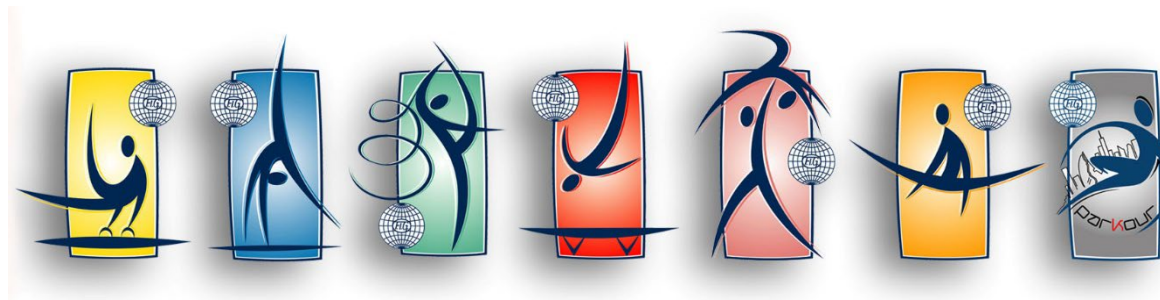


# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



## FIG General Judges' Rules



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Gymnastics is a judgement sport. 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 a fair online testing process to achieve the international level of brevet.

Judges officiating at competitions have to:

- 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 behavior
- show respect to others by being punctual and respecting all rules
- respect the judges' oath and the FIG Code of Ethics.

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

Competitions with a FIG TD & OG/YOG/TWG qualifying competitions: Secretary General, TC President and President of Superior Jury (if different)

All other competitions: TC President and President of Superior Jury (if different).

*\* Definition of "close family relative":*

*People who are or were married to, or live in a registered partnership or co-habit with a gymnast/athlete*

*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.*

## 2. GENERALITIES

The General Judges' Rules apply to all FIG competitive disciplines. Specific rules for each discipline have been developed to clarify the differences. Judges' Rules are approved by the FIG Executive Committee.

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

The Judges' Tests, are carried out according to the protocols listed in this document and to ensure consistency amongst the disciplines as well as a high level of educational delivery.

All brevet judges of the 2017-2021 cycle will retain their international license and be able to judge competitions starting 01.01.2022 with the 2022-2024 CoP until their online test result is released. Failure or lack of certification for their scheduled online test will automatically invalidate their 2017-2021 brevet.

### 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 Technical Committees/PK Commission, the FIG Office shall maintain a database with each judge's name, nationality, brevet level, license ID number, and competition experience in the concerned discipline. All Judges' courses are published on the FIG website.

### 4. GROUPINGS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS (2022-2024)

Group 1 competition	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olympic Games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Olympic Games</li> <li>• The World Games</li> <li>• World Championships</li> </ul> <p><u>For Olympic Disciplines*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continental Championships</li> <li>• Continental Games</li> <li>• World Cup Competitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior World Championships</li> <li>• World Challenge Cups</li> <li>• Junior Continental Championships</li> <li>• Commonwealth Games</li> <li>• Mediterranean Games</li> <li>• FISU World University Games</li> <li>• Pacific Rim Championships</li> <li>• Junior Continental Games/Festivals</li> </ul> <p><u>For Non-Olympic Disciplines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continental Championships</li> <li>• Continental Games</li> <li>• World Cup Competitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All other Regional Championships</li> <li>• All other Multisport Games</li> <li>• World Age Group Competitions</li> <li>• Continental Age Group Competitions</li> <li>• All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</li> </ul> <p><u>For Non-Olympic Disciplines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Continental Championships</li> </ul>

