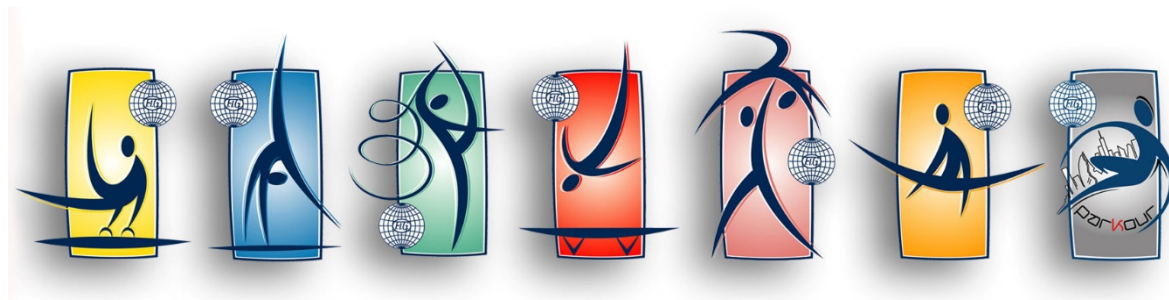


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FIG General Judges' Rules



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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 courses and a fair examination 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 may not judge that gymnast or his/her unit (pair, group, etc.) at any FIG sanctioned event. If a conflict should or could appear, ~~the president of the FIG~~ 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": ~~as per EC decision:~~

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

People who are related to a gymnast 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 ~~Olympic~~ 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 Intercontinental and all International Judges' courses, including the regional and supplementary courses are carried out according to the protocols listed in this document. Specific operational directives have been established to ensure consistency amongst the disciplines as well as a high level of educational delivery.

The details of the procedure for the competition judges' draw, based on the principles mentioned in the Technical Regulations, are outlined in the Specific Judges' Rules.

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

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

Groupings of International competitions (2017-2021) used to determine experience to start the 15th cycle

Group 1 competitions	Group 2 competitions	Group 3 competitions	Group 4 competitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olympic Games • World Championships • World Cup competitions qualifying for the Olympic Games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental senior and junior Championships • World Cup Competitions • World Challenge Cup Competitions • The World Games • Youth Olympic Games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth Games • Continental Games • Mediterranean Games • Universiade FISU World University Games • World and Continental Age Group Competitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Championships • Test Events for The World Games • Test Events for Olympic Games • All other Multisport Games, • All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions

*TRA- All categories are with the Olympic disciplines

5. JUDGES' CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY

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

FIG Level of Course	Category that can be earned	Eligibility & Minimum Requirements
FIG Intercontinental Course <i>Offered in November December 2021 in Switzerland</i>	FIG Brevet Category 1, 2, 3, 4 can be earned at this course including failure depending on examination results and experience requirements	The number of judges each federation is entitled to send is specified in the Specific Judges' Rules. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Category 3, except Parkour where all categories and new judges may participate • Competition experience requirements as presented below to attain or maintain a specific category • No sanction during the 14th cycle and until the start date of the course (Sanctions as per FIG Statutes Art. 43.3 except point a), warning). • Additional requirements as presented below
FIG International Course <i>(Organized in geographical and/or language groups)</i> <i>Offered at approximately 11 sites around the world</i>	FIG Brevet Category 2, 3 or 4 including failure depending on examination results and experience requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum highest National Level • Competition experience requirements as presented below to attain or maintain a specific category • Additional requirements as presented below

<p>FIG International Supplementary Course (English only) <i>Offered at the FIG Office in Lausanne, Switzerland</i></p>	<p>FIG Brevet Category 2, 3 or 4 including failure depending on examination results and experience requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed Intercontinental or International Courses (with brevet from 14th cycle and medical certificate); other requests to be approved by Technical Coordinator or Secretary General • Retest to upgrade from previous Intercontinental or International Course. Only one Retest permitted per cycle. • Offered once per cycle in each discipline
<p>FIG Regional Course <i>(organized upon request of the affiliated NF, language choice of hosting NF)</i></p>	<p>FIG Brevet Category 4 including failure depending on examination results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum National Level • Additional requirements as presented below
<p>Additional requirements</p>	<p>To be eligible to participate in an Intercontinental, International, Regional, Supplementary Judges' Course, the candidates have to meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a member of a national gymnastics federation in good standing affiliated to the FIG • Must hold a valid citizenship (passport) of the national gymnastics federation they represent • Be designated by his/her national federation to participate in the Intercontinental, International, Regional, and/or Supplementary Judges' Course • 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) • Be proficient in one official FIG language, and if it is not English, then at least have a working knowledge of English in addition. • Pay a registration fee of CHF 150.-. For subsequent courses or repeating examinations during the cycle the fee is CHF 150.-. 	

