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ABBREVIATIONS

OG	Olympic Games
YOG	Youth Olympic Games
TD	Technical Delegate
SJ	Superior Jury
TC	Technical Committee
COP	Code of Points
NF	National Federation
CJP	Chair of Judges Panel
AS	Apparatus Supervisor
D	Difficulty
E	Execution
A	Artistry
T & L	Time & Line
JEP	Judges' Evaluation Programme
GEF	Gymnastics Ethics Foundation
FIG	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique

STS	Sports Training System
MAG	Men Artistic Gymnastics
WAG	Women Artistic Gymnastics
RG	Rhythmic Gymnastics
TRA	Trampoline Gymnastics
AER	Aerobic Gymnastics
PK	Parkour
ACRO	Acrobatic Gymnastics
WAGC/WYJC	World Age Group Competitions/ World Youth and Junior Competitions
WCH	World Championships
JWCH	Junior World Championships
TWG	The World Games
WUG	World University Games
CWG	Commonwealth Games
FISU	Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire

1. INTRODUCTION

Gymnastics is a judgement sport and judges are an integral part of the sport of gymnastics. As a result, the rules for officiating must be transparent, fair and must maintain sport justice for all athletes. Judges are trained within their own federation gaining valuable experience before entering the international scene. The FIG is responsible to provide educational materials and courses as well as a fair examination process to achieve the international level of brevet.

The General Judges' Rules apply to all FIG competitive disciplines. In addition, specific rules have been developed for each discipline. Judges' Rules are approved by the FIG Executive Committee.

The FIG International Judges' brevet is issued in accordance with the General and Specific Judges' Rules. To be considered as an internationally breveted judge during an Olympic cycle, the judges have to attend an official FIG Judges' course and pass the examination at the beginning of or during each respective cycle.

The Judges' courses and examinations are carried out according to the protocols listed in this document. Additional specific operational directives shall be established to ensure consistency amongst the disciplines as well as a high level of educational delivery.

The assignment of sanctions and awards are the same for all disciplines. The quality of work of the judges is evaluated according to 5 criteria: Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor.

2. JUDGES' EDUCATION

2.1 General Information

The judges' examinations will be offered with Retest possibilities. Examinations must be prepared and delivered with great responsibility and care following the protocols and directives as approved.

The format is identical at all courses.

The same schedule will be used at all courses.

All courses shall have the same curriculum and examination delivery. Details of the preparation process are listed in the Directives.

2.2 Type of Courses

All Judges' courses are published on the FIG website.

2.2.1 Intercontinental Courses hosted by FIG

In each discipline one Intercontinental Course will be approved per cycle. Courses will be held back-to-back in Lausanne (SUI) for all disciplines in November-December 2024.

The number of participants per NF is outlined in the Specific Judges' Rules.

TC Presidents of Continental Unions are invited to participate in the Intercontinental Course and are considered out of the quota. If they cannot attend the Intercontinental Course, they are considered out of quota at International Courses as well.

The Intercontinental courses will be held in English , without translation. The TC Members in each discipline will deliver the course.

Marking examinations and compiling results will be processed and digitally computed automatically.

The full and final results of the Intercontinental course (by judge number) will be reviewed by the TC and the final results for the 5 criteria (excellent, very good, good, pass, fail) will be determined. This will be a TC decision. The TC Presidents will sign off the document. This scale will then be published and applied for all other courses and the online examination for the whole cycle.

These are still reflected only by judge number not name. The results will have to be reviewed in accordance with the evaluation scale. Final results will be verified by the TC Presidents and the FIG office. The Brevet Card Results Certifications will be sent to the federations. No results will be communicated at the end of any course.

2.2.2 International Courses allocated by FIG

International Courses will be organized in every continent from January to September 2025.

The International courses will be held in English. Continental Unions may provide translation at their own costs.

The TC will name the Experts who will deliver the courses. One expert/TC member maximum may be from the host country; however, this expert/TC member may not be the course leader.

- For the courses up to 30 candidates 1 expert is required
- For the courses up to 60 candidates 2 experts are required
- For the course with 61 and more candidates 3 experts are required

Marking examinations and compiling results will be processed and digitally computed automatically. These are still reflected only by judge number not name. The results have to be reviewed in accordance with the evaluation scale. Final results will be verified by the TC Presidents and the FIG office. The Brevet Card Results Certifications will be sent to the federations. No results are communicated at the end of any course.

