

## **Part 6 – GNL Judging Regulations**

# **Section I – General**

## **A. Responsibilities**

Judges are to officiate with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding the rules which govern them in true spirit of sportsmanship. Sporting justice, ethics and honesty are the basis of a fair judgment. All judges, regardless of level, are expected to abide by the sport code of conduct/code of ethics.

Judges will adhere to the most current revisions of:

The GNL Programs Manual  
The Canadian Competition Rules  
FIG Code of Points

Judges and coaches are encouraged to communicate informally prior to and/or after competitions regarding any technical concerns.

Judges are held responsible in matters concerning attendance, promptness, proper dress and conduct.

Judges are expected to be non-bias and fair, conduct themselves with the highest degree of professionalism both on the competition floor and in meetings.

Disciplinary action can be brought against those who show unprofessional and undisciplined behavior at competitions. A template of the Disciplinary Action letter and consequences can be found in the Appendix.

## **B. Attire**

Female Officials:       Black/Navy Blazer  
                                  White Blouse  
                                  Black/Navy Slacks or Skirt  
                                  Appropriate Footwear

Officials representing NL at Travel Events must wear Navy. Black will only be accepted at in province meets.

Male Officials:         Navy/Black Blazer  
                                  White Dress Shirt  
                                  Black/Navy/Kaki Slacks  
                                  Appropriate Footwear

Officials representing NL at Travel Events must wear Navy. Black and kaki will only be accepted at in province meets.

Officials cannot wear streetwear or coaching attire while judging

## **C. Registration**

Judges are required to register with GNL by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline each year. There is an annual \$10.00 registration fee for judges. This \$10.00 fee will be waived for individuals who register for a GNL held judging clinic. Judges may be affiliated through a member club in good standing, or as an unattached judge and individual member. Failure to register may lead to loss of certification or eligibility for travel as a member of a GNL delegation.

### **1. Judging Status**

#### **i. Inactive**

A judge can request to be listed as "inactive - excused" for valid reasons without losing their certification level (valid reasons include medical, personal, etc).

A judge can request "coach – excused" status to keep from dropping in levels as well, as long as the judge can prove they are training athletes at or above their listed judging level and is actually on the floor with them during qualifier competitions.

### **2. Judging Record Forms**

Judging record forms are available in the appendix of this manual or from the GNL office.

Each judge must submit his/her forms to the GNL office by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. These forms must contain a listing of all competitions judged, including date, level and apparatus judged, clinics attended, gym observations and authorization. Failure to submit forms as required will result in loss of advancement in the judging program.

## D. Honoraria

For GNL events, Judges will be paid an honorarium according to the following table.

### Honoraria

MAG		1-2yrs	3-4yrs	5+yrs
	Shadow	No Honoraria		
Entry		\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00
Regional		\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.00
Provincial		\$30.00	\$32.50	\$35.00
National		\$35.00	\$37.50	\$40.00
FIG		\$40.00	\$42.50	\$45.00

WAG		1-2yrs	3-4yrs	5+yrs
	Shadow	No Honoraria		
Compulsory		\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00
Optional 6-8		\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.00
Optional 9-10		\$30.00	\$32.50	\$35.00
National 10		\$35.00	\$37.50	\$40.00
National HP		\$40.00	\$42.50	\$45.00

T&T		1-2yrs	3-4yrs	5+yrs
	Shadow/ Provincial 5	No Honoraria		
Provincial 4		\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00
Provincial 3		\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.00
Provincial 2		\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.00
Provincial 1		\$30.00	\$32.50	\$35.00
National 3		\$35.00	\$37.50	\$40.00
National 2		\$35.00	\$37.50	\$40.00
National 1		\$35.00	\$37.50	\$40.00
FIG		\$40.00	\$42.50	\$45.00

For judges who are judging outside their area, and have not taken a course in the alternate area, will receive an honoraria equal to 1 Level below their trained level

A session is defined as follows:

	<b>MAG P1 / WAG JO 3-6</b>	<b>MAG P2+ / WAG JO 7-10+ National</b>
<b>1 Session</b>	Up to 50 gymnasts	Up to 35 gymnasts
<b>1.5 Sessions</b>	51-60 gymnasts	36-45 gymnasts
<b>2 Sessions</b>	61-70 gymnasts	46-55 gymnasts
<b>Unacceptable</b>	Over 70	Over 55

Sessions that have a mixture of levels, will be defined by the levels which make up more than 50% of the participants

## E. Expenses

For Judges representing GNL at Provincials and travel competitions, travel, accommodations and meals will be compensated as stated by GNL. Failure to confirm with the GNL office may result in no travel compensations. If judges choose to travel with their affiliated clubs to GNL team competitions where they are actively judging, they may be eligible for partial compensation of expenses.

## Section II – Judge Education

Judges are encouraged to participate in the development of gymnastics by attending offered judging seminars, and through communication with coaches and gymnasts during practical gym sessions.