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Judging privileges for the Category earned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May serve on Superior Jury 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 and Regional judges' courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May serve on Superior Jury 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 and Regional Judges' courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May serve as E- or A- judge at Group 4 competitions. • May serve as T/L at all Group 1-4 competitions, with exception of World Championships (senior)
Courses authorized for participation	May attend Intercontinental, International, Supplementary, Regional Judges' Courses	May attend Intercontinental, International, Supplementary, Regional Judges' Courses	May attend Intercontinental, International, Supplementary, Regional Judges' Courses	May attend International, Supplementary, and Regional Judges' Courses
Required Practical Examination Results in the examination components as defined by the discipline (No Theory Examination)	Difficulty = Excellent Execution = Very Good Artistic = Very Good	Difficulty = Very Good Execution = Very Good Artistic = Very Good	Difficulty = Good Execution = Good Artistic = Good	Difficulty = Pass Execution = Pass Artistic = Pass
To attain or maintain the category based on examination results (see above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only at Intercontinental Course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Intercontinental Course • At International Course • At Supplementary Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Intercontinental Course • At International Course with Category 2 or higher examination results; no other conditions (or experience required) "Fast Track" • At Supplementary Course • At any course above with Category 2 or higher examination results; no other conditions (or experience required) "Fast Track" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Intercontinental Course • At International Course • At Supplementary Course • At any course above with Category 3 examination results without experience or Cat. 4 examination results • At Regional course with Cat. 4 or higher results, no other conditions. No possibility to upgrade to a higher category. • At Supplementary Course

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ In case of passing or failure results A judge can only drop 2 categories in one cycle: ☐ In case of passing or failure results, Category 1 in the cycle just completed can drop at worst to Category 3, ☐ In case of failure, Category 2 in the cycle just completed can drop at worst to Category 4. 	
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	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Judging experience requirements at FIG approved International competitions during the cycle just completed to attain or maintain the category (Groups based on the 2017-2020 2021 General Judges' Rules) Note: for the 2022-2024 cycle, only examination results will be required for PK judges' categories	Successfully judged a minimum of 4 international competitions including 1 from Groups 1-2 and 1 from Groups 1-3 NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: Successfully judged a minimum of 3 international competitions including 1 from Groups 1-2 and 1 from	OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: Successfully judged a minimum of 4 international competitions including 2 from Groups 1-3 NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES: Successfully judged a minimum of 3 international competitions including 2 from Groups 1-3	Successfully judged a minimum of 2 international competitions or with Fast Track	None
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line and/or time judge assignments will fulfil an International Competition experience requirement only 1 time per cycle in the highest Group received. • FIG approved International competitions at which an International judge functions as a member of the Superior Jury will count towards judging experience requirements. 			
To validate a Category by meeting missing International judging experience requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A judge who has not met the judging experience requirements for the Category earned in the examinations has an opportunity to be awarded that category. The missing experience requirements must be fulfilled within two (2) years of the new cycle (2022-2023) for the earned category to be validated using the Groups of competitions for the 15th cycle and the list of competitions participated in during the 14th and 15th cycles. • The competitions from the 14th cycle and 15th 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. 			
Upgrade & Fast Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade is based on experience (14th and 15th cycle) upon request from a national federation • Only one Fast Track <u>or</u> Upgrade permitted per cycle 			
Retest following dissatisfaction with examination results (not including failure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must retake the full examination at another course with or without attending the lectures • The results from the best second examination result will be valid • Retest only once per cycle at an International, Regional or Supplementary Course • For examination only: The NF must contact the respective Local Organising Committee, which will determine the costs of the judge's accommodation, meals, local transportation, coffee breaks etc. at its discretion, plus the CHF 150 course fee payable to FIG. • For entire course and full examination: fees for course as per directives 			

