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**WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
PROGRAM MANUAL**

SECTION 8 - JUDGING

NATIONAL JUDGES SYSTEM

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CANADIAN JUDGES SYSTEM – OVERVIEW

NEW

		NATIONAL/CJO JUDGES STREAM						FIG/HP JUDGES STREAM				
PROVINCIAL JUDGES SYSTEM	↔	NE	N1	N2	N3	N4	↔	NE	N1	N2	N3	N4

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BREVET JUDGES SYSTEM			
Domestic Brevet	Profile 3	Profile 2 ^ 2A 2B	Profile 1 ^ 1A 1B 1C

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8.1 GENERALITIES

8.1.1 Terminology

The Women's Program welcomes people from both genders as judges. From a grammatical point of view, the use of the feminine version applies to male judges as well.

8.1.2 Responsibilities

NEW

Judges must follow the FIG Code of Points and relevant updates, the GCG Women's High Performance Manual, the GCG Women's Canadian JO Manual, the Women's Program Manual [WPM] and the Women's Program Code of Ethics (refer to Section 10).

8.1.3 Uniform

Judges, as a group, must project a professional appearance. The judging uniform for all Women's Program national and provincial level competitions will consist of:

- i) a dark blue suit jacket with matching full length dress pants or skirt. (Dark blue = a solid colour; no stripes) Skirt should be approximately knee length.
- ii) a white top.
- iii) solid dark colour footwear. (no sandals)
- iv) plain neutral tone or navy blue tone non-decorative hosiery.
- v) Male judges must wear a tie.

Consideration will be given to replacing a judge not in uniform. Monitoring of required uniform will be the responsibility of the Canadian Head Judge or designate. Difficult cases will be referred to the JEX with follow-up to include:

- verbal caution
- written warning
- mandatory meeting with JEX with possible sanctions which may include:
 - fine
 - cancellation of partial/complete assignment

8.1.4 Record Keeping

JUDGES' REGIST-RAR

It is the responsibility of each judge to maintain her own records, and to submit them to the person(s) assigned to keep P/T and/or national records. [See form in Appendix J9 – 4.] Penalty for late submission: \$5.00 per judge; payable to GCG at time of late submission.

8.1.5 WOMEN'S PROGRAM JUDGES' LIST

- a) The purpose of this list is to make public, on a yearly basis, the names of the certified judges who are eligible to officiate at Women's Program national level competitions. GCG has the right to make adjustments to the list.

- b) This list of judges, eligible to officiate in international, national, inter-provincial, and "qualifying/maintaining" competitions, is revised yearly. Only judges on this list may judge at the aforementioned events. The P/T must submit the names of their National Eligible (NEJ), National (NJ) and Brevet judges (BJ) to the National Office no later than October 15th each year using Appendix J8 - 1. It is GCG'S responsibility to submit the names of qualified judges to the FIG for Brevet certification. GCG has the authority to make adjustments to the list during a quad.

- c) When a NEJ, NJ or BJ moves from one P/T to another, the new P/T of residence must include the record of experience as obtained from the previous P/T when she submits her name for listing.

PD-AG 8.1.6 JUDGING RESTRICTIONS

a) Club Affiliation

P/T Federations are responsible for informing the PD-AG of such restrictions for their National level judges in order to ensure that this rule is respected for all Women's Program national level competitions.

i) Coach-Judge:

Any judge actively coaching a HP athlete [Novice, Junior or Senior] may not judge at that competition session for that category. [This includes having an athlete training at a club where a judge is actively coaching] The judge will be exempted from attending part or all of the judges briefing session when the judge is required to coach her athlete(s) at the same time as the activity.

The National Judge/Coach must request an exemption in writing from the Judges' Registrar (copy to the PD-AG) at least one month before the competition and provide information on the nature of the conflict.

While it is understood that the National Judge/Coach must be with her athletes at Elite Canada and for the Junior and Senior categories at the Canadian Championships, she is asked to evaluate the impact of accepting a team coach position in the Novice and Open categories.

The National Judge/Coach must meet the requirements to be declared active in her province. [8.1.7] The relevant maintenance requirements will be waived for the National Judge/Coach provided that the JDWG is convinced that she took part in all the required replacement activities to the best of her ability.

For all other categories: any judge actively coaching a participating gymnast may not be an D1 Judge in that category. [This also includes having an athlete at the club where the judge is actively coaching.]

ii) Parent-Judge:

Any parent-judge of a HP athlete, may not judge at that competition session for that category [This includes having an athlete training at a club where a judge is actively coaching.]

Any parent-judge of a participating gymnast in any other category may not be an D1 Judge in that category. [This also includes having an athlete at the club where the judge is actively coaching.]

iii) Club Owner/Full-time Staff:

A National Judge who is a club owner or full-time staff with the club of a participating athlete may not be a D1 judge during the session in which her club athletes are competing.

b) Residency

If a participant wishes to represent Canada internationally as an athlete, coach or judge, she must be a Canadian citizen (or landed immigrant for 2 years). A judge must also be declared active by their province and meet the GCG requirements for Active BJ status [reference 7.3.1.1 or 8.1.7 a.).

c) Inter-Provincial Communication

Each province must submit to GCG the name of their official contact person for the purposes of Inter-Provincial judging communication. Each province should compile a list for circulation, of competitions that could incorporate judges from other provinces. Both the provincially named contact person and the list of competitions should be submitted by October 15th. All correspondence to provincial judges should be copied to the named contact person.

