for group
Comp B = maximum of 2 inquiries per club for individual; 1 for group

ERC - national individual stream only	<input type="checkbox"/>	maximum of 4 inquiries per club
WRC - national individual stream only	<input type="checkbox"/>	maximum of 4 inquiries per club

Enter below the Inquiry Number for your club

Club Name	<input type="text"/>	Score Inquiry #	<input type="text"/>
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Coach must circle the correct inquiry # below, and provide the fee in cash immediately

Inquiry #	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Fee (cash only)	\$300	\$500	\$500	\$500

Coach Name: <i>printed</i>	<input type="text"/>	expected DB/DA score ---->	<input type="text"/>	Signature	_____
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Apparatus Judge: <i>printed</i>	<input type="text"/>	Signature	_____
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Athlete / Group name	<input type="text"/>	Level	<input type="text"/>
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Time Score posted	<input type="text"/>	Time Inquiry received	<input type="text"/>
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DB Score posted	<input type="text"/>	DB Score expected	<input type="text"/>	OR	DA Score posted	<input type="text"/>	DA Score expected	<input type="text"/>
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DB Score from Review	<input type="text"/>	OR	DA Score from Review	<input type="text"/>
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Is Review Score **higher** than originally posted Score (circle)? Yes No

If yes, money refunded to coach. Coach signature:

If Review Score is **equal to or lower** than posted score, money is not refunded

Revised score entered into scoring system: JA initial _____ Scorer initial _____

Copy of this completed form given to coach



Rhythmic Gymnastics Line & Time Review Request Form



Event	Check box	Enter A or B	Apparatus
Elite Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	Competition A or B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canadian Championships	<input type="checkbox"/>	Competition A or B	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comp A = maximum of 2 inquiries per club Individual; 1 for group
Comp B = maximum of 2 inquiries per club for individual; 1 for group

ERC - national individual stream only	<input type="checkbox"/>	maximum of 2 inquiries per club
WRC - national individual stream only	<input type="checkbox"/>	maximum of 2 inquiries per club

Enter below the Inquiry Number for your club

Club Name	<input type="text"/>	Score Inquiry #	<input type="text"/>
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Coach must circle the correct inquiry request and number below, and provide the fee in cash immediately

Inquiry Request	Line Review <input type="checkbox"/>	Time Review <input type="checkbox"/> (Only accepted is there is 1 timer present)		
Inquiry #	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Time Review 1 <input type="checkbox"/> No Fee	Time Review 1 <input type="checkbox"/> No Fee
Fee (cash only)	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	No Fee <input type="checkbox"/>	No Fee <input type="checkbox"/>

Coach Name: <i>printed</i>	<input type="text"/>	Signature _____
Apparatus Judge: <i>printed</i>	<input type="text"/>	Signature _____

Athlete / Group name	<input type="text"/>	Level	<input type="text"/>
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Time Score posted	<input type="text"/>	Time Inquiry received	<input type="text"/>
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Time Originally Recorded	<input type="text"/>	Time from Review	<input type="text"/>
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Line Deduction Originally Recorded	<input type="text"/>	Line Deduction from Review	<input type="text"/>
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Is the deduction accurate? Yes No

If no, money refunded to coach. Coach signature:

If deduction is accurate, money is not refunded

Revised score entered into scoring system: JA initial _____ Scorer initial _____
Copy of this completed form given to coach



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

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.
- Makes the panel assignments or conducts a draw.
- Liaises between the Meet Director and the judges.
- Requests JA to hold panel judge meeting input 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, to ensure that all Judge Rules and Technical Rules are followed, and to ensure that all score ranges are within FIG requirements. The JA does not act as a reference judge and does not score the routines.

The individual must not be affiliated and must be aware of GymCan and FIG rules and regulations. Therefore, the individual must be a registered National 1 judge or higher who remains current with the FIG rules through attendance at workshops and / or courses. Where no unaffiliated judge is available, a judge with no athletes competing in the competition will be assigned.

Specific Duties:

- Ensure all GymCan Judge Rules and Technical Rules are followed.
- Holds meeting with timer, line judges and volunteer secretaries to ensure they are knowledgeable about the rules and their function.
- Attends the judge meetings and educations sessions.
- Records the draw / judge panel assignments and informs the computer scoring team.
- Ensures the judge tables are set up with the correct chits, iPads, scripts, judge place "cards".
- Organizes score inquiries with the GymCan representative.
- Advises JR of out of range scores.
- Keeps track of the time as compared to the schedule of the competition, informs the JR and Meet Director, and coordinates adjustments as needed.
- Records any misconduct warnings / cards and advises GymCan who will advise the appropriate P/TSO.



- 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: P/TSO JUDGE ASSIGNMENT NOMINATION FORM

P/TSO's must list the judges in the order they would like them to be assigned if selected.

Please list judge assignments for senior level of competition				
Priority	Province	Level	Judge Name	
1				
2				
3				
4				
Please list judge assignment for junior level of competition				
Priority	Province	Level	Judge Name	Judge they are replacing
1				
2				
3				
4				
Please list judge assignment for novice level of competition				
Priority	Province	Level	Judge Name	Judge they are replacing
1				
2				
3				
4				

APPENDIX 7: 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 availabilities and as authorized 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

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. Tick the appropriate box for the fault on the line judge form or tablet while continuing to watch the routine.
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, give the line judge slip to a runner to take to the head judge for inclusion in the scoring papers.
8. 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. 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. 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. Start the timer when the gymnast starts moving (or first gymnast in group) and stop the timer when the gymnast stops moving (or the last gymnast in group). Record the time to the millisecond on the rotation order. For example, 1:30:05. If the routine is over or less than the



required time (times to be provided by the Meet Director), then also complete the Timer Judge Chit.

4. Give the timer judge slip to a runner to take to the head judge for inclusion in the scoring papers.

Apparatus Judge Responsibilities

For GymCan events, every apparatus will be checked during the general warm-up prior to the start of the competition for each level. For Elite Canada, Canadian Championships, and the national stream portion of Regional Championships, the apparatus measuring equipment must be placed in the warmup gym very close to where the gymnast will enter the competition floor. The apparatus judge will measure each apparatus before the gymnast competes her routines. If there is a fault with the apparatus measurement, the gymnast must replace the non-conforming apparatus, with a conforming apparatus. As per FIG regulations, no gymnast is authorized to compete with unapproved apparatus. NOTE: gymnasts may check their apparatus any time prior to their routine and make corrections if needed.