\*TRA- All categories (including SYN, TUM & DMT) are with Olympic disciplines

## 5. JUDGES' CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY

### SUMMARY and OVERVIEW of JUDGES' RULES – 2022-2024 regarding JUDGES' CATEGORIES

Course	Category that can be earned / Eligibility & Minimum Requirements
<b>Online Judges' Tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests will be available in January-March of 2022, with retests in March-April 2022</li> <li>• Passing with the equivalent score required for Category 4 or above allows a judge to retain their 14<sup>th</sup> cycle category to the 15<sup>th</sup> cycle (2022-2024) with no other requirements (PK is the exception, where specific test results will determine the category for each judge)</li> <li>• New judges may certify to Category 4 at a maximum with a passing score (maximum 10 new judges per NF and per discipline)</li> </ul>
<b>Additional requirements</b>	<p>To be eligible to participate in any judges' course, the candidates have to meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum age 18 in the year of the test</li> <li>• Be a member of a national gymnastics federation in good standing affiliated to the FIG</li> <li>• Must hold a valid citizenship (passport) of the national gymnastics federation they represent</li> <li>• Be registered by his/her national federation to participate</li> <li>• Not be currently under the effect of a sanction as foreseen under point 9.2 b below) (Sanctions as per FIG Statutes Art. 43.3 except point a).Warnings)</li> <li>• Be proficient in one official FIG language, and if it is not English, then at least have a working knowledge of English in addition.</li> <li>• Pay a registration fee of CHF 150.-.</li> </ul>

	<b>Category 1</b>	<b>Category 2</b>	<b>Category 3</b>	<b>Category 4</b>
<b>Judging privileges for the Category earned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May serve on Superior Jury or as Apparatus Supervisor at any Group 1-4 competition</li> <li>• May serve as D-, E-, A- judge at any Group 1-4 competition (also T/L)</li> <li>• May be appointed to serve as TD at Group 2-4 competitions</li> <li>• For TRA, AER, ACRO, PK may serve as CJP at any Group 1-4 competition</li> <li>• May be appointed to teach at International and Regional judges' courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May serve on Superior Jury or as Apparatus Supervisor at any Group 2-4 competition.</li> <li>• May serve as D- judge at any Group 2-4 competition</li> <li>• May serve as E-, A- judge at any Group 1-4 competition (also T/L)</li> <li>• For TRA, AER, ACRO, PK may serve as CJP at Group 2-4 competitions</li> <li>• May be appointed to assist in teaching at International and Regional Judges' courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May serve as D-judge at Group 4 competitions.</li> <li>• May serve as E- or A-judge at any Group 2-4 competition (also T/L at all Group 1-4 competitions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May serve as E- or A- judge at Group 4 competitions.</li> <li>• May serve as T/L at all Group 2-4 competitions, with exception of World Championships (senior)</li> <li>• For TRA, ACRO and AER may serve as E- or A- judge at Continental Championships and World Cups (if necessary)</li> </ul>
<b>Required practical results in the online test components as defined by the discipline (No Theory)</b>	Difficulty = Pass Execution = Pass Artistic = Pass	Difficulty = Pass Execution = Pass Artistic = Pass	Difficulty = Pass Execution = Pass Artistic = Pass	Difficulty = Pass Execution = Pass Artistic = Pass
<b>To attain or maintain the category based on test results (see above)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Test</li> </ul>

