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## 1. JUDGING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (JDC)

The Judging Development Committee (JDC) is a standing Program Committee of Gymnastics Newfoundland & Labrador (GNL) which embraces and values gymnastics officiating, positively supporting the development of officials in all the gymnastics disciplines both at the provincial and national level.

The JDC Consists of six (6) members: (2-year term)

- Two (2) from WAG (1 appointed, 1 voted)
- Two (2) from MAG
- One (1) from TRA
- The Technical Director (TD) of GNL, who will serve as Judging Chair

### **Goals and Objectives**

1. To develop and enhance GNL policies and programs to meet GNL's Goals and Objectives.
  - Input – develop long-term and short-term operational plans for judging initiatives.
  - Promote - the benefits of participation and importance of officials in the sport of gymnastics.
  - Lead – act as an ambassador for GNL and judge development by sharing relevant information.
2. To manage the assessment, evaluation and record keeping of all NL officials (including, but not limited to, the development of panels for sanctioned meets and the naming of judges to out of province travel meets).
  - Evaluation – continually evaluate the effectiveness of all judging initiatives.
3. To educate registered gymnastics officials and the GNL membership.
  - Identify – provide opportunities for development, such as the judging clinics and Annual Coaching Symposium
  - Support – provide technical resources to members as requested/required.
  - Implement – provide expertise in planning and implementation of judging clinics and evaluation initiatives.

### **Deliverable**

1. Minutes from all committee meetings to be distributed to club members along with any related information.
2. Ensure all relevant information on policy and/or program changes are distributed to all club members in a timely manner.
3. Approve panels for GNL events as assigned by the GNL Judging Chair

## **Resources and Budget**

Available resources and budget allocation is set by the Executive Director in consultation with the Board of Directors. Funds are allocated by the JDC to each discipline taking into consideration the annual development needs and any special circumstances.

## **2. GNL JUDGING REGULATIONS**

### **2.1 Generalities**

There are various levels of judging certification, corresponding to the levels of competition. A judge becomes certified and progresses through each level by attending courses and successfully passing exams which demonstrates their knowledge of the rules and technical regulations as well as their practical ability in applying them when evaluating an athlete's routine. Depending on the discipline, officials may also be required to be adjudicated on an actual panel.

Once certification at a particular level has been achieved, the judge remains at that level for the remainder of the cycle, it expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December immediately following the most recent Olympic Games. It is the responsibility of each judge to remain up to date regarding changes to any rules or regulations that happen mid-way through the cycle.

At the start of each new cycle, judges must become recertified by attending a mandatory course covering changes to the Code of Points as well as any changes to the Technical Requirements resulting from the updated CoP.

Each year, judges must complete Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits.

### **2.2 Roles and Restrictions**

Judges are to officiate with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding the rules which govern them in the true spirit of sportsmanship. Sporting justice, ethics and honesty are the basis of a fair judgment. All judges, regardless of level, must abide by the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics as prescribed by GNL and Gymnastics Canada. (Appendix 1).

Judges are encouraged to participate in the development of gymnastics through effective communication with coaches and gymnasts at every opportunity; for example, providing feedback in a non-competitive environment during training sessions or at the end of the competition.

The judge is the highest technical authority present and is perceived to have the ability to interpret any rule for any given situation. Every effort must be made to answer all questions as honestly as possible and to adopt a friendly and sincere manner in dealing with all participants, especially the athletes. However, a judge should never attempt to explain or to criticize judgements or decisions made by other officials to anyone.

Judges are obligated to always maintain the highest standard of ethical conduct as well as personal and professional integrity; whether on the competition floor, in meetings, or whenever athletes or their

parents/guardians may be present (hotels, restaurants, etc). You are ambassadors for sport, as well as the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

A judge should be always alert and produce a score quickly and accurately. You should have the basis for the score derived and be prepared to explain how it was arrived at, rationally and logically. Each athlete is entitled to the official's best efforts.

A judge should not engage in any conduct that suggests impropriety such as accepting any compensation or gifts other than the prescribed honorarium and expenses. A judge should also refrain from derogatory remarks or non-verbal expressions regarding any aspect of the competition.