Retest following failure at a course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must take the entire course and full examination again • The results from the best second examination result will be valid • Retest only once per cycle at an International, Regional or Supplementary Course
In cases of Judging interruption	<p>A judge who does not renew his/her brevet during a cycle may continue his/her career as a judge after the interruption as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 1 cycle, may re-qualify for the previous category held by the judge before the interruption, provided the judge attains the examination results for that specific category (max Cat. 2). The missing experience requirements must be fulfilled within two (2) years of the new cycle for the earned category to be validated. If a judge does not achieve the experience requirement to match his/her examination results within 2 years, he/she will receive the Category in accordance with competitions judged. • After more than 1 cycle, the judge must begin the judging process again under the conditions that apply to a highest National level judge.
Additional Information for Technical Committee Members and FIG Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technical Committee members shall automatically maintain for the following cycle the category they held in the cycle just completed. • 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. • FIG Technical Committee members may only serve as TDs and Supervisors at FIG sanctioned competitions • Other FIG authorities cannot serve as judges, Superior Jury members, Supervisors, TDs, etc. at any FIG sanctioned competitions • Other FIG authorities while serving and continuing as authorities will continue to maintain their category in the subsequent cycle, but must attend a judges' course (no examination required). • Other FIG authorities with a current FIG brevet will have no experience requirements in attaining or maintaining their Category during the 2021 (2022-2024) cycle. Their new Category (2025-2028) will be based on examination results and their past Category only. • Other FIG authorities (not as candidates or 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) with the only requirement as attendance at a judges' course (no examination required). • 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). • 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. • Neutral judges for all competitions must always have written authorization sent to the LOC (with copy to the Competition TD) (unless it is an official FIG invitation) in advance from their home Federation. • 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 of their home federation the NF they represent, unless invited directly by FIG.
Additional Information for Competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is an insufficient number of judges in the required categories at a competition, the Technical Delegate (TD) may take whatever action is needed to secure the running of the event.

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: ~~Attendance at podium training:~~ **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 PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

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**, ~~Youth Olympic Games~~ 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.

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

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 respective Sports Manager the name(s) of their judges deserving the gold level award between 01 January and 28 February of each year. After verification by the Sports Manager and the TC President if the conditions are met, the decision is taken and communicated once a year at the World Championships, The World Games, or significant competition with 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.

Longevity of Judging Service	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold level award for 16 years (4 cycles) of service without sanction - Based on 5 of the following World Championships, Junior World Championships, Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, The World Games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter to the judge signed by the Secretary General and the respective TC President - Copy to his/her NF - Gold Long Service pin - Publication on the FIG website and Bulletin with photo and personal achievements

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FIG Honorary Judge's Diploma to retired judges who are breveted for a minimum of 5 breveted active Olympic cycles (20 years) with minimum 8 World Championships, Junior World Championships Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, The World Games having judged without sanction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FIG Honorary Judge's Diploma signed by the FIG President and the TC President - Copy to his/her NF - Special insignia pin - Publication on the FIG website and Bulletin with photo and personal achievements
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9. JUDGES' DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS

9.1 General

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Unsatisfactory and/or biased judging will be subject to disciplinary proceedings and sanctions
- d) 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.
- e) 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, Weak, Unsatisfactory; 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.
- f) 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.

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

- i) 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
<p>A judge can be warned for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repeated deviations below or above the deductions for errors, as stated in the Code of Points - Showing favouritism or disfavour toward an individual gymnast or a team - Taking part in obvious discussions and/or agreements with other judges with the intent to collaborate - Unsatisfactory evaluation while judging - Instances of obviously incorrect judging decisions during competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal warning <p>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</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorrect uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May not be allowed to judge

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"> - 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, after a warning - 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 - 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 (Infractions of the Accreditation Rules) - Obstructing the operation of the competition - 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) 	<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"> - Written warning - Suspension - Downgrade of Category - Removal of brevet - Publication in FIG Bulletin - Warning letter to Federation - Federation not permitted to have a judge at one or more FIG competitions (OG, YOG, WCH, JWCH, TWG) - Any sanction listed in art. 43.3 of the FIG Statutes - Any other action deemed necessary by the GEF Disciplinary Commission (refer to art. 9.2 b) below)

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. COURSE INFORMATION, ALLOCATION, SIZE AND DURATION

10.1 Intercontinental Courses allocated by FIG

In each discipline only one Intercontinental Course will be approved per cycle, ~~with a maximum of 125 judges~~ **total number of participants as prescribed in the respective Specific Judges' Rules or course Directives.**

Eligibility to attend is listed in the General Judges' Rules (see point 5), whereas the number of participants per national federation is specified 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 per NF. If they cannot attend the Intercontinental Course, they are considered out of the quota per NF at International Courses as well.

The Intercontinental courses can include simultaneous translation, but all text presentations are in English (details will be included in the course Directives). **No personal translators will be allowed.** Technical Committee Members (**selected experts in PK**) in each discipline will deliver the course curriculum.