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
<b>Judging experience requirements are not necessary in maintaining a category from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> cycle. Online test results will be used to determine PK categories.</b>	None from the online tests. PK Category 1s must also have judged a World Cup or World Urban Games during the 14 <sup>th</sup> cycle.	None from the online tests	None from the online tests	None from the online tests
<b>Retest following failure at a test or inability to attend a scheduled test</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The retest result will be valid and final.</li> <li>• A retest for each candidate is only permitted one time.</li> <li>• The retest will be scheduled through the FIG office.</li> <li>• The respective TC President must be notified and approve.</li> <li>• A fee of CHF 150 will be paid for the retest participation</li> </ul>			
<b>Retest following connection/hardware problem at a test</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The retest result will be valid and final.</li> <li>• The retest will be scheduled through the FIG office.</li> <li>• The respective TC President must be notified and approve.</li> <li>• No additional fee will be required.</li> </ul>			
<b>In cases of Judging interruption</b>	<p>A judge who did not renew his/her brevet during the 14<sup>th</sup> cycle may continue his/her career as a judge after the interruption as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The judge must begin the judging process again under the conditions that apply to a highest National level judge.</li> </ul>			
<b>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)</b>	<p>OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: 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.</p> <p>NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: Successfully judged a minimum of three (3) international competitions including one (1) from Group 2 and one (1) from Groups 2-3</p>	<p>OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: Successfully judged a minimum of three (3) international competitions including two (2) from Groups 1-3</p> <p>NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: Successfully judged a minimum of three (3) international competitions including two (2) from Groups 2-3</p>	Successfully judged a minimum of two (2) international competitions	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line and/or time judge assignments will fulfil an International Competition experience requirement only one (1) time per cycle in the highest Group received.</li> <li>• FIG approved International competitions at which an International judge functions as a member of the Superior Jury will count towards judging experience requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information for Technical Committee Members and FIG Authorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Technical Committee members shall automatically maintain for the following cycle the category they held in the cycle just completed.</li> <li>• Technical Committee 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 Technical Committee member.</li> <li>• New TC Members for the 2022-2024 cycle must review of the online educational materials.</li> <li>• FIG Technical Committee 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.</li> <li>• TC Members may serve on Superior Jury or as Apparatus Supervisor at the Olympic Games regardless of their category</li> <li>• Other FIG authorities cannot serve as judges, Superior Jury members, Supervisors, TDs, etc. at any FIG sanctioned competitions.</li> <li>• Other FIG authorities while serving and continuing as authorities will continue to maintain their category in the subsequent cycle.</li> <li>• Other FIG authorities (not as candidates or not re-elected in 2021) with a current FIG brevet may have limited or no experience requirements in attaining or maintaining their Category from the 2017-2021 cycle. For the 2022-2024 cycle they will retain their past Category (to a maximum of Category 2), but must review of the online educational materials.</li> <li>• Other FIG authorities (not as candidates or re-elected in 2024) with a current FIG brevet may have limited or no experience requirements in attaining or maintaining their Category from the 2022-2024 cycle. For the 2025-2028 cycle they will retain their past Category (to a maximum of Category 2) with the only requirement as attendance at a judges' course (no examination required).</li> <li>• Statutes Art. 36.1 Principle: Gymnasts and judges taking part in any international competition must have the nationality (citizenship) of the Federations they represent and authority to participate, from their Federation.</li> <li>• Neutral judges for all competitions must always have written authorization sent to the LOC (with copy to the Competition President of the Superior Jury and TC President) in advance from their home Federation.</li> <li>• FIG TC Members must inform their TC President and Sports Manager 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information for Competitions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there is an insufficient number of judges in the required categories at a competition, the Technical Delegate (TD) or President of the Superior Jury may take whatever action is needed to secure the running of the event.</li> </ul>



## **6. JUDGES' ATTENDANCE AT COMPETITIONS / PODIUM TRAINING**

Judges arriving late for competitions (force majeure) may be allowed to judge at the discretion of the TD, but a signed note from transportation company is required to demonstrate the judge or federation was not at fault.

A judge 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.

A judge 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 in advance before leaving a competition before completion.

NEW: 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.

## **7. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE EVALUATION OF JUDGING TESTS**

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

## **8. JUDGES' RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS**

### **8.1 Preamble**

Judges are an integral part of the sport of gymnastics. 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 Technical Committees of each discipline and PK Commission establish the criteria to be used and have the responsibility to recognize judges as follows:

### **8.2 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 Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, The World Games, World Championships, Junior World Championships, and possibly World Cup, World Challenge Cup and other Multi-sport Games, if an evaluation program 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.