- All National judges must communicate through their P/T Judging Chairperson or provincially-named designate to receive approval to officiate outside of the province/territory or at an inter-provincial competition.
- The P/T Chair or provincially-named designate must contact and go through this designated person for all inter-provincial exchanges involving provincial and national level judges.
- A list of the designated contact person in each province will be circulated to all provinces.
- For Elite Canada, National judges who have been invited to officiate must inform their P/T Judging Chairperson or provincially-named designate. If this is a self-funded opportunity, the judge wishing funding must contact the P/T designate before committing to officiate. GCG is responsible to inform the province if the NJ is selected to judge.

8.1.7 Definitions

a) Judge

The definition of an active NJ includes, at the P/T level, within one year is as follows:

- participate in, or conduct a P/T clinic or P/T judge's course and judge the minimum number of routines at the level required for her national category.

The definition of an active BJ includes, at the P/T level, within one year is as follows:

- participate in, or conduct a P/T clinic, conduct a P/T judge's course and judge a minimum of two (2) provincially sanctioned competitions within the P/T, OR:
- judge a minimum of three (3) provincially sanctioned competitions within the P/T.

b) Coach

An active coach is someone who, on a regular basis, takes an active part in the technical training process (performance of elements and/or exercises) of a gymnast. A judge's contribution to the training process is occasional, advisory, oriented to the interpretation and application of the Code of Points and Women's Program Code Supplement.

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8.2 INTRODUCTION TO NATIONAL LEVELS

NEW

There are two National Judging Streams: CJO and FIG/HP, and four National levels within each Stream. A National 4 aspiring to become a Brevet judge must apply for the Brevet Candidate process after meeting the requirements of the FIG/HP Stream levels.

Changes in national levels can be made only once yearly, and become effective October 15th.

The entry level is called National Eligible.

8.2.1 Eligibility

- Must be a minimum of 18 years old at the time of submission.
- Must fulfill the Women's Program National Judging System requirements.

8.3 CHARACTERISTICS OF A NATIONAL JUDGE: GENERAL:

- strong commitment to and support of the Canadian Women's and provincial competitive programs, showing respect to all athletes, coaches, volunteers and other judges
- competent application of the FIG Code at the Provincial and National levels

- commitment to improving the judging of gymnastics in her province and in Canada
- excellent understanding of the technique of the elements performed
- excellent understanding of the gymnastics environment in her province and at the National level
- availability and ability to work with and relate to coaches and other judges in and outside of competition
- available and willing to work with the Judges Program as a leader in her province
- instrumental in ensuring standardization of application of FIG Code and relevant updates, Women's Program Code Supplement and Canadian Models in her province and in Canada
- ability to exhibit judging competency through performance on judges' examinations and excellent judging performance at competitions
- a national judge is not eligible for inter-nations international competitions where all participants are representing their National Federations

8.4 MOBILITY

A judge will maintain her National level for a minimum of 2 years. If all maintenance and upgrading requirements are successfully completed within the two year period, then the judge may advance to the next level.

Each judge, in consultation with her Provincial/Territorial Judging Chairperson should participate in personal goal setting. This will aid in establishing her optimum level at the present time, taking into consideration her level of competency, experience, level of commitment possible and environmental influences (i.e. career, financial and personal/family impact on availability for judging assignments and related requirements).

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Each judge will need to determine which Judging Stream best suits her personal goals and abilities. Mobility between the two Judging Streams will be possible, through application by the province to the JDWG. A clear rationale should be given with each request for a change in Judging Streams.

8.4.1 Fast-Tracking

Certain judges who can meet or exceed additional criteria established by the JDWG, could be eligible to advance to the next level after a one year period [fast-tracked]

Process to identify potential fast-track candidates:

- Province and/or JDWG identify potential candidates who
 - exhibit characteristics over and above those expected for their current judging level;
 - exceptional standards on past exams and/or assessments;
 - commitment and enthusiasm for WP activities as evidenced by attendance at competitions in a non-judging role;
 - additional volunteer roles in gymnastics, etc.
- Monitoring and mentorship identified for each candidate.
- Review of performance on annual basis based on reports submitted by candidate, mentor and P/T Judging Chairperson.

Judges who meet the Exceptional Standards [see Appendix J8-6] and are identified as fast-track candidates must:

- submit applications every year [see Appendix J 8-6] through the Provincial Judging Chairperson by September 1st of the competitive season, for approval to the JDWG.
- Both the applicant judge and the province complete the application form included in the Appendix. A letter of reference from another judge [minimum National 4] must also accompany the application.
- An approved applicant, upon successful performance review after each fast-tracked season, must reapply and then may progress from NE to N1, N1 to N2, N3 to N4 each year.
- Judges may also opt out of fast-tracking at any time
- Upon attaining National 4 status, a judge must follow the Brevet Candidate process if they wish to advance to the Brevet level.