2.2.3 Retest Courses hosted by FIG

In each discipline, one Retest course will be held in Lausanne (SUI) between October and December 2025 in English and without translation (See also article 2.7 below about other retest possibilities).

Marking examinations and compiling results will be processed and digitally computed automatically. These are still reflected only by judge number not name. The results have to be reviewed in accordance with the evaluation scale. Final results will be verified by the TC Presidents and the FIG office. The Brevet Card Results Certifications will be sent to the federations. No results are communicated at the end of any course.

2.3 Online Examination upon Continental Union request

Each Continental Union may request one (1) online examination (without course) to be organised between October and December 2025 under the supervision of the FIG. Additional requests due to time zones may be submitted to the FIG for approval.

The course will have a maximum of 400 participants. Only Cat. 4 may be attained.

Marking examinations and compiling the results will be processed and digitally computed automatically. These are still reflected only by judge number not name. Final results will be verified by the TC Presidents and the FIG office. The Brevet Card Results Certifications will be sent to the federations.

2.4 Conditions of Participation

COURSE/EXAMINATION	PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS
All Courses and Online Examination	To be allowed to participate in any judges' course or to register to the Online Examination, the candidates must meet the following criteria: • Minimum age 18 in the year of the examination • Be a member of a NF in good standing affiliated to the FIG • Have the nationality (citizenship) of the NF they represent • Must hold a valid citizenship (passport) of the national gymnastics federation they represent • Be registered by his/her NF to participate • No sanction during the 15th cycle (Sanctions as per FIG Statutes except the warning). • Have a working knowledge of English • Pay a registration fee of CHF150.- plus the costs of the LOC as per Directives
FIG Intercontinental Course	Minimum category 3 (except for PK where no minimum is required)
FIG International Courses	Minimum national level (except for PK where no minimum is required)
FIG Retest Courses	• Retest to upgrade or after failure from Intercontinental/International Course. • Missed Intercontinental or International Courses (former brevet), with medical certificate (other requests to be

	approved by the FIG Secretary General)
Online Examination upon Continental Union request	Minimum national level (except for PK where no minimum is required)

2.5 Judging Examinations

Details for each discipline are provided in the Specific Judges' Rules.

2.5.1. Educational Material

All Educational Material to prepare for the examinations will be provided online through the STS platform with access permitted for each candidate after registration by their respective federation. This material will include Power Points with the lecture presentations, practice routines with analysis, access to a large IRCOS video library from competitions, and more depending on the discipline. Login to the STS platform will be confirmed by each NF once candidate registration is complete.

2.5.2 Examination Process

The TC will have the responsibility to compile the Practical examinations. The review of all educational material provided and a strong theoretical knowledge are expected from all candidates. No Theory examination will be held.

For each discipline, multiple sets of examinations will be prepared according to the needs of the discipline. The examination for the Intercontinental Course will have different exercises than the other sets. Complete information will be found in the Examinations Directives and/or Specific Judges' Rules once published.

2.6 Examination Results and Experience Requirements

All brevet judges of the 2022-2024 cycle will retain their international licence and be able to judge competitions starting 01.01.2025 with the 2025-2028 CoP until their examination result is released or at the very latest by 01.04.2025 (whichever comes first). Failure or lack of participation in a scheduled judge's course and examination will automatically invalidate their 2022-2024 brevet.

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Required Examination Results in the examination components as defined by the discipline	Difficulty = excellent Execution = very good Artistry = very good	Difficulty = very good Execution = very good Artistry = very good	Difficulty = good Execution = good Artistry = good	Difficulty = pass Execution = pass Artistry = pass
Based on examination results, judging experience requirements at FIG approved International competitions during the XV cycle (2022-2024), to attain or maintain the category for the next XVI Cycle (2025-2028) – (Groups based on the 2022-2024 General Judges' Rules)	<u>OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES:</u> - Successfully judged a minimum of four (4) international competitions, including one (1) from Groups 1-2 and one (1) from Groups 1-3. For ART and RG at least one (1) of these competitions must be a World Championship (Senior or Junior): - ART: in a D or E judging position; - RG : in any judging position. <u>NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES:</u> Successfully judged a minimum of three (3) international competitions including one (1) from Group 2 and one (1) from Groups 2-3	<u>OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES:</u> Successfully judged a minimum of three (3) international competitions including two (2) from Groups 1-3 <u>NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES:</u> Successfully judged a minimum of three (3) international competitions including two (2) from Groups 2-3	<u>ALL DISCIPLINES:</u> Successfully judged a minimum of two (2) international competitions Fast Track exception in case of Category 2 or higher examination results: no experience required	<u>ALL DISCIPLINES:</u> None