<b>Excellence in Judging Award</b>	
<p><b>One event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performance evaluation of “Excellent” or “Very Good” in all phases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter to the judge signed by the Secretary General and the respective TC President / Commission President</li> <li>- Copy to his/her federation</li> <li>- Publication on the FIG website and Bulletin</li> </ul>
<p><b>Over one cycle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Excellent” and “Very Good” judgement using the top 3 evaluations from competition phases during the cycle (any fair or poor judgement will eliminate a judge from consideration).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Cycle Diploma Award</li> <li>- Letter to the judge signed by the Secretary General and the respective TC President / Commission President</li> <li>- Copy to his/her federation</li> <li>- Publication on the FIG Bulletin and website with photo and personal achievements</li> </ul>

### 8.3 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 below 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 with presentation once a year at the World Championships, The World Games, or significant competition for the respective discipline.

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.

<b>Longevity of Judging Service</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gold level award for 16 years (4 cycles) of service without sanction</li> <li>- Based on 5 of the following World Championships, Junior World Championships, Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, The World Games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter to the judge signed by the Secretary General and the respective TC President</li> <li>- Copy to his/her NF</li> <li>- Gold Long Service pin</li> <li>- Publication on the FIG website and Bulletin with photo</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Honorary Judge's Diploma to retired judges who are breveted for a minimum of 5 breveted active cycles (20 years) with minimum 8 World Championships, Junior World Championships Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, The World Games having judged without sanction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIG Honorary Judge's Diploma signed by the FIG President and the TC President</li> <li>- Copy to his/her NF</li> <li>- Special insignia pin</li> <li>- Publication on the FIG website and Bulletin with photo and personal achievements</li> </ul>

## **9. JUDGES' DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS**

### **9.1 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 Technical Committee and PK Commission members are responsible for the education, control and supervision of the work of the judges. They investigate and take any action necessary during the competition, and following the event conduct an analysis of the competition videos.
- Unsatisfactory and/or biased judging will be subject to disciplinary proceedings and sanctions
- 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. Disciplinary actions taken during the competition (warnings or removal of a judge from the competition) may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal. Its decision is final.
- 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; or similar classification names.
- 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.
- During the competition, art. 7.8.1 Section 1 of the Technical Regulations applies. The actions taken during a competition are without prejudice to any possible sanction pronounced after the analysis of the judges' work following the competition.

After the competition and after the judges' analysis, written warnings may be issued by the Technical Committee via the Secretary General against judges, whose behaviour or work is assessed as unsatisfactory. The Technical Committee can also refer the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (GEF) through the Secretary General. Judges who have been reported significantly bias (large and very large bias) in JEP (verified with a post competition expert score by the TC) must be brought to the GEF Disciplinary Commission by the FIG Secretary General.
- Sanctions because of poor and/or biased judging apply irrespectively of whether the judge acted consciously (with intent) or unconsciously (without intent)
- The judges who have received a written warning by the Technical Committee after the competition may appeal to the GEF Disciplinary Commission. The appeal must be made in writing within 21 days. A judge receiving a second warning during a period of 4 years after the first warning is automatically referred to the GEF Disciplinary Commission.
- The NFs are also responsible for the actions and behaviour of their judges.

## 9.2 Disciplinary Actions against Judges

### a) Disciplinary actions during the competition

Action	Consequences
A judge can be warned for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Repeated deviations below or above the deductions for errors, as stated in the Code of Points</li><li>- Showing favouritism or disfavour toward an individual gymnast or a team</li><li>- Taking part in obvious discussions and/or agreements with other judges with the intent to collaborate</li><li>- Unsatisfactory evaluation while judging</li><li>- Instances of obviously incorrect judging decisions during competition</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Verbal warning</li></ul> If a judge receives a verbal warning during the competition, the case will be analysed in the post-competition evaluation and if confirmed, will result in a written warning by the TC through the Secretary General or transferred to the GEF Disciplinary Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Incorrect uniform</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- May not be allowed to judge</li></ul>