Maintenance Requirements:

Each Fast-tracked judge must meet the 'Exceptional Standards' for their current level as outlined in Appendix J8-8. Each year, a Fast-Tracked Judge must be assessed at a competition that meets the requirements for a Women's Program Approved Competition:

- Follow FIG or GCG Women's Program competition rules,
- Competition Head Judge must be a minimum National 3 or higher level.
- The assessor must be a Brevet Judge [Fast-track mentor not eligible to assess]
- There must be a minimum of three judges on the panel and the assessed Fast-tracking judge should be seated separately from the other panel judges.

Mentorship:

- An experienced high level National or Brevet Judge will be appointed by the Province. The mentor should be familiar with the requirements of National judges as outlined in Section 8. Their role is to meet with the Fast-Tracked judge, identify areas where the judge seeks/needs improvement, and identify steps to meet these needs, monitor their progress and offer feedback to the judge, province and the JDWG. The mentor should refer to the Characteristics and Expectations outlined for each National level in Section 8 for guidelines.

8.5 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

In order to maintain their National level, all National Judges are required to meet certain standards under the areas of:

- Judging a minimum level of routines at a designated competitive level
- National Judges Courses – attendance and successful completion at a designated pass standard
- Judging assessment – completion of an assessment of their judging skills at either a Provincially organized assessment video session or during a competition

8.5.1 JUDGING

Each year, a judge is required to judge a minimum number of routines which may vary by judging level. The general requirement is as follows:

- 80 routines over a minimum of 3 different competition flights [60 for NE]
- one competition may count a maximum of 2 flights
- 2 vaults will be considered the equivalent of 1 routine
- the competition must be approved by GCG according to the current procedure [Appendix J9 - 1]
- This requirement must be met excluding Canadian Championships (i.e. a judge must meet these requirements prior to judging at Canadian Championships); 20 routines at Canadian Championships may be 'carried over' to the next competitive season, if needed.

Where possible, the panel structure should be a minimum of 4 judges

NEW

For the level of gymnastic routines required, refer to the requirements outlined for each judging level. Where "Pre-FIG" is listed, the minimum CJO level accepted is Level 9 OR 10 (according to the Judging level); plus a maximum of 10 Aspire Two routines. Any level of competition other than CJO Level 9, Aspire Two or any GCG level must be submitted for approval to JDWG prior to the competition.

Example:

- Western Canadians is considered 1 competition.
- 2 Flights meeting minimum rule requirements may be counted
- 1 additional flight from another GCG approved competition must be judged to yield a total of 80 routines judged.

Special cases may be considered on written submission to the JDWG.

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See summary of Routine Judging Requirements on Page 22.

8.5.2 NATIONAL COURSES

- a) The National Judges' courses are held every two years: immediately following the FIG National course and then, approximately, two years later (mid-cycle).

The primary objective of the National Judges' courses, post FIG National course, is to recertify judges, disseminate information, instruct and provide clarifications about the new FIG Code of Points and its interpretations so that there is, nationally, a standardized knowledge base and standardized application of the Code.

The primary objective of the mid-cycle National Judges' courses is to certify National Judges through standardized evaluative methods which include a practical (video) component and a written (theory) exam. * In 2015, the mid-cycle course will be comprised of an open-book theory exam as the new CJO system is introduced.

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National judges, who successfully attain the criteria described, are certified as National judges with the attendant rights and responsibilities.

- b) These courses will be, regarding schedule, format and content, planned by the JDWG and the conductors who have been appointed. They will be presented to a group of one or more P/T, depending on the number of judges in the P/T concerned.

- c) Judges must successfully complete these courses in order to maintain their level. Successful completion is defined as 100% attendance and successful completion of both the written and practical (video) exam with a pass/fail mark designated for each level.

The pass mark is as follows:

75%	NE maintaining
80%	NE upgrading to N1 N1→N2, N1 & N2 maintaining
85%	N2 upgrading to N3, N3 & N4 maintaining, N3 upgrading to N4
90%	Brevet Candidate with not one component of the exam [theory/practical/each apparatus] under 80% [no re-writes allowed]

- d) Re-writes will only be permitted*, for those judges failing to meet the pass standard for their level, for the theory portion of the first course of each quadrennial, i.e. the post FIG National Course. Re-writes will not be permitted for the mid-cycle course. [i.e. second course on the same Code.]
- Judges who re-write may use the better of their two scores. [Course score vs. re-write score]
- * National Eligible judges entering their first year at the mid-cycle course will be allowed a re-write at this course, if required.
- e) Judges who attend and do not successfully complete the Course exam:
- may not judge at Canadian Championships and/or Canada Games.
 - cannot upgrade to the next level until they have successfully completed the next course.
 - National 1 or higher judges who do not meet a minimum of 75% on the Course exam will drop 1 level; i.e N2→ N1, etc.
- f) Judges who do not attend and/or successfully complete two consecutive course exams will drop two levels (i.e. N4->N2; N3->N1 etc.) provided they meet the score standard