A judge who has not met the judging experience requirements for the Category earned in the examinations will receive the category in accordance with the competitions successfully judged. The category earned can be validated upon request from the NF, if the missing experience is fulfilled within two (2) years of the new cycle (end of 2026). The competition groups from the 15th cycle and 16th cycle can be counted cumulatively for an upgrade.

Category 1 judges must have met the experience requirements before the start of the Intercontinental Course. There is no opportunity to upgrade to Category 1 after the Intercontinental Course.

Line and/or time judge assignments will fulfil an International Competition experience requirement only one (1) time per cycle in the highest Group received.

FIG approved International competitions at which an International judge functions as a member of the SJ will count towards judging experience requirements.

In case of passing or failure results, a judge can only drop 2 categories in one cycle: i.e. Category 1 can drop at worst to Category 3, Category 2 can drop at worst to Category 4.

Only one Fast Track or Upgrade permitted per cycle. A first time Brevet can achieve a maximum of Category 3 in his/her first cycle.

Based on examination results, the judging experience requirements at FIG approved International competitions during the XVI cycle (2025-2028), to attain or maintain the category for the XVII Cycle (2029-2032) – (Groups based on the 2025-2028 General Judges' Rules) will be determined in the first semester of 2025

2.7 Retest Opportunity

Only one Retest opportunity will be permitted per judge per cycle, either:

- at the International Courses allocated by FIG,
- at the Retest Course hosted by FIG, or
- at an Online Examination

2.7.1 Retest following dissatisfaction with examination results (not including failure)

The Judge must retake the full examination at another course with or without attending the lectures.

The retest result will be valid and final.

2.7.2 Retest following failure

The Judge must take the entire course – except for an Online Examination where no course is held – and full examination again.

The retest result will be valid and final.

2.8 Judging Interruption

A judge who did not renew his/her brevet may continue his/her career as a judge after the interruption as follows:

- After one (1) cycle, a judge may re-qualify for the previous category held before the interruption, once the judge attains the examination results for that specific category and the missing experience requirements are fulfilled (within two (2) years of the new cycle). If judges do not achieve the experience requirement to match their examination results within 2 years, they will receive the Category in accordance with competitions judged.
- After more than one (1) cycle, the judge must begin the judging process again under the conditions that apply to a highest National level judge

2.9 Information concerning FIG Authorities and TC Members

The TC members shall automatically maintain for the following cycle the category they held in the cycle just completed.

TC members, who are not candidates or are not elected at the end of a cycle, shall automatically maintain the same category for the following cycle that they had as a TC member.

New TC Members for the 2025-2028 cycle must review the educational materials and attend the intercontinental judges' course (no examination required).

Other FIG authorities while serving and continuing as authorities will continue to maintain their category in the subsequent cycle.

Other FIG authorities (not as candidates, or re-elected but not serving their mandate, or not re-elected in 2024) with a current FIG brevet will retain their Category (to a maximum of Category 2), provided that they review the educational materials and attend a judges' course (no examination required).

3. JUDGES' REGISTRATION, DATABASE AND INFORMATION

Names, brevet categories and nationalities of all judges with a valid brevet are available on the FIG website. In consultation with the TCs, the FIG Office shall maintain a database with each judge's name, nationality, brevet level, licence ID number, and competition experience in the respective discipline. NFs are responsible for providing the FIG Office with any update regarding the above-mentioned information related to their respective judges.