Action	Consequences
<p>A judge can be removed and replaced immediately or not allowed to judge in a following competition phase for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Receiving a second warning</li> <li>- Taking part in obvious discussions and/or agreements with other judges with the intent to collaborate</li> <li>- Showing favouritism or disfavour toward an individual gymnast or a team, after a warning</li> <li>- Continued unjustified large 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</li> <li>- Speaking with other judges and/or giving some signs during the competition following a verbal warning</li> <li>- Having used means of communication which are not permitted during the competition (e.g. mobilephone)</li> <li>- Cheating or proven corrupt behaviour</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Abusive behaviour</li> <li>- Abuse or misuse of the official accreditation (Infractions of the Accreditation Rules)</li> <li>- Obstructing the operation of the competition</li> <li>- The exclusion of a judge during a competition can be followed by further sanctions depending on the severity of the problem (refer to art. 9.2 b below)</li> </ul>	<p>The case must be reported to the Secretary General and handed over to the GEF Disciplinary Commission who can take one or several of the following sanctions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Written warning</li> <li>- Suspension</li> <li>- Downgrade of Category</li> <li>- Removal of brevet</li> <li>- Publication in FIG Bulletin</li> <li>- Warning letter to Federation</li> <li>- Federation not permitted to have a judge at one or more FIG competitions (OG, YOG, WCH, JWCH, TWG)</li> <li>- Any sanction listed in art. 43.3 of the FIG Statutes</li> <li>- Any other action deemed necessary by the GEF Disciplinary Commission (refer to art. 9.2 b) below)</li> </ul>

## **b) Sanctions after a competition**

After the conclusion of the competition, the Technical Committee shall conduct the post-competition video review and analysis of the judges' work as prescribed in the regulations for JEP. All cases, where a judge has received the result "Unsatisfactory", will result in a written warning by the TC/Commission through the Secretary General or may be referred to the GEF Disciplinary Commission. Judges having been identified as significantly biased by JEP (large and very large bias, verified with a post competition expert score from the TC, must be brought to the GEF Disciplinary Commission in due time.

The GEF Disciplinary Commission will take a decision according to Art. 23, of the Code of Discipline. Possible sanctions are mentioned in Art. 43.3 of the FIG Statutes and here above under 9.2.

The details of the sanction will be stated in the decision which is subject to appeal.

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. All proposals for sanctions (except verbal warnings) after the competition must be referred to the GEF Disciplinary Commission – through the FIG Secretary General – as mentioned above.

## **c) 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 9.2 a) and b) above, according to the Statutes, Art. 43.3, federations will be informed and, depending of the seriousness of the case, will not be permitted to send judges to the next Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, World Championships, Junior World Championships and/or The World Games of the discipline concerned.
- All written sanctions against judges and national federations will be communicated and signed by the President of the respective GEF Disciplinary Commission.

## **9.3 Levels of Appeals**

- a) Jury of Appeal: Judges who are sanctioned during competition have the right to appeal to the Jury of Appeal. Appeals for verbal warnings are submitted 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.
- b) GEF Disciplinary Commission: Sanctions decided by the GEF Disciplinary Commission may be appealed to the GEF Appeal Tribunal.
- c) GEF Appeal Tribunal: Decisions taken by the GEF Appeal Tribunal may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne (SUI).

## **10. EDUCATIONAL AND JUDGES' TEST INFORMATION FOR 2022**

### **10.1 Educational Material**

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

### **10.2 Online Tests (Practical Only)**

The Technical Committee has the responsibility to compile the tests, and they will be delivered through the STS Test platform. For each discipline, multiple sets of tests are prepared according to the needs of the discipline. Complete information will be found in the Test Directives and/or updated Specific Judges' Rules once published.