Judges are held responsible in matters concerning attendance, promptness, proper attire as well as conduct. Disciplinary action can be brought against those who show unprofessional and/or undisciplined behaviour.

Expectations for All Officials:

1. to be well qualified in their discipline and to know the rules of judging thoroughly.
2. through reasonable and prudent means, including clinics, to keep their knowledge current.
3. to be thoroughly prepared for each judging assignment, including specific meet assignments regarding type of competition and categories involved.
4. to be always punctual
5. to be a co-operative member of the judging panel
6. to be aware of, and adhere to, the requirements as set out in the current Technical Rules and Regulations
7. to aim toward a goal of perpetual objectivity

**Attire:**

All Officials:

Navy Blazer (recommended)

White Blouse or Dress Shirt; tie required for male judges (**mandatory**)

Navy Pants/Slacks or Skirt (**mandatory**)

Appropriate Footwear (**mandatory**)

\* Note that black is no longer acceptable\*

## **2.3 Judge Eligibility**

All judges, all disciplines, all levels **must**:

- Be a registered member with GNL.
- Meet the provincial SafeSport requirements, or, if attending a national event, the GYM CAN SafeSport requirements.
- Must have Criminal Record Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), this must be renewed every three years.
- Be recognized as an “**active judge**” by GNL.
- Have successfully completed the evaluation process for their level (course, exam, assessments)
- Complete the required number of CPE activities according to their level each year.

**Definition of Active Judge:** Active Judge must comply with Judging Eligibility, as well as, within one (1) year must:

- Participate in any capacity in GNL clinics, judging courses or any continuing professional education activities.
- Attend GNL judging courses annually when needed.
- Judge the minimum number of sessions as required by the GNL JDC
- Judge the minimum number of routines/sessions at the levels required.

**Definition of an Inactive Judge:** 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, if the judge can prove they are training athletes at or above their listed judging level and is on the floor with them during qualifier competitions, this may occur **once** per cycle.

## **2.4 Registration**

All judges will be registered through their respective provincial clubs.

## **2.5 Judging Requirements**

### **a. Judging Courses**

- Judging Courses are organized by GNL.
- All judging clinics must be sanctioned by GNL.
- Clinics held by clubs or not sanctioned by the JDC of GNL will NOT be considered for judging upgrade.

### **b. Judges' Record Keeping**

- It is the responsibility of each judge to maintain their record. It must include:
  - Courses (dates, location, level)
  - Continuing Professional Education (CPE) activities completed during the season.
  - Assignments for in Province and Out of Province Competitions
  - Clinics and courses taught.
- Judging record forms are available digitally via online google spreadsheet. Judges must have their records input no later than July 31st of the competitive year.

**c. Judge Continuing Professional Development (CPE)**

- 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

**Required CPE hours are as follows:**

Judging Level			CPE Hours Recommended per Year	Required clinic/course hours per year* (included in total)
WAG	MAG	TG		
Entry	Entry	Provincial 4	8	6
Optional 1	Club	Provincial 3	12	6
Optional 2	Provincial	Provincial 2 Provincial 1	16	8
National	National	National 3 National 2	16 required	6-8
National HP	National HP	National 1	16 required	6-8
Brevet Candidate	Brevet Candidate		16 required	6-8
Brevet	Brevet	Brevet	16 required	6-8

\*The clinic hours can be a Judges' clinic, a NCCP course, a pre-season course update, etc.

**3. Appointment of Officials**

- Judges must have GNL Active Judge Status
- Respective judges must be given notice a minimum of 1 week prior to the competition. The notice must include a competition schedule, schedule of judging meetings and panel delegation.
- All available judges in the hosting center will be utilized and panels will be filled, as needed, outwards from the Host Club, minimizing travel and other costs, if applicable, whenever possible.
- It is the individual judge's responsibility to provide notification in cases of absence or late arrival at a competition.
  - In the case of absence, that is not considered an emergency, judges must give a **minimum of 48 hours'** notice to the Competition Head Judge or Host Club.

