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ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS
RULES & POLICIES

SECTION EIGHT- JUDGING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CHAPTER ONE- TESTING PROCEDURES

- I. The clinicians, dates, and content of judging clinics must be approved by the National Technical Committee. Clinics that involve athletes must be sanctioned by USA Gymnastics. It is recommended that the National Office is advised of all clinics.
- II. There will be a fee for taking a judging test, the amount to be decided by the Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee.
- III. Tests are to be corrected by members of the National Technical Committee. Test takers are to be notified of results within 30 days of testing.
- IV. Tests will be reviewed and revised if appropriate annually by the National Technical Committee.
- V. Judges who come to the United States with an international rating and wish to be rated to judge the Junior Olympic levels must take and pass the certification examination for the level at which they wish to judge. The test may be given orally or in written form as needed to accommodate language difficulties.

CHAPTER TWO- JUDGING PROGRESSION POLICIES

- I. Local Judge
 - A. Must be 18 years old or older.
 - B. Must pass the approved local level written test at 80% (open book)
 - C. Must pass a practical evaluation in a competition setting at 80% or higher.
 - D. May upgrade to State level after two competitive seasons if he/she has judged at least four meets.
- II. State Judge
 - A. Must pass approved state level written test at 70% minimum (closed book). It includes evaluation of correct diagram forms.
 - B. May act as CJP at local and state meets.
 - C. May attempt to upgrade to regional level if these conditions are met: serve two competitive seasons at the State level, serve as CJP at least twice, and judge at two State and one Regional Championships.
- III. Regional Judge
 - A. Must pass the approved regional level written test at 70% minimum (closed book). This test includes diagram evaluations using the FIG Tables of Difficulty.
 - B. May attempt to upgrade to national level if these conditions are met: serve as Meet Referee at least twice, serve as CJP at least twice, and judge two Regional and one National Championships.

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- IV. National Judge
 - A. Must pass the approved national level written test at 70% minimum (closed book). This test includes diagram evaluations using the FIG Tables of Difficulty.
 - B. Must pass a practical examination using video exercises.
- V. National Superior Judge
 - A. Must pass the approved national superior level written test at 70% minimum (closed book). This test includes diagram evaluation using the FIG Tables of Difficulty.
 - B. Must pass a practical examination using video exercises.
- VI. International Judge
 - A. Judges must take an Acrobatic Gymnastics International Judging Course given within this country before being recommended to judge at any international competitions.
 - B. It is only those judges who have taken an international course within this country who will be recommended to take a FIG Brevet course given elsewhere in the world.
 - C. It is only those judges that have taken and passed a FIG Brevet course who will receive the pay scale for International within this country.

CHAPTER THREE- CRITERIA FOR MAINTAINING JUDGING CERTIFICATION

- I. A judge must judge at least one sanctioned meet a year and take an annual refresher course to maintain status. If he/she fails to maintain status, the judge must retake the certification test at the rating that he/she had.
- II. Judges must attend an annual sanctioned refresher course before each competitive year. When major changes are made to the rules, judges are required to take and pass at 80% or higher a closed book re-certification test.
- III. Judges must complete a minimum of four hours of gym observation time each year by July 31st. If gym observation is not complete, the judges will be suspended from judging the following season until the requirement is fulfilled.
- IV. Judges must record judging activities on an Active Status Card annually. The card is to be updated each time an activity (gym observation, volunteer work, course/clinic completion, judged competition) is completed and sent to the appropriate Regional Technical Committee Chairman by August 31st. If cards are not maintained and/or not sent to the Regional Technical Committee Chairman by the deadline, the judge will be suspended from judging the following season until the requirement is fulfilled.

CHAPTER FOUR- JUDGES' UNIFORMS

Judges must wear the correct uniform:

Women: navy blue blazer, navy blue skirt/slacks/split skirt (skort), white blouse, black or navy shoes, official judges' badge. The hemline is to be no shorter than 3" above the knee.

Men: navy blue blazer and slacks, white shirt, red tie, black or navy

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shoes, official judges' badge

CHAPTER FIVE- JUDGES' COMPENSATION

I. Hourly Fee Schedule

<u>Judge's Rating</u>	<u>Hourly Fee</u>
Local	\$14.00
State	\$16.00
Regional	\$18.00
National	\$22.00
National Superior	\$24.00
International	\$27.00

II. There is a two hour minimum guarantee for each competition day. All judges are to be paid according to their USA Gymnastics rating for the hours they are required to be at the meet site. This includes any meetings the judges are required to attend.

III. Additional Compensation

- A. Meet Referees receive \$75.00 per meet day in addition to their hourly fees.
- B. CJPs and Difficulty Judges receive an additional \$10.00 per meet day in addition to their hourly fees for judging Level 7 and below, \$25.00 per meet day for judging Level 8 and below, and \$50.00 per meet day for judging Elite, Level 10 and/or level 9 and below.
- C. If a judge is Meet Referee and either Difficulty Judge or CJP, he/she receives the higher compensation, not both.
- D. Evening sessions are considered another day when applying CJP and Difficulty Judge fees.