- This exam is primarily video driven and with all attempts to use only IRCOS videos
- Each part will to have noticeable lead and end
- The number of parts, video segments or routines, are prescribed in an evaluation chart of the Specific Judges' Rules for each discipline
- The length of time for scoring full routines is prescribed according to the Specific Judges' Rules for each discipline
- The allotted time for candidates to arrive at the score is to be imbedded into the running of the test video using a count-down clock, so it remains consistent and accurate and well viewed by the candidates
- Music and audio must be clear for the candidates
- Multiple sets of videos are distinctively identified by the FIG office.
- A FIG video expert must be available to assist the TCs with the preparation
- The pool of material and videos, the process, and then the selection and the structuring of the practical component is determined by each TC President in conjunction with the FIG Office
- The test videos will be randomized, candidates within the same time zone will take the same test set, however, the apparatus/category/event and routine order within each component may be randomized to make it extremely difficult for candidates to collaborate.

For the Test, the expert scores are prepared by the Technical Committee in advance.

The final compilation of the test packages will be finalized by the FIG office once all the steps of the process are completed. All tests are maintained at the FIG office. TC members will not have copies.



## Delivery

- The judges' tests will be offered from mid-January to February 2022. Retests are possible, and if necessary, through April.
- The maximum time limit and any other exact aspects of the testing procedure will be clearly explained in the Test Directives and/or Specific Judges' Rules. and understood by the candidates.
- The tests will be delivered to all candidates residing in the same time zone on the same day at the same time.
- Before each section of routines there will be a warm-up routine for candidates to be able to enter their data into the online platform with no results given.
- Exactly one week before the test, all candidates will have the opportunity to take a practice test, with no results given, on the same day of the week, same time of day, with each candidate using their same hardware (laptop or tablet) at the same location as they plan to be for the test. The goal is to make each candidate comfortable, while testing the internal system of the STS Test platform. The Practice Test is a limited sample of the actual test, just a few routines with no results feedback to facilitate ease of use.
- Results will be distributed by the FIG office as soon as possible after each test.

## 10.3 Theory Testing

No Theory testing will be held as part of the online tests.

## 11. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL JUDGES PER PANEL AND SUPERIOR JURY FOR FIG REGISTERED COMPETITIONS

- Judges may only serve in one official position (Ex. 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 line/time judges may judge WAG line/time and vice versa, but only receive experience credit in their respective discipline. The same is true for RGI and RGG.
- All positions including T & L require a valid FIG brevet (except where noted)
- Every Competition has a President of Superior Jury (the Technical Delegate- TD for some, depending on the group and type)
- All exceptions to the minimum standards must be approved in advance of the arrival day of the delegations by the respective TC President and Technical Coordinator (or Secretary General) for Group 4 competitions. Any other exceptions (Groups 1-3) will require approval from the EC.
- For Trampoline (TRA), all apparatus (IND, SYN, TUM, DMT) are included in the Olympic Discipline

Note: All panel sizes are the minimums. The maximum size may not exceed those of Group 1 for Olympic disciplines and Group 2 for Non-Olympic disciplines