4. GROUPINGS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS (2025-2028)

Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
Olympic Games	• Youth Olympic Games • The World Games • World Championships • Junior World Championships <u>For Olympic Disciplines*</u> • Continental Championships • Continental Games • World Cup Competitions *TRA- All categories (including SYN, TUM & DMT) are with Olympic disciplines	• World Challenge Cups • Junior Continental Championships • Commonwealth Games • Mediterranean Games • FISU World University Games • Pacific Rim Championships • Junior Continental Games/Festivals <u>For Non-Olympic Disciplines</u> • Continental Championships • Continental Games • World Cup Competitions	• All other Regional Championships • All other Multisport Games • World Age Group Competitions/World Youth Competitions • Continental Age Group Competitions • All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions <u>For Non-Olympic Disciplines</u> • Junior Continental Championships

5. JUDGING PRIVILEGES PER CATEGORY

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
• May serve on SJ or as Apparatus Supervisor at any Group 1-4 competition • May serve as D-, E-, A- judge at any Group 1-4 competition (also T/L) • May be appointed to serve as TD at Group 2-4 competitions • For TRA, AER, ACRO, PK may serve as CJP at any Group 1-4 competition • May be appointed to teach at International courses	• May serve on SJ or as Apparatus Supervisor at any Group 2-4 competition. • May serve as D- judge at any Group 2-4 competition • May serve as E-, A- judge at any Group 1-4 competition (also T/L) • For TRA, AER, ACRO, PK may serve as CJP at Group 2-4 competitions • May be appointed to assist in teaching at International courses	• May serve as D-judge at Group 4 competitions. • May serve as E- or A-judge at any Group 2-4 competition (also T/L at all Group 1-4 competitions)	• May serve as E- or A- judge at Group 4 competitions. • May serve as T/L at all Group 2-4 competitions, with exception of World Championships (senior) • For TRA, ACRO and AER may serve as E- or A- judge at Continental Championships and World Cups (if necessary)

6. REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES AND SUPERIOR JURY FOR FIG SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS

6.1 General

Every FIG-sanctioned competition shall have a President of SJ/TD depending on the group and type of competition.

All positions including T & L require a valid FIG brevet unless otherwise provided.

If there is an insufficient number of judges in the required categories at a competition, the TD or President of the SJ may take any measures necessary to ensure the proper running of the event.

Judges officiating at competitions must:

- have the nationality (citizenship) of the federation they represent and authority to participate from their federation in accordance with FIG Statutes
- maintain integrity of all decisions, showing no preference or bias
- possess competence to apply the Code of Points and other rules of the FIG
- demonstrate good moral and ethical behaviour
- show respect to others by being punctual and respecting all rules
- respect the judges' oath, the FIG Code of Ethics, the FIG Code of Conduct, and the FIG Code of Discipline

Neutral judges for all competitions must always have written authorization from their home Federation, sent in advance to the LOC (with copy to the President of the SJ or TC President).

Judges may only serve in one official position (e.g. D and E or E and L at same time is not permitted) per competition phase. Exceptions:

- CJP acts also as a judge in PK ;
- CJP and Time is permitted in ACRO and AER (only when necessary).

MAG T & L judges may judge WAG T & L and vice versa, but only receive experience credit in their respective discipline. The same is true for RGI and RGG.

6.2 Restrictions and Incompatibilities Applicable to FIG and National Federations Authorities

FIG TC members:

- may only serve as TDs and Supervisors at FIG sanctioned competitions, unless extraordinary approval is given by the respective TC President and Secretary General.
- must inform their TC President in writing and in advance of attending any competitions, courses, seminars, clinics or lectures for judges or coaches outside the NF they represent, unless invited directly by FIG.
- may serve on SJ or as AS at the OG regardless of their category

Other FIG authorities cannot serve as judges, SJ members, Supervisors, TDs, or any similar officiating role at any FIG sanctioned competitions.

No person holding the position of President, Chair, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Secretary General, or any equivalent executive or governing function within a National Federation may serve as a judge, SJ member, Supervisor, TD or in any other officiating capacity at FIG sanctioned competitions.

6.3 Close Family Relatives and Disclosure Obligations

Any close family relative to a competitive gymnast/athlete may not judge that gymnast/athlete or his/her unit (pair, group, etc.) at any FIG sanctioned event. The following are considered as close family relative: people who are or were married to, or live in a registered partnership or co-habit with a gymnast/athlete as well as people who are related to a gymnast/athlete 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.

If a conflict should or could appear, the following people are to be informed, so appropriate action can be taken:

- For competitions with a FIG TD / FIG SJ & OG/YOG/TWG qualifying competitions : Secretary General, TC President or President of SJ (if different)
- For all other competitions: TC President or President of SJ (if different).