The candidate eligibility is determined in point 5 of these General Judges' Rules.

No "auditors" are permitted at the Intercontinental Course.

Marking of examinations and results process

The process for marking examinations and compiling the results will be done by the computer producing an automatic result.

The full and final results of the Intercontinental course (**by judge number as assigned**) are reviewed by the TC and the final percentages for the 5 criteria (excellent, very good, good, pass, fail) are determined. This is a Technical Committee decision and all TC members have to be part of the decision. The Technical Presidents signs off on the document. This scale is then published and applied for all other courses for the whole cycle.

These are still reflected only by judge number not name. The results have to be reviewed **and finalised by the TC President with final approval by the Technical Coordinator (or Secretary General)** in accordance with the evaluation scale. Results will be **sent verified** by the FIG office ~~and sent~~ to the federations **as soon as possible within 10 working days**. No results are communicated at the end of any course.

10.2 International (language based) Courses allocated by FIG

International Courses will be organized on a geographic and language basis **with the maximum total number of judges as prescribed in the respective Specific Judges' Rules or course Directives.** Federations will then have an opportunity to bid for these multinational courses. Details of the process to be followed for each discipline are specified in the Event Bid Questionnaire and will be distributed by FIG for federation bids.

The courses will be filled on a first come - first serve basis. Course sizes will be structured as follows:

All NFs, including the Host Country, may register ~~15~~ a number of eligible judges **as per the respective Specific Judges' Rules or course Directives**. After the deadline, in case of remaining places, the course will be filled in order of priority as follows:

- 3 additional judges from the host
- 3 additional judges from other federations according to the date of registration
- the LOC in agreement with the FIG will determine how many remaining places are to be filled
- Note: Federations may register reserves to be taken into consideration

A certain number of coaches as “auditors” are permitted, based on the space available. In any case, a maximum of 2 coaches per federation will be permitted. The host federation can participate with a maximum of 5 coaches. Coaches cannot intervene during the presentation sessions, but may submit questions in writing according to the policies of the course.

The International language-based courses will be available in English, Spanish, Russian and French for all disciplines. All documents (presentations) will be in ~~English only~~ **the language of each course**.

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

- For the courses up to 40 candidates 1 expert is required
- For the course with 41 to 125 candidates 2 experts are required

The candidate eligibility is determined in point 5 of these General Judges' Rules.

Marking of examinations and results process

The process, for marking examinations and compiling the results will be done by the computer producing an automatic result. These are still reflected only by judge number (**as assigned**) not name. The results have to be reviewed **and finalised by the TC President with final approval of the Technical Coordinator (or Secretary General)** in accordance with the evaluation scale. Results will be sent verified by the FIG office and sent to the federations as soon as possible ~~within 10 working days~~. No results are communicated at the end of any course.

10.3 Supplementary Courses hosted by FIG

These courses will have a maximum of 35 participants and will be held at the FIG office **in Lausanne (SUI)**. The course will be in English. **No personal translators will be allowed.**

The Technical Committees will name the Expert(s) who will deliver the courses.

The candidate eligibility is determined in point 5 of these General Judges' Rules.

The courses will be filled on a first come - first serve basis.

Marking of examinations and results process

The process, for marking examinations and compiling the results will be done by the computer producing an automatic result. These are still reflected only by judge number **(as assigned)** not name. The results have to be reviewed **and finalised by the TC President with final approval by the Technical Coordinator (or Secretary General)** in accordance with the evaluation scale. Results will be **sent verified** by the FIG office ~~and sent~~ to the federations **as soon as possible within 10 working days**. No results are communicated at the end of any course.

10.4 Regional Courses allocated by FIG (after federation request)

These courses will have a maximum of 40 participants. National Federations may request to hold a course and may invite other federations to participate. Only Cat. 4 may be attained.

A certain number of coaches as “auditors” are permitted, based on the space available **and in addition to the maximum quota for judging candidates**. In any case, a maximum of 2 coaches per federation will be permitted. The host federation can participate with a maximum of 10 coaches. Coaches cannot intervene during the presentation sessions, but may submit questions in writing according to the policies of the course.

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

- For the courses up to 40 candidates 1 expert is required
- ~~— For the course with 41 to 125 candidates 2 experts are required~~

The candidate eligibility is determined in point 5 of these General Judges’ Rules.