To maintain & create knowledgeable and competent judges who are certified to judge at the provincial level GNL will:

- pay expenses for National level judges to attend courses/clinics and qualifying competitions in order to maintain and/or upgrade their level when fiscally able.
- pay expenses and honoraria for judges conducting judging clinics as organized by GNL
- identify and train provincial course clinicians

## **A. Judging Clinicians**

Provincial Course Clinicians are appointed by the JDC.

For GNL run clinics, GNL will pay clinicians an honorarium of \$30.00/hr + a \$30.00 preparation fee.

## **B. Judge Assessment**

To maintain & create knowledgeable and competent judges who are certified to judge at the provincial level

Judges will be expected to take part in an assessment process as outlined in their respective discipline in section III.

## **C. Judge Continuing Professional Development**

Shadow Judging: Sitting on a panel where your scores don't count at your current judging level or one level higher. (All shadow judging of GNL-qualifier events must be approved by the JDC)

Observation Hours: Observing athletes in a gym club where athletes of your current judging level or one higher train

Mentor Hours: Observing athletes in a gym club where athletes of your current judging level or higher train along with a judge of a higher level.

Practice Judging: by video or in person

# **Section III – Judging Levels**

## **A. Women's Artistic**

### **1. Compulsory**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 15 years old
- Must complete a Compulsory Judging Course

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Compulsory Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for JO1-5.

#### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the Province
- Must complete 12 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at Compulsory Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging / Practice Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
- Successfully complete Compulsory level written & practical exam with an 80% pass mark. An individual can only take the written and/or practical exam for a specific level a maximum of three times per year in the attempt to pass. Individuals who pass the written & practical exams are eligible to be a HJ for JO 1-5
- Judge a minimum of 40 routines over 2 competitions
- Must have an evaluation at least once a cycle at a JO3-5 competition

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships and/or Atlantics (JO5 only)

## **2. Optional 6-8**

### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Must complete an Optional 6-8 Judging Course

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Optional 6-8 Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for JO6-10 and/or Aspire 1&2. Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the Province
- Must complete 12 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at Optional 6-8 Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging / Practice Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
- Successfully complete Optional 6-8 level written & practical exam with an 80% pass mark. An individual can only take the written and/or practical exam for a specific level a maximum of three times per year in the attempt to pass. Individuals who pass the written & practical exams are eligible to be a HJ for JO 6-8
- Judge a minimum of 40 routines over 2 competitions
- Must have an evaluation at least once a cycle at a JO6-8 competition

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships, Atlantics and/or Easterns\*

## **4. Optional 9-10**

### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 19 years old
- Must have a minimum of 3 years judging experience at Optional 6-8
- Must have attended the JO6-8 course and successfully completed the evaluation process (GCG theory and practical exams) with a minimum of 80%

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Optional 9-10 Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for JO6-10 and/or Aspire 1&2. Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province
- Must complete 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at Optional 6-8 Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
  - Practice judging (online routines)
- Judge a minimum of 40 routines over 2 competitions
- Must have an educational live/on panel assessment at a JO9 or 10 competition

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships, Atlantics and/or Easterns

## **5. National JO10**

Individuals in this level are eligible to judge JO6-10 and/or Aspire 1&2. Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines. Individuals in this level are also eligible to judge at Provincial Championships, Atlantics and/or Easterns. They may also get an opportunity to judge at JO Canadian Championships and/or Canada Games

### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must have a minimum of 5 years judging experience, 2 of which must be at Optional 9-10 level
- Must be recommended by their PTO
- Must have completed the NCCP Competition Introduction (or similar) course

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province
- Must complete 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at Optional 6-8 Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
  - Practice judging (online routines)
- Must have attended the National JO10 course and successfully completed the evaluation process (GCG theory and practical exams) with a minimum of 80% - once per cycle
- Must have an educational live/on panel assessment at a JO9 or 10 competition
- 40 routines over 2 competitions

## **6. National High Performance**

Individuals in this level are eligible to judge HP Novice, Junior, Senior, JO6-10 and/or Aspire 1&2. Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines. Individuals in this level are also eligible to judge at Provincial Championships, Atlantics and/or Easterns. They may also get an opportunity to judge at JO Canadian Championships, HP Canadian Championships and/or Canada Games

### **Entry Requirements**

- Must hold a valid National JO10 rating
- Must be recommended by their PTO

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be an active judge in the province (as defined by the province residing in)
- Must participate in the HP course and successfully complete the evaluation process (theory and practical exams) with a minimum of 80% - once per cycle
- Must complete 16 hours of Continuing professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
- 40 routines over 2 competitions

## **B. Men's Artistic**

### **1. Entry Level**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 16 years of age (Active MAG Gymnasts can enter at 14)
- Must complete an Entry Level judging course

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Entry Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for Provincial 1-2.

#### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the Province
- Must complete 12 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at Entry Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging / Practice Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
- Successfully complete Entry level written & practical exam with an 80% pass mark. An individual can only take the written and/or practical exam for a specific level a maximum of three times per year in the attempt to pass. Individuals who pass the written & practical exams are eligible to be a HJ for Provincial 1-2
- Judge a minimum of 40 routines over 2 competitions
- Must have an evaluation at least once a cycle at a Provincial 1-2 competition

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships and/or Atlantics (Provincial 1-2 only)

## 2. Regional Level

### Entry Requirements

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Must have judged for 2 years at the Entry Level and met all maintenance requirements
- Must complete a Regional Level judging course

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Regional Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for Provincial 1-5 and/or Elite 2-4.

### Maintenance Requirements

- Must be active in the Province
- Must complete 15 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at Regional Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging / Practice Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
- Successfully complete Entry Level written & practical exam with an 80% pass mark.  
An individual can only take the written and/or practical exam for a specific level a maximum of three times per year in the attempt to pass  
Individuals who pass the written & practical exams are eligible to be a HJ for Provincial 3-5 and Elite2-4
- Judge a minimum of 40 routines over 2 competitions
- Must have an evaluation at least once a cycle at a Provincial 3-5 competition

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships and Atlantics\*

## 3. Provincial Level

### Entry Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be an active regional level judge who met maintenance requirements for the previous 2 years
- Must complete a Provincial Level judging course

### Maintenance Requirements

- Must be active in the Province
- Must complete 18 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at Provincial Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging / Practice Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
- Successfully complete Provincial Level written & practical exam with an 80% pass mark.  
An individual can only take the written and/or practical exam for a specific level a maximum of three times per year in the attempt to pass  
Individuals who pass the written & practical exams are eligible to be a HJ for Provincial 3-5, Elite2-4 & National Open
- Judge a minimum of 40 routines over 2 competitions
- Must have an evaluation at least once a cycle at a Provincial 3-5 competition

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships, Atlantics and/or Easterns\*

## 5. National Level

### Entry Requirements

- Must be an active provincial level judge who met the maintenance requirements for the previous 2 years

- Must be recommended by their PTO

#### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province
- Must complete 21 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year
  - Attendance at GCG National Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
  - Practice judging (online routines)
- Must have attended the GCG National course and successfully completed the evaluation process

### **6. FIG**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be an active National Level judge who met the maintenance requirements for the previous 2 years
- Must be recommended by their PTO and GCG
- Must meet FIG requirements

## **C. T&T**

### **1. Provincial Level**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- At least 16 years of age (15 years of age if a trampoline athlete)
- Must complete the provincial Level judging course & exams

#### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Active in the Province
- Attend Provincial Level Judging Course
- Pass the appropriate exams for either recertification and/or upgrading as in accordance with the Canadian Provincial Judging requirements
- Judge at two competitions throughout the competitive year
- Complete 12 hours of Professional Educational Development
  - Attend Provincial Level judging Course
  - Spend time in the gym under the supervision of a Level II coach or a senior judge observing skills and routines (It is strongly recommended all judges, spend at least 8 hours in the gym)

There are currently five levels for Provincial Judges

Provincial 5 – Individuals at this level are considered to be in training and are allowed to sit on a panel at the discretion of the JDC

Provincial 4 – Individuals at this level will have passed the written component and two of three practical components (execution & difficulty) of the course. They are allowed to sit as execution or difficulty judges for all events involving Provincial level athletes

Provincial 3 – individuals at this level have completed the requirements for P4 plus an additional practical component relating to duties of the Chaire of Judges Panel. P3 judges are eligible to fulfill all roles at all events involving provincial level athletes and also to be considered to judge at Eastern Championships

Provincial 2 – Individuals at this level will have judged as a P3 judge for a minimum of two years, have passed the National readiness exams (execution, DD and CJP) and have completed a minimum of 15 judging hours

Provincial 1 – individuals at this level will have completed all of the requirements of P2 along with having passed the DD exam specific for a P1 judge (Junior and Senior level of DD)

### **2. National Level**

#### **Entry Requirements**



To be considered as a candidate for National Certification, an individual must be actively judging at the P2 or P1 level for a minimum of two years. The GCG T&T committee, on recommendation from the PSO will select the individual or individuals that will be eligible to take the National Course. In order to maintain certification or upgrade to a higher level, individuals must pass the appropriate exams for either recertification and/or upgrading as deemed necessary by the national judging coordinator and in accordance with GCG judging requirements

National level certification is administered by GCG. There are three levels for National Judges in Canada:

National 3 – at this level, judges are able to judge the national level only

National 2 – at this level, judges are able to judge the National Open and Espoir levels

National 1 – at this level judges are able to judge the Junior and Senior levels

### **3. FIG Brevet**

Brevet judges are certified by FIG in accordance to FIG rules and statutes. To be eligible, an individual must already have a brevet or be ranked at the National 1 level for a minimum of one complete Olympic cycle. The T&T committee will put forward names of eligible judges to GCG who make the final selection of judges who will attend the course.