7. JUDGES' ATTENDANCE AT COMPETITIONS AND PODIUM TRAINING

Judges arriving late for competitions (force majeure) may be allowed to judge at the discretion of the TD / SJ President, but a signed note from transportation company is required to demonstrate the judge or federation was not at fault. Judges will be included in a draw on a specific day, only if they are present at the judges' meeting for that phase of the competition.

Judges may not leave earlier than the official departure day of the event when they are appointed by FIG. Judges need to ask permission of the TD / SJ President in advance before leaving a competition before completion. In General, Execution and Artistry/Artistic Judges are not permitted to view the Podium Training of athletes from the FOP. More details may be available in the Specific Judges' Rules of each respective discipline, COP or the competition Directives.

8. JUDGES' PANELS MINIMUM STANDARDS

The minimum standards required for judges' panels in FIG sanctioned competitions are presented in the tables below.

Any competition may use the standards of a higher group.

The panel maximum size may not exceed those of Group 1 for Olympic disciplines and Group 2 for Non-Olympic disciplines.

All exceptions to the minimum standards must be approved in advance of the arrival day of the delegations by the respective TC President (or Secretary General) for Group 4 competitions. Any other exceptions (Groups 1-3) will require approval from the Executive Committee.

Discipline	Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
ART	7 E 2D 1AS ----- <u>MAG SJ:</u> 1 President 1 Add. Member <u>WAG SJ:</u> 1 President 2 Members	WCH, JWCH & OG Qualifying World Cups 7 E 2D 1AS ----- <u>MAG SJ WCH/JWCH:</u> 1 President 1 Add. Member <u>WAG SJ WCH/JWCH:</u> 1 President 2 Members <u>MAG/WAG SJ OG Qual. W-Cups:</u> 1 President All Others 5 E 2 D 1 AS ----- <u>MAG/WAG SJ:</u> 1 President	CWG & WUG 4 E for CWG 5 E for WUG 2 D 1 AS ----- <u>MAG/WAG SJ CWG and WUG:</u> 1 President All Others 4 E 2 D ----- <u>MAG/WAG SJ:</u> 1 President	4 E 2 D ----- <u>MAG/WAG SJ:</u> 1 President All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 2 E 2 D → T and L may be National judges although Brevet judges preferred ----- <u>MAG/WAG SJ:</u> 1 President

Discipline	Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
RG	4 E 4 A 2 DB 2 DA <u>SJ: 1 President</u> 1 DA Members (per panel) 1 DB Members (per panel) 1 E Member (per panel) 1 A Member (per panel)	4 E 4 A 2 DB 2 DA <u>SJ: 1 President</u> 1 DA Members (per panel) 1 DB Members (per panel) 1 E Member (per panel) 1 A Member (per panel) <u>World Cups and Continental Championships (except OG qualifying events) SJ: 1 President</u>	4 E 4 A 2 DB 2 DA <u>SJ: 1 President</u>	2 E 2 A 2 DB 2 DA <u>SJ: 1 President</u> When Artistry/Execution is evaluated by 2-3 judges, all deductions are averaged to give the final Artistry/Execution deduction. All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions → T and L may be National judges although Brevet judges preferred <u>SJ: 1 President</u>

Discipline	Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
TRA	1 CJP 2 D 6 E <u>SJ: 1 President</u> 3 Members per (Gender panel)	WCH, YOG, JWCH & OG Qualifying World Cups 1 CJP 2 D 6 E <u>SJ: 1 President</u> 3-Members per apparatus All Others 1 CJP 2 D 4 E <u>SJ: 1 President</u>	1 CJP 2 D 4 E <u>SJ: 1 President</u>	1 CJP 2 D 4 E <u>SJ: 1 President</u> WAGC <u>SJ: 1 President</u> 2 Members per apparatus All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 2 E 2 D → T and L may be National judges although Brevet judges preferred <u>SJ: 1 President</u>

Discipline	Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
ACRO		1 CJP 2 D 6 E 6 A ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President 2 D Members 2 E Members 2 A Members	1 CJP 2 D 4 E 4 A ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President	WYC 1 CJP 2 D 4 E 4 A ----- <u>SJ:</u> Same as Group 2 All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 1 CJP 2 D 3 E 3 A → T and L may be National judges although Brevet judges preferred ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President