Translation at the costs of the organizer is possible into any language in the Regional Courses. **No personal translators are allowed.**

Marking of examinations and results process

The final results from the courses are compiled ~~into a computer by the Administrator~~ on-site or sent to the FIG office for scan correction and the percentages are applied automatically for a full review of the results of the course.

These are still reflected only by judge number **(as assigned)** not name. The results have to be reviewed **and finalised by the TC President with final approval by the Technical Coordinator (or Secretary General)** in accordance with the evaluation scale. Results will be **sent verified** by the FIG office ~~and sent~~ to the federations **as soon as possible within 10 working days**. No results are communicated at the end of any course.

10.5 General Information

The individual course format is identical at Intercontinental and International (language based) courses.

All disciplines will be held at one site for each course (Intercontinental and International) **with a maximum total number of participants as prescribed in the respective Specific Judges' Rules** ~~with a maximum of 125 judging participants~~. The same course schedule will be used at all courses in each discipline.

Course Curriculum

All courses shall have the same curriculum. It is the responsibility of the FIG Technical Committees to prepare the curriculum ensuring the following:

- Good teaching principles
- Presentation using clear examples
- Special focus on the stressing changes in rules from the previous CoP
- Full routines, elements and parts, once pre-judged, are explained fully as examples

Course Delivery

~~To deliver the curriculum the experts must demonstrate:~~

- Good teaching and presentation skills
- Experience in teaching methodology
- Reasonable language skills and good command of one of the main languages
- Adequate computer skills

No Theory Examination will be held.

Practical Examination

The Technical Committee has the responsibility to set the examinations. For each discipline, multiple sets of examinations are prepared according to the needs of the discipline. The examination for the Intercontinental Course will have different exercises than the other ~~3~~ sets.

This exam is primarily video driven and with all attempts to use only IRCOS videos

~~The start and end of~~ Each part needs to have noticeable lead and end

The number of parts, video segments or routines, are prescribed in an evaluation chart for practical examinations

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 examination video using a count-down clock, so it remains consistent and accurate and well viewed by the candidates

Music must be clear and able to be enhanced by a speaker system

Multiple sets of videos are distinctively identified only by the FIG office.

A FIG video expert must be available to assist the TC's 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 ~~fully described in the Directives~~

One to two FIG technicians will be at the Intercontinental and International courses to ensure proper functioning of the examination video and results' system.

For the Examination, the expert scores are prepared by the Technical Committee in advance. The environment for this prejudging will be the same as the candidates will experience. A special directive for this prejudging procedure is outlined in the Directives for expert scores. This process will be followed by all disciplines.

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

Examination Delivery

Examinations, which confirm brevet levels in all courses, must be prepared and delivered with great responsibility and care following the protocols and directives as approved. Candidates must be given a good explanation of the process which will be followed and the conditions of the test have to be fair, transparent, and identical at each course and in all disciplines.

The maximum time limit and any other exact aspects of the examination procedure have to be clearly explained and understood by the candidates.

The examination delivery will be identical at all courses, except the Regional courses. There is only a distinction for the size of the course and the facilities. In most cases the candidates may have to be divided into 2 groups, according to the directives provided, to ensure good viewing for all candidates and to maintain the level of confidentiality.

The Administrator (not used at Regional Courses) is responsible to deliver the instructions and forms to the candidates and they are the primary individual responsible for the integrity of the examination process.

Candidates are not allowed to keep any examination papers. Candidates will be assigned seating by the Administrator.

Once the candidates are in the examination room, and a roll call is made, they are assigned a judge's number and these are only known to the Administrator. ~~The control of judges is made by their number at the entry point to the room.~~

To ensure judge anonymity, each judge will enter his/her number in the tablet /form provided.

For the Intercontinental, International language-based **and Supplementary** courses the scores given by the candidates will be directly registered in a tablet provided by FIG.

For the Regional courses the scores given by the candidates will be registered on the **paper** forms provided by FIG.

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, only 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 by the respective TC President and Secretary General or Technical Coordinator.