- Should a judge not attend the Judges Meeting prior to the flight/session, he/she will be removed as the Head Judge Position.

### **3.1 Judging Panels**

- Call for judges is the responsibility of the JDC, in cooperation with the Host Club.
- All available judges' name will be sent to the JDC 3 weeks (21 days) prior to the competition.
- The appointment of judging panels will be the responsibility of the JDC.
- Panels **must** be approved by the JDC and Judging Chair
- Panels will be sent to judges **one (1) week prior** to the competition start date.

The following guidelines will be used when constructing panels:

- Competition Chief Judge – Certified at the level of the highest competing athlete in the session
  - Whenever possible, the Competition Chief Judge should have no specific judging responsibilities – they are to oversee the panel judges at the competition.
- Panel Judges – Trained to judge at the appropriate level(s)
  - In extenuating circumstances, judges of lower levels then specified may be used to fill panels at the recommendation of the JDC.
- Shadow Judges - whenever possible for future development

### **3.2 Officials for Out of Province Competitions**

- Officials representing GNL at **any** out of province competition or event, must be **19 years of age** to travel.
- Judges must reply in a reasonable time frame should they wish to be considered for out-of-province competition assignments.
- When accepting a judging assignment for an out of province event such as Atlantics, Easterns or Canadian Championships, performing a secondary role (athlete, coach, team manager, chaperone) is not allowed.
- Specific Gymnastics Canada Guidelines for assignments will be utilized. The JDC is responsible for selection and approved by the Technical Director
- Officials representing GNL are required to follow the “Code of Conduct/ Declaration of Understanding” in support of GNL Provincial Team Policies and Code of Conduct prior to departure. Failure to follow the policies of this document will result in the replacement of the official by GNL.
- GNL will be responsible for the meals, accommodation, travel, and registration fee, if applicable, for all its appointed judges. GNL will pay session honorariums to the selected judges at these events.
- Should a judge cancel his/her assignment without extenuating circumstances, after fees have been spent, the judge must repay GNL any expenses that have been incurred.

## **4. Expenses**

To maintain and create knowledgeable and competent judges who are certified to judge at the provincial level GNL will, when budgets permit:

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

Should active judges choose to travel with their affiliated clubs to GNL sanctioned competitions, partial compensation of expenses (within reason) will be decided by the Judging Committee and submitted to the GNL office.

Judges selected by the JDC for Provincial Championships or out of province competitions as a member of a Provincial delegation, will receive compensation from GNL for travel, accommodations, and meals. Failure to confirm travel with the GNL office may result in no compensation.

#### **4.1 Honoraria**

For GNL events, Judges will be paid an honorarium according to the following tables:

<b>JUDGING LEVEL</b>	<b>PAID PER SESSION</b>
Shadow - MAG/WAG/TRA	\$15.00
<b>Entry Level</b> WAG (Compulsory 1-5) MAG (P1-2) TG (Provincial 4)	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Optional 1</b> WAG (Optional 6-9) MAG (Optional 3-5) TG (Provincial 3)	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Optional 2</b> WAG (10-2,10-3) TG (Provincial 1/2)	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>National</b> WAG (NAT 10-1) MAG (Jr.Sr. NOpen) TG (National 2/3)	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>WAG HP</b> <b>TG National 1</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>WAG Brevet</b> <b>MAG Brevet (Jr. Sr.)</b> <b>TG Brevet</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

**\*A session is defined as a max 3-hour block of competition – if a session exceeds this it is paid 1.5**



## **4.2 Clinicians**

Provincial Course Clinicians are appointed by the JDC. For GNL run clinics, GNL will pay clinicians an honorarium of \$35.00/hr. + a \$50.00 preparation fee (this could be hourly based on the year).

## **4.3 Per Diem & Mileage**

Appointed judges traveling on behalf of GNL will be allotted \$65.00 per day per diem. (\$15 breakfast, \$20 lunch and \$30 dinner) If the Host committee provides hospitality this will be utilized instead of per diems for all meals that are catered.