Discipline	Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
AER		1 CJP 2 D 6 E 6 A ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President 2 D Members 2 E Members 2 A Members	1 CJP 2 D 4 E 4 A ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President	WYC 1 CJP 2 D 4 E 4 A ----- <u>SJ:</u> Same as Group 2 All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 1 CJP 2 D 3 E 3 A → T and L may be National judges although Brevet judges preferred ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President

Discipline	Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
PK		8 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E, 2 L) including 1 CJP 7 Speed (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L) including 1 CJP ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President	8 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E, 2 L) 7 Speed = (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L) ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President	8 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E, 2 L) 7 Speed (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L) → T and L may be National judges although Brevet judges preferred ----- <u>SJ:</u> 1 President

9. JUDGES' UNIFORMS

Except at OG and other competitions where the uniform is supplied by the Organising Committee or provided by an official FIG sponsor, the judges' uniforms shall comply with the following requirements:

Judges' Uniforms Items Y = Yes N = No O = Optional	MAG Comp FoP	WAG Comp FoP	RG Comp FoP	TRA Comp FoP	AER Comp FoP	ACRO Comp FoP	PK Comp FoP	TC members Comp FoP
Dark blue suit with jacket & pants or skirt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
White shirt /blouse	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Tie (men only)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Scarf (women only)	O	O	O	O	O	O		
FIG or LOC Tie (men only)								Y
FIG or LOC Scarf (women only)								O
National Emblem	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
FIG-Pin	O*	O*	O*	O*	O*	O*	N	Y*
classic shoes or sneakers (e.g. solid black, blue or white colour)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	Y
FIG PK judges' T-shirt							Y	

* except where forbidden with a uniform provided by a Local Organising Committee

10. JUDGES' RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

10.1 Preamble

Once a judge is breveted by FIG, then records are maintained to recognize or sanction their performance.

The nominations for recognition and awards are based on two distinct principles, excellent performance and long-term dedicated service to gymnastics as an active international official. The TCs of each discipline establish the criteria to be used and have the responsibility to recognize judges.

10.2 Excellence in Judging

This award is based on an “excellent” evaluation during a major FIG competition where a post competition control is conducted. The recognition will not apply to any specific phases of the competition, but to the overall performance during the entire event.

This will apply to the OG, YOG, TWG, WCH, JWCH, and possibly World Cup, World Challenge Cup and other Multi-sport Games, if an evaluation programme is carried out. There is no limit to the number of commendations a judge may receive in a cycle as long as they fulfil the criteria.

Excellence in Judging Award	
One competition Overall evaluation of “Excellent”	- Letter to the NF signed by the Secretary General and the respective TC President
Over one cycle “Excellent” judgement using the WCH/JWCH evaluations of the cycle (any fair or poor judgement will eliminate a judge from consideration).	- FIG Cycle Diploma Award - Letter to the NF signed by the Secretary General and the respective TC President

10.3 Longevity of Judging Service

This award is based on a significant contribution to gymnastics as an international official over a period of many years. The awards listed are based on a judgment without sanctions (except verbal warnings), during the designated period.

The member Federations submits to the FIG Sports Department (sports@fig-gymnastics.org) the name(s) of their judges deserving the gold level award between 01 January and 28 February of each year. After verification by the respective Sports Manager and the TC President that the conditions are met, the decision is taken and communicated to the respective NF.

The same nomination procedure applies for the candidates for the Honorary Judges' Award. However, after verification of the conditions, the Secretary General submits the request to the Executive Committee for final decision. Presentation is made at the discretion of the respective NF.

Longevity of Judging Service	
- Gold level award for 16 years (4 cycles) of service without sanction - Based on 5 WCH, JWCH, OG, YOG, or TWG	- Letter to the NF signed by the Secretary General and the respective TC President - Gold Long Service pin
FIG Honorary Judge's Diploma to retired judges who are breveted for a minimum of 5 breveted active cycles (20 years) with minimum 8 WCH, JWCH, OG, YOG, or TWG without sanction	- FIG Honorary Judge's Diploma signed by the FIG President and the TC President - Special insignia pin

11. JUDGES' DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND APPEAL PROCESS

11.1 General

Judges are obliged to respect the judges' oath and to execute their function at all competitions with highest possible quality (honesty and integrity) and without bias.

The TC members are responsible for the education, control and supervision of the work of the judges. They investigate and take any measure necessary during the competition, and following the event conduct an analysis of the competition videos as required.