## Olympic Disciplines

Discipline	Group 1 Competitions	Group 2 Competitions	Group 3 Competitions	Group 4 Competitions
	- Olympic Games (OG)	- Youth Olympic Games (YOG) - The World Games (TWG) - World Championships (WCH) - Sr. Continental Championships - Continental Games - World Cup Competitions	- Jr. World Championships (JWCH) - World Challenge Cups - Jr. Continental Championships - Commonwealth Games (CWG) - Mediterranean Games - FISU World University Games (WUG) - Pacific Rim Championships - Jr. Continental Games/Festival	- All other Regional Championships - All other Multisport Games - World Age Group Competitions (WAGC) - Continental Age Group Competitions - All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions
<b>ART</b>	7 E (count avg 3 middle) 2D 1AS ----- <u>MAG:</u> 1 President 1 Member <u>WAG:</u> 1 President 2 Members	<b>WCH &amp; OG Qualifying World Cups</b> 7 E (count avg 3 middle) 2D 1AS ----- <u>MAG WCH:</u> 1 President 1 Member <u>WAG WCH:</u> 1 President 2 Members <u>MAG/WAG OG Qual. W-Cups:</u> 1 President <b>All Others</b> 5 E (count avg 3 middle) 2 D 1 AS ----- <u>MAG/WAG:</u> 1 President	<b>JWCH, CWG &amp; WUG</b> 4 E for CWG (count avg 2 middle) / 5 E for WUG (count avg 3 middle) / 7 E for JWCH (count avg 3 middle) 2 D 1 AS ----- <u>MAG JWCH:</u> 1 President 1 Member <u>WAG JWCH:</u> 1 President 2 Members <u>MAG/WAG CWG and WUG:</u> 1 President <b>All Others</b> 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 2 D ----- <u>MAG/WAG:</u> 1 President	4 E (count avg 2 middle) 2 D ----- <u>MAG/WAG:</u> 1 President <b>All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</b> 2 E (count avg of 2) 2 D → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <u>MAG/WAG:</u> 1 President
<b>RG</b>	4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- 1 President 2 DA Members (per panel) 2 DB Members (per panel) 1 E Member (per panel) 1 A Member (per panel)	4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- 1 President 2 DA Members (per panel) 2 DB Members (per panel) 1 E Member (per panel) 1 A Member (per panel)  <u>World Cups:</u> 1 President	4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- <u>JWCH:</u> same as Group 2 <u>Games:</u> 1 President 1 DA Member (per panel) 1 DB Member (per panel) 1 E Member (per panel) 1 A Member (per panel) <u>All others:</u> 1 President	3 E (count middle) 3 A (count middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- 1 President <b>All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</b> → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- 1 President

\* Brevet judges preferred

Note 1: Any competition may use the standards of a higher group; these are minimum standards.

Note 2: Superior Juries (SJ) shown in blue with italics.

Olympic Disciplines				
Discipline	Group 1 Competitions	Group 2 Competitions	Group 3 Competitions	Group 4 Competitions
	- Olympic Games (OG)	- Youth Olympic Games (YOG) - The World Games (TWG) - World Championships (WCH) - Sr. Continental Championships - Continental Games - World Cup Competitions	- Jr. World Championships (JWCH) - World Challenge Cups - Jr. Continental Championships - Commonwealth Games (CWG) - Mediterranean Games  - FISU World University Games (WUG) - Pacific Rim Championships - Jr. Continental Games/Festival	- All other Regional Championships - All other Multisport Games - World Age Group Competitions (WAGC) - Continental Age Group Competitions - All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions
<b>TRA</b>	1 CJP 2 D 6 E (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i> <i>3 Members per (Gender panel)</i>	<b>WCH, YOG, &amp; OG Qualifying World Cups</b> 1 CJP 2 D 6 E (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i> 2 Members per apparatus  <b>All Others</b> 1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i>	<b>JWCH</b> 1 CJP 2 D 6 E (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i> 2 Members per apparatus  <b>All Others</b> 1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i>	1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i>  <b>WAGC</b> <i>1 President</i> <i>2 Members per apparatus</i>  <b>All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</b> 2 E (avg. of 2) 2 D → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>1 President</i>
<p><i>* Brevet judges preferred</i>      <i>Note 1: Any competition may use the standards of a higher group; these are minimum standards.</i>      <i>Note 2: Superior Juries (SJ) shown with italics.</i></p>				