## **4.4 Mileage**

Mileage \$0.54/km will be allotted to judges traveling any distance for competition.

# **5. Judging Levels**

## **5.1 Women's Artistic**

### **Compulsory (Entry Level)**

#### **Entry Requirements**

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

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.
- Judge a minimum of 30 routines over the current competitive year.
- Must complete 12 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year.
  - Attendance at Compulsory Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging / Practice Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
- 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

## **Optional 1 (Level 6-9/Xcel)**

### **Entry Requirement**

- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must complete an Optional 6-8 Judging Course
- Successfully completed 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
- For Xcel – a take home exam must be written with a passing grade of 80%.

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Optional 6-9 Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for JO6-9, Xcel, GEMS/Youth and/or execution judge for Level 10.

Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines.

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province.
- Judge a minimum of 30 routines over the current competitive year.
- 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

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 and/or Atlantic Championships.

## **National 10 (Optional 2 & National)**

### **A. NATIONAL Level 10-3 Status**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must have a minimum of 5 years judging experience at Optional 6-9 OR 2 years if the individual is a competitive coach (Comp Adv+) or a former national athlete.
- Must be recommended by their PTO.
- Must have attended Gymnastics Canada National Judging Course successfully completed the theory and practical exams with a **score of 75%-79.9%**

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the National 10-3 Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for JO6-10, Xcel and/or GEMS/Youth.

Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines.

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province.
- Judge a minimum of 30 routines over the current competitive year.
- 1st year national judges **must complete a successful assessment** in a panel judge position at level 10 competition.
- Must complete 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year.
  - Attendance at Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
  - Practice judging (online routines)

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

### **B. NATIONAL Level 10-2 Status**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 19 years old.
- Must have a minimum of 5 years judging experience and **minimum of 1 years National Judging experience.**
- Must be recommended by their PTO.
- Must have attended Gymnastics Canada National Judging Course successfully completed the theory and practical exams with a **score of 80% - 84.9%**

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the National 10-2 Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for JO6-10, Xcel and/or GEMS/Youth.

Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines.

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province.
- Judge a minimum of 30 routines over the current competitive year.
- 1st year national judges **must complete a successful assessment** in a panel judge position at level 10 competition.
- Must complete 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year.
  - Attendance at Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
  - Practice judging (online routines)

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships, Atlantic Championships, and/or Eastern Canadian Championships

### C. NATIONAL Level 10-1 Status

#### Entry Requirements

- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Must have a minimum of 5 years judging experience and **minimum of 2 years National Judging experience.**
- Must be recommended by their PTO.
- Must have attended Gymnastics Canada National Judging Course successfully completed the theory and practical exams with a **score of 85% or Higher.**

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the National 10-1 Judging Level, they are eligible to be a panel judge for JO6-10, Xcel and/or GEMS/Youth.

Only judges who complete the compulsory judging course are eligible to judge compulsory routines.

#### Maintenance Requirements

- Must be active in the province.
- Judge a minimum of 30 routines over the current competitive year.
- 1st year national judges **must complete a successful assessment** in a panel judge position at level 10 competition.
- Must complete 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements every year.
  - Attendance at Judging Course
  - Shadow Judging
  - Observation
  - Mentoring
  - Practice judging (online routines)

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships, Atlantic Championships, Eastern Canadian Championships, Canadian Championships and/or Canada Winter Games

### National High Performance

#### Entry Requirements

- Must hold a valid National 10-1 rating.
- Must be recommended by their PTO.
- Must participate in the HP course and successfully complete the evaluation process (theory and practical exams) with a minimum of 80% - once per cycle.

Individuals in this level are eligible to judge HP Novice, Junior, Senior, JO6-10 and/or GEMS/Youth. 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. They may also have an opportunity to judge at JO Canadian Championships, HP Canadian Championships and/or Canada Games

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be an active judge in the province (as defined by the province residing in)
- Must complete 16 hours of Continuing professional Education (CPE) requirements every year.
- 30 routines over the current competitive year

## **5.2 Men's Artistic**

**Available GCG:** "Interpreting the Code of Points". Link to enroll:

<https://gymcan.didacte.com/a/course/7725/description>

Link to GYM CAN website for updated MAG technical information and Beginner/Club level courses:

<http://gymcan.org/disciplines/mens-artistic-gymnastics/technical-information/technical-documents>

### **Entry Level**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 15 years of age (Active MAG Gymnasts can enter at 14)
- Must complete the Entry Level judging course (8 hours)

Once an individual completes entry requirements, they are eligible to be an E judge for Provincial Level 1 & 2.

#### **Certification Requirements**

- Complete on-line course -
- Pass Theory exam
- Complete 1 judging performance assessments (E-Jury)

Once an individual completes certification requirements, they are eligible to be a D judge for Provincial Level 1 & 2.

#### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province (min 1 event/year)
- Must stay immersed in the sport (complete continuing professional education such as attending judging courses, shadow judging, practice judging, observation, mentoring)
- Must keep updated judging records and submit to the PTO office following each season.

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

## **Club Level**

### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 15 years of age (Active MAG Gymnasts can enter at 14)
- Must complete the Club Level judging course.

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Club Judging Level, they are eligible to be a D judge for Provincial Level 1 & 2, and a panel judge for Provincial 3-5

### **Certification Requirements**

- Complete on-line course and in-person course
- Pass Theory and practical exam
- Complete 1 judging performance assessments (D & E Jury)

Once an individual completes certification requirements, they are eligible to be a D judge for Provincial Level 1 & 2

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province (min 1 event/year)
- Must stay immersed in the sport (complete continuing professional education such as attending judging courses, shadow judging, practice judging, observation, mentoring)
- Must keep updated judging records and submit to the PTO office following each season.

Individuals who have met maintenance requirements are Eligible to judge at Provincial Championships and/or Atlantic Championships.

## **Provincial Level**

### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must be an active club level judge for at least 2 years and must have met all maintenance requirements to the club level.
- Must complete a Provincial Level judging course.

Once an individual attains the entry requirements for the Provincial Judging Level, they are eligible to be a D judge for provincial Level 1-5 and Elite 1-4, and a panel judge for National Open. E score for HP Junior and Senior Levels.

### **Certification Requirements**

- Complete on-line course and in-person course
- Pass Theory and practical exam
- Complete 1 judging performance assessments (D & E Jury)

Once an individual completes certification requirements, they are eligible to be a D judge for Provincial Level 1-5, Elite 1-4 and National Open

### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province (min 2 events/year)
- Must stay immersed in the sport (complete continuing professional education such as attending judging courses, shadow judging, practice judging, observation, mentoring)
- Must keep undated judging records and submit to the PTO office following each season.

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

### **National Level**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be an active provincial level judge for at least 2 years and must have met all maintenance requirements at the Provincial Level
- Must be recommended by their PTO.

#### **Certification Requirements**

- Complete in-person course
- Pass Theory and practical exam

#### **Maintenance Requirements**

- Must be active in the province (min 2 events/year)
- Must stay immersed in the sport (complete continuing professional education such as attending judging courses, shadow judging, practice judging, observation, mentoring)
- Must keep updated judging records and submit to the PTO office following each season.

### **FIG**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Must be an active National Level judge for at least 2 years and must have met all maintenance requirements at the National Level
- Must be recommended by their PTO and GCG
- Must meet FIG requirements.

#### **Certification Requirements**

- Complete in-person course
- Pass Theory and practical exam

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## Provincial Level

### Entry Requirements

- Must be 16 years of age.
  - Current competitive athletes can be 15 years of age.
- Must complete provincial level judging course and exams.

### Maintenance Requirements

- Active in the Province
- Attend Provincial Level Judging Course
- Pass the appropriate exams for either recertification and/or upgrading in accordance with Gymnastics Canada requirements.
  - It is mandatory for every judge in Canada to recertify at the start of every Olympic cycle. Recertification includes a course focusing on the updated Code of Points along with written and practical exams.
- Judge at two competitions throughout the competitive year
- Complete required hours of Professional Educational Development
- 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 four levels for Provincial Judges:

**Provincial 4** – Individuals at this level will have passed the written component and two of three practical components (execution and 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 Chair of Judges Panel. P3 judges are eligible to fulfill all roles at all events involving provincial level athletes and eligible to be selected to judge at Eastern Championships

**Provincial 2** – Individuals at this level will have been judging 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 the requirements of P2 along with having passed the DD exam specific for a P1 judge (Junior and Senior level of DD)

## 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.



- Must attend a National Course offered by Gymnastics Canada. These typically occur prior to a national event such as Canadian Championships. If there is sufficient interest in a province or region, and there is an available course conductor, GCG will approve a regional course once per cycle.

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 can judge the national level (Level 5) only.
- **National 2** – at this level, judges can judge Espoir (Level 6) and National Open (Level 7) levels.
- **National 1** – at this level judges can judge the Junior and Senior levels.

### **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.

# **Judging Appendix**

## **APPENDIX 1:**

### **Code of Conduct**

GNL expects its coaches, gymnasts, and judges to act in a professional and mature fashion, whether in training, competition, or meetings and communication of administration. Failure to comply may result in loss of membership or its privileges, at the discretion of the JDC in consultation with the Executive Director and Board.

Members are expected to treat coaches, judges, meet officials, and each other with courtesy and respect at all times. Failure to comply may result in loss of membership or its privileges, at the discretion of the JDC in consultation with the Executive Director and the Board.

Coaches, judges, athletes and meet officials charged with any act which is a criminal offence, including the use of illegal substances, will not be tolerated by GNL, and will immediately have their membership revoked.

GNL officials (coaches/managers) traveling, as representatives responsible for athletes, are not permitted to consume alcohol while in a position of authority.

### **Code of Ethics**

Ethics is defined as:

"The study and philosophy of human conduct with emphasis on the determination of right and wrong. The principles of right conduct, especially with reference to a specific profession, mode of life, etc." (Funk and Wagnall's Standard College Dictionary)

Members of the Association shall strive to react to success and failure with grace and dignity. Members should refrain from seeking special privileges or treatment and remember that others are striving for the same objectives. All members must seek to discover and promote the positive aspects of gymnastic activities.

In keeping with the goal of positive development of the activity/sport and our members, all members of the association must abide by the spirit and guidelines of the Fair Play and Safe Sport whether it be a GNL hosted event or travel outside of Newfoundland Labrador as ambassadors for the province.

### **Behavior**

All members are expected to always treat each other with courtesy and respect and refrain from:

- malicious gossip and demeaning remarks to others.
- expressing their displeasure with judges or other officials by any means other than the accepted protest procedure.
- making comments to a judge or meet official with regard to a coach or athlete's abilities, routines, or execution during a competition.
- attempting to disrupt, distract, or in any way interfere with the performance of an athlete during competition or training.

**Integrity and Honesty:**

Must act with integrity in performing all duties owed to athletes, the sport, officials, and the public. Defined as "soundness, uprightness, honesty, necessary to the completeness of a whole," by the Concise Oxford Dictionary. Integrity wraps up the courtesy and respect towards all other participants that must be shown. As stated in the Dub- bin Report, "We look to sport to impart something of moral and social values and in integrating us as individuals to bring about a healthy integrated society." All members are expected to be honest and forthright in their dealings with the Association, other members, and non-members.

**Competence:**

Must strive to be well prepared and current in order that all duties in the respective discipline are fulfilled with competence. Participants should make every attempt to attend all relevant meetings, clinics and symposiums, realizing their purposes can be best fulfilled by the punctual attendance and constructive input of all.

Members should exercise their right to attend meetings to provide their input and ideas for the betterment of the sport. It shall be considered unethical to attempt to effect changes to decisions through discrediting the forum or the procedures used to formulate those decisions. All decisions shall be reviewed through proper process.

Members of committees should state their dissent of any action taken and their intention to seek a review of the stated action. The dissent should be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If a dissent is not recorded, the entire committee shall be deemed to accept and support the action once a motion in favour of the action is adopted.

**Safety and Best Interest of the Athlete:**

Must act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person. Those working directly with athletes have a responsibility to know and apply current principles of child growth and development. Preparations of athletes must go beyond technical skills and include physical and mental preparation. Goals set for athletes must be both short and long term and extend beyond their years as a competitor. Athletes must have standards of behaviour set for them that recognize they must develop as a whole people within society. Coaches, judges, and other officials must perform their duties demonstrating their consideration for the athlete's best interest and safety. It is unacceptable for any member to abuse another person regardless physically or psychologically of the situation or location.

**Respect for the Rules:**

Must accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules that define and govern sport.

It is the responsibility of those involved to know the rules and standard procedures. There are accepted protest procedures, and it is unethical for coaches or judges to express displeasure through any other means. Protest procedures must be clear. Participation in any competition implies acceptance of the rules of said competition. Further, it is the responsibility of those involved to know the procedure by which rules may be changed. Threats to remove athletes from the competitive floor are clearly inappropriate. If the rules are seen to be unfair, it is the professional responsibility of those involved to work towards changing them. All members must attempt to remain objective throughout the competition experience and realize that rules and regulations must be applied equally to all participants.



## **B) Competition Organization**

**Please comment on the overall organization of the competition. (including group sizes, etc): Did the host club provide the necessary volunteers and supplies? Is there anything that could be improved from next time?**

**Please list any problem or concerns that arose during the competition. This includes any inquiries, protests or appeals.**

**Please list any concerns with coaches or judges behaviour during the competition, on and off the competition floor.**

## **C) Checklist of included documents**

- A copy of the order of passage including all scratches
- A copy of the official final results of this session
- Copy of all protest forms
- Any other relevant documents

**COMPETITION HEAD JUDGE:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX 3:**

**NOTICE OF IMPROPER/UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR - COACH**

Date: \_\_

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club: \_\_

Competition: \_\_

Please be advised that your actions during the above noted competition have been viewed as inappropriate by the officials at this meet and have been deemed as a

- Minor Offence
- Major Offence

You were provided with a verbal warning concerning your actions prior and re- minded of competition rules.

This letter serves as notice that due to your continued unacceptable behaviours you have been issued:

- A Yellow Card as this is your 2nd minor offence during this competition
- A \$10.00 Fine as this is your 2nd major offence during this competition

An additional occurrence of Improper/unsportsmanlike behaviour will result in a Red Card and immediate removal from the competition floor. This will be noted in the competition report and could affect your ability to be named as a provincial team coach.

You are welcome to submit an appeal and present your version of what has occurred to the JDC. Please request a review through the GNL Technical Director within 7 days of the above date.

Competition Chief Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Apparatus Head Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX 4:  
NOTICE OF IMPROPER/UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR - JUDGE**

Date:

Name of Judge:

Competition:

Please consider this Letter as notice of improper/unsportsmanlike behaviour during the above noted competition.

<b>Minor Infractions</b> (the general lack or respect for competition rules)		<b>Major Infractions</b> (abusive, violent or disruptive behaviour)	
Late for judge review session		Improper language or body language towards an athlete, coach or another judge	
Not wearing prescribed uniform (including wearing club attire at judging table)		Unfounded or derogatory comments about a judge/coach/athlete	
Contact/discussions with other persons (coaches, etc) during the competition		Obvious favoring of athletes	
Cheering for a gymnast		Under the influence of alcohol or drugs	
Delaying the competition (late to the competition floor)			
Leaving competition area without consent			

You were provided with a verbal warning concerning your actions prior and reminded of competition rules by the chief judge. Judges are to act in a professional manner at all times and exemplify nonpartisan, ethical behaviour. An additional report of such behaviour will lead to the further sanction(s):

- Removal from the competition floor
- Inability to Travel
- Removal of Judging Level
- Removal from competition eligibility list for GNL Sanctioned Meets for a set period of time

This infraction will be noted in the competition report and kept on file with your judging records.  
You are welcome to submit an appeal to the above charges and present your version of what has occurred to the JDC. Please request a review through the GNL Technical Director within 7 days of the above date.

Competition Chief Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Apparatus Head Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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