Poor and/or biased judging will be subject to disciplinary proceedings and sanctions.

Judging is based on the Code of Points. Other considerations, such as nationality, friendship, etc. are deemed as biased judging. The official FIG JEP program will have to be used for the evaluation of the judges' work during and after the competition.

Sanctions because of poor and/or biased judging apply irrespectively of whether the judge acted consciously (with intent) or unconsciously (without intent).

The NFs are also responsible for the actions and behaviour of their judges.

11.2 Disciplinary Measures and Sanctions

11.2.1 Disciplinary Measures during the competition

A judge can be warned once, at most a second time and then may be excluded from the competition. However, in case of a very serious mistake, the Technical President can exclude a judge immediately, without previous warning.

The disciplinary measures taken during a competition are without prejudice to any possible sanction pronounced after the analysis made of the judges' work.

Action	Disciplinary Measures
A judge may be warned for the following: - Repeated deviations below or above the deductions for errors, as stated in the COPs - Showing favouritism or disfavour toward an individual gymnast or a team/mixed team - Taking part in obvious discussions and/or agreements with other judges with the intent to collaborate - Poor evaluation while judging - Instances of obviously incorrect judging decisions during competition	1) Verbal warning 2) Written warning or transfer to the GEF If a judge receives a verbal warning during the competition, the case will be analysed in the post-competition evaluation and if confirmed, may result in a written warning by the TC through the FIG Secretary General or transferred to the GEF 3) A judge receiving a second warning during a period of 4 years after the first warning is automatically referred to the GEF
Incorrect uniform	Prohibited from judging

A judge may be removed and replaced immediately or not allowed to judge in a following competition phase for the following: - Receiving a second warning - Taking part in obvious discussions and/or agreements with other judges with the intent to collaborate - Showing favouritism or disfavour toward an individual gymnast or a team/mixed team, after a warning - Continued unjustified high deviations below or above the deductions for errors as stated in the Code of Points or in the Specific judges' rules, after having been given a verbal warning - Speaking with other judges and/or giving some signs during the competition following a verbal warning - Having used means of communication which are not permitted during the competition (e.g. mobilephone) - Cheating or proven corrupt behaviour - Not attending the official activities and judges' instructions (according to the Code of Points, TR, competition directives, or judges' rules) during the official period of the competition - Abusive behaviour - Abuse or misuse of the official accreditation (violation of the Accreditation Rules) - Obstructing the operation of the competition	1) Immediate removal from the competition and prohibited from judging for all remaining phases of the competition 2) The case must be reported to the Secretary General and handed over to the GEF
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11.2.2 Sanctions after a competition

After the conclusion of each Final, the TC shall conduct the post-competition video review and analysis of the judges' work.

All cases, where a judge has received the result "Poor", may result in a written warning by the TC through the Secretary General.

Judges having been identified as significantly biased by JEP (high and very high bias), verified with a post competition expert score from the TC, must be brought to the GEF by the Secretary general in due time.

The sanctions taken against judges by the Continental Unions during their own competitions must be communicated to the FIG Secretary General who shall forward this information to the authorities concerned.

11.2.3 Sanctions against Judges and Federations

The federations are informed about the sanctions against their judges (except in case of verbal warnings).

For sanctions against judges as described in these Rules, according to the Statutes, federations will be informed and, depending of the seriousness of the case, will not be permitted to send judges to the next OG, YOG, WCH, JWCH and/or TWG of the discipline concerned.

11.3 Appeal Proceedings

Jury of Appeal: disciplinary measures or sanctions taken against judges during competition (e.g. verbal warnings or removal of a judge from the competition) can be appealed to the Jury of Appeal. Such appeals must be treated immediately. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final and valid for the relevant competition.

GEF Disciplinary Commission: The judges sanctioned by the TC after the competition may appeal the decision to the GEF Disciplinary Commission. The appeal shall be filed in writing within ten (10) days of notification of the decision. The case shall be decided by a sole member appointed in accordance with the GEF Procedural Rules. The proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with those Rules.

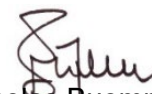
Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS): Decisions taken by the GEF may be appealed to CAS in Lausanne (SUI).

These General Judges Rules' have been approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Kampala (UGA), in February 2024. They enter into effect on 1st January 2025 and are also valid for all judges' courses for the cycle 2025 – 2028.

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