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
ART	7 E (count avg 3 middle) 2D <i>1AS</i> ----- <i>MAG: 1 President</i> <i>1 Member</i> <i>WAG: 1 President</i> <i>2 Members</i>	WCH & OG Qualifying World Cups 7 E (count avg 3 middle) 2D <i>1AS</i> ----- <i>MAG WCH: 1 President</i> <i>1 Member</i> <i>WAG WCH: 1 President</i> <i>2 Members</i> <i>MAG/WAG OG Qual. W-Cups:</i> <i>1 President</i> All Others 5 E (count avg 3middle) 2 D <i>1 AS</i> ----- <i>MAG/WAG: 1 President</i>	JWCH, CWG & WUG 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 <i>1 AS</i> ----- <i>MAG JWCH: 1 President</i> <i>1 Member</i> <i>WAG JWCH: 1 President</i> <i>2 Members</i> <i>MAG/WAG CWG and WUG:</i> <i>1 President</i> All Others 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 2 D ----- <i>MAG/WAG: 1 President</i>	4 E (count avg 2 middle) <i>2 D</i> ----- <i>MAG/WAG: 1 President</i> All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 2 E (count avg of 2) 2 D → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>MAG/WAG: 1 President</i>
RG	4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- <i>1 President</i> <i>2 DA Members (per panel)</i> <i>2 DB Members (per panel)</i> <i>1 E Member (per panel)</i> <i>1 A Member (per panel)</i>	4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- <i>1 President</i> <i>2 DA Members (per panel)</i> <i>2 DB Members (per panel)</i> <i>1 E Member (per panel)</i> <i>1 A Member (per panel)</i> <i>World Cups: 1 President</i>	4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- <i>JWCH: same as Group 2</i> <i>Games: 1 President</i> <i>1 DA Member (per panel)</i> <i>1 DB Member (per panel)</i> <i>1 E Member (per panel)</i> <i>1 A Member (per panel)</i> <i>All others: 1 President</i>	3 E (count middle) 3 A (count middle) 2 DB 2 DA ----- <i>1 President</i> All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>1 President</i>

* 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 - 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
TRA	1 CJP 2 D 6 E (count avg 2 middle) <i>1 President</i> <i>2 D Members</i> <i>2 E Members</i>	WCH, YOG, & OG Qualifying World Cups 1 CJP 2 D 6 E (count avg 2 middle) <i>1 President</i> <i>1 D Member (per apparatus)</i> <i>2 E Members (per apparatus)</i> All Others 1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) <i>1 President</i> <i>1 D Member (per apparatus)</i> <i>2 E Members (per apparatus)</i>	1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) <i>1 President</i> <i>1 D Member (per apparatus)</i> <i>2 E Members (per apparatus)</i>	1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) <i>1 President</i> All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 2 E (avg. of 2) 2 D → Time and Line may be National judges* <i>1 President</i>
* 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.	

Non-Olympic Disciplines				
Discipline	Group 1 Competitions	Group 2 Competitions	Group 3 Competitions	Group 4 Competitions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Olympic Games (YOG) - The World Games (TWG) - World Championships (WCH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jr. World Championships (JWCH) - Sr. Continental Championships - Continental Games - World Cup Competitions - FISU World University Games (WUG) - Pacific Rim Championships - Jr. Continental Games/Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All other Regional Championships - All other Multisport Games - World Age Group Competitions (WAGC) - Continental Age Group Competitions - Jr. Continental Championships - All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions
ACRO		1 CJP 1 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 1 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>1 President</i>	WAGC 1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>Same as Group 2</i> All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 1 CJP 2 D 3 E (count middle) 3 A (count middle) → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>1 President</i>
AER		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>	WAGC 1 CJP 2 D 4 E (count avg 2 middle) 4 A (count avg 2 middle) ----- <i>Same as Group 2</i> All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions 1 CJP 2 D 3 E (count middle) 3 A (count middle) → Time and Line may be National judges* ----- <i>1 President</i>
* 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.				

Non-Olympic Disciplines				
Discipline	Group 1 Competitions	Group 2 Competitions	Group 3 Competitions	Group 4 Competitions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Olympic Games (YOG) - The World Games (TWG) - World Championships (WCH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jr. World Championships (JWCH) - Sr. Continental Championships - Continental Games - World Cup Competitions - FISU World University Games (WUG) - Pacific Rim Championships - Jr. Continental Games/Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All other Regional Championships - All other Multisport Games - World Age Group Competitions (WAGC) - Continental Age Group Competitions - Jr. Continental Championships - All other FIG-approved international tournaments and competitions
PK		6 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E) 7 Speed (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L) <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #00aaff;"/> <i>1 President</i>	6 Freestyle (3 D, 3 E) 7 Speed = (1 ST, 2 T, 4 L) <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #00aaff;"/> <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* <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #00aaff;"/> <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 in blue with italics.</i>				

These General Judges Rules have been approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting November 2019 and updated xxxx. They enter into effect 01.01.2022 and are valid for all Intercontinental, International, Regional and Supplementary Judges' Courses of the cycle 2022 – 2024.

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