## Non-Olympic Disciplines

Discipline	Group 1 Competitions	Group 2 Competitions	Group 3 Competitions	Group 4 Competitions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Olympic Games (YOG)</li> <li>- The World Games (TWG)</li> <li>- World Championships (WCH)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jr. World Championships (JWCH)</li> <li>- Sr. Continental Championships</li> <li>- Continental Games</li> <li>- World Cup Competitions</li> <li>- FISU World University Games (WUG)</li> <li>- Pacific Rim Championships</li> <li>- Jr. Continental Games/Festival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All other Regional Championships</li> <li>- All other Multisport Games</li> <li>- World Age Group Competitions (WACG)</li> <li>- Continental Age Group Competitions</li> <li>- Jr. Continental Championships</li> <li>- All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</li> </ul>
<b>ACRO</b>		1 CJP 2 D 6 E (count avg 2 middle) 6 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i> <i>2 D Members</i> <i>2 E Members</i> <i>2 A Members</i>	1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i>	<b>WAGC</b> 1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>Same as Group 2</i> <b>All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</b> 1 CJP 2 D 3 E (count middle) 3 A (count middle) → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>1 President</i>
<b>AER</b>		1 CJP 2 D 6 E (count avg 2 middle) 6 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i> <i>2 D Members</i> <i>2 E Members</i> <i>2 A Members</i>	1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i>	<b>WAGC</b> 1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>Same as Group 2</i> <b>All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</b> 1 CJP 2 D 3 E (count middle) 3 A (count middle) → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>1 President</i>
<p>* Brevet judges preferred <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Note 1: Any competition may use the standards of a higher group; these are minimum standards.</span> <span style="float: right;">Note 2: Superior Juries (SJ) shown with italics.</span></p>				

Non-Olympic Disciplines				
Discipline	Group 1 Competitions	Group 2 Competitions	Group 3 Competitions	Group 4 Competitions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Olympic Games (YOG)</li> <li>- The World Games (TWG)</li> <li>- World Championships (WCH)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jr. World Championships (JWCH)</li> <li>- Sr. Continental Championships</li> <li>- Continental Games</li> <li>- World Cup Competitions</li> <li>- FISU World University Games (WUG)</li> <li>- Pacific Rim Championships</li> <li>- Jr. Continental Games/Festival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All other Regional Championships</li> <li>- All other Multisport Games</li> <li>- World Age Group Competitions (WAGC)</li> <li>- Continental Age Group Competitions</li> <li>- Jr. Continental Championships</li> <li>- All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions</li> </ul>
<b>PK</b>		6 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E)** 7 Speed (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L)** ----- <i>1 President</i>	6 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E) 7 Speed = (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L) ----- <i>1 President</i>	6 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E) 7 Speed (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L) → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>1 President</i>
<i>* Brevet judges preferred</i> <i>Note 1: Any competition may use the standards of a higher Group; these are minimum standards.</i> <i>Note 2: Superior Juries (SJ) shown with italics.</i> <i>** including 1 CJP</i>				

## 12. JUDGES' UNIFORMS

Judges' Uniforms	Judges MAG	Judges WAG	Judges RG	Judges TRA	Judges AER	Judges ACRO	Judges PK	TC Members
Item	Comp FoP	Comp FoP	Comp FoP	Comp FoP	Comp FoP	Comp FoP	Comp FoP	Comp FoP
Dark blue suit with jacket & pants (for men only)	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y*		Y*
Dark blue suit with jacket & pants or skirt (women only)	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 Badge	Y**	Y**	Y**	Y**	Y**	Y**	N	Y**
FIG-Pin	O**	O**	O**	O**	O**	O**	N	Y**
Black or blue shoes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	O	Y
FIG PK judges' shirt							Y*	

\*except at Olympic Games and other competitions where the uniform is supplied by an Organizing Committee

\*\* except where forbidden with a uniform provided by a Local Organizing Committee

Y = Yes      N = No      O = Optional

*Note: Some disciplines have more detailed information regarding judges' uniforms in their CoP and Newsletters that take precedence over this table.*

**These General Judges Rules' have been approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting 14 December 2021. They enter into effect 01.01.2022 and are valid for all judges' tests for the cycle 2022 – 2024.**

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