

July 13, 2022

Updated Memo for all NGA Officials:

For the 2022-2023 season, an official may obtain a membership online at www.nationalgym.org. Upon completion of your registration/renewal, all officials that complete background screening through another organization will need to send documentation proof of a green light status before membership is approved. The documentation must include name and status (clear or green light) with date of expiration. These documents should be emailed to Sanctions@nationalgym.org. NGA will only accept background screening through NCSI.

An official is not required to complete the Concussion Protocol Course.

Please note:

*An NGA member who would like to become an official, but is not currently rated, can take the online test beginning August 1, 2022. NGA officials are NOT required to take the test.

*An NGA judging membership is not included in a club membership and must be purchased separately.

*NGA requires all officials to be at least 18 years of age.

NGA has made the decision to delay the “grandfather” process of ratings until the 2023-2024 season. Current NGA officials who complete continuing education requirements may use these requirements for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 season. These requirements will be logged on an online form that will be available on the NGA website. We will require an official to complete this form each season beginning September 1, 2024.

Continuing education requirements to maintain rating (or attain a higher rating after waiting period) will include:

Every year:

- Complete online refresher course.
- 3 hours of in-gym observation OR complete an online volunteer judging assignment.
- NGA judges with a "National" or "International" rating will be required to complete and pass the free, open book, online NCAA test. Judging NCAA competitions and providing availability is NOT required.

Once every 2 years:

- Attend a state, regional, or national training camp or Educational Summit.

How will the test work?

The test will be online and individuals taking the test will be able to use any judging or technical materials they desire. The NGA technical information is free online at www.nationalgym.org

The test will include 75 multiple choice questions with a time limit of 120 minutes.

The questions will encompass the entire program.

The test is pass/fail with a minimum of 80% (60 questions correct) to obtain an NGA rating.

Registration for the test will be \$25, payable online which will allow immediate access to the test.

Results will be available immediately to the email provided upon registration.

What will NGA's rating system look like?

NGA will recognize four ratings once an official has joined NGA by July 31, 2023:

- State - must hold this rating for one (1) year* to move up. Current Level 4/5 rating will be “grandfathered” to the NGA State rating at \$27/hr. A "State" rated official may not judge anything above a state championship.
- Regional - must hold this rating for two (2) years* to move up. Current Level 7/8, 9 rating will be “grandfathered” to the NGA Regional rating at \$31/hr. A "Regional" rated official may not judge anything above a regional or zone championship.
- National - must hold this rating for four (4) years* to move up. Current Level 10 & National rating will be “grandfathered” to the NGA National rating at \$34/hr. A "National" rated official may not judge anything above a national championship.
- International - any current Brevet (or L10/National official who judged 2021, 2022, or 2023 NGA Nationals) will be “grandfathered” to the NGA International rating at \$37/hr. An "International" rated official has no limitations and can judge any competition.

*Once waiting period is completed, an official will be awarded a higher rating if the continuing education requirements have been completed and logged online. An official must join NGA and be active as of January 1st of each season to begin the waiting period.

NGA is working to provide all officials an equal opportunity to judge within our organization. ***Competition directors still reserve the right to request officials with specific ratings based upon experience if they so choose.***

Any inquiries related to obtaining a membership can be sent to membership@nationalgym.org.

Any questions about the testing process can be sent to Rebecca Wissmiller at rwissmiller@nationalgym.org or Donagene Jones at djones@nationalgym.org.