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RE	MAG Judging Policy and Procedures		

Minimum Judging Panels

The following judging panels shall be applied to all men's competitions by the control judge for that competition. If the following panels cannot be made then the competition organisers are responsible for the costs to bring in other qualified judges. The reasoning for these panels are for the fairness of the athletes and to ensure the integrity of the scores achieved and final placing's.

Levels 1-3 – Minimum of 2 judges, 1 of which must hold a current level 1 qualification. The second judge can be a qualified club coach. (Only 1 judge may be used for club competitions qualified to level 1)

Levels 4-6 – Minimum of 2 judges. Each judge must hold a minimum of level 2 qualification. Head judge must be level 2A

Levels 7-9 – Minimum of 3 judges. 1 judge must be level 3A qualified. Remaining judges must be level 2 qualified. Head judge must be level 3A

Senior Open and Under 18 FIG – Minimum of 3 judges. 2 of the judges must be FIG qualified and the remaining judges level 3 qualified. Head judge must be FIG qualified.

Judging Pathway

Level 1 Qualification

Judges must complete a full season of judging level 1-3 routines and have their judging card signed off by the National Judging Co-ordinator. Once the card has been signed off the judge can sit the level 2 Qualification.

NB: In some instances where the judge has a proven gymnastics background they may complete both level 1 and level 2 qualification simultaneously. This will be by application to the National Judging Co-ordinator and in consultation with the course presenter. The judge will remain at level 1 qualification until practical experience is gained at which time they will receive their level 2.

Level 2 Qualification

Judges must complete minimum of 2 years experience at level 2 and be competent in judging all apparatus and be able to act as Head judge of a panel and control judge of level 1-3 competitions.

Level 3 Qualification

Judges who have proven their competency at level 2 will be eligible to attend the level 3 National Course. Attendance at the National course is by invite only and all applications are approved by the National Judging Co-ordinator.

The level 3 course is split into 2 parts. Level 3A and 3B. For those judges wanting to only achieve level 3B they become eligible to judge up to Senior Open E jury. They can head panels up to level 6 as well as control judge for Junior events. Level 3A requires judges to have an extensive knowledge of the code of points as they will act as both Execution and Difficulty judges. Upon gaining the level 3A qualification they can act as Head judge on panels up to level 9 and control judge at all Senior Competitions. Level 3A or 3B qualification are based on final assessment %.

FIG Qualification

Judges at level 3A level must complete an entire FIG 4 year cycle at this level and prove their competency as Difficulty and Execution judges, experience as Head judges and control judges at Regional and National Level. At this time the judge may be eligible to attend the FIG Continental Judges Course (held every 4 years after the Olympics).

Attendance at the FIG course is by invitation only by the National Judging Co-ordinator and is only open to those judges who have proven their experience and future commitment to judging within New Zealand. There is a limited # of judges who can attend the FIG course therefore judges are ranked accordingly based on level 3A results and judging experience over the 4 year period. Judges attending this course and meeting the qualification % will receive a Brevet Category 4 qualification.

FIG Intercontinental Course

The final qualification Category 1 FIG judge can only be gained at this course. Each country is only allowed to send 2 judges (3 if current Category 1 judge). Judges should hold minimum of Category 2 qualification and have proven experience at International Level and need to have attended at World Championships in the previous cycle. Attendance is by invitation by FIG and subject to approval by the National Judging Co-ordinator.

Brevet Judge pathway – Invitation from level 3A National Judges → Attendance and pass mark of 75% at Continental course = Category 4 → next 4 year cycle attendance at Continental Course and pass mark of 80% = Category 3 → next 4 year cycle attendance at Continental course and pass mark of 80% = Category 2 → Attendance at top % of the course Category 1 judge.

Renewing Qualification

After each FIG 4 year cycle of Gymnastics, all judges over level 1 will be required to renew their current qualification or attend the next level of judging course. Those at level 1 who want to remain at that level need only to show that they are still competent and have kept up to date will all the latest changes that may have occurred to the National Manual and routines.

Expectations and Behaviour of Judges

All judges at all competitions are required to arrive on time minimum of 10 minutes prior to a judges briefing. For Senior competitions judges are required to be on the floor for warm-ups of the gymnasts competing to familiarise themselves with the routines being done.

Judges need to be attired appropriately for the competition.

Under no circumstances are active judges allowed to coach during a competition. Judges are reminded of their responsibilities as judges and to maintain a high level of professionalism and impartiality at all times when acting as judges. This is to ensure the integrity of the scores.

Recognition of Prior Learning

In some circumstances judges may be able to gain a qualification based on previous judging and/or gymnastics experience. In this instance the judge would need to prove their experience and competency and submit a formal Recognition of Prior Learning to the Sport Education Manager who will liaise with the National Judging Co-ordinator prior to any qualification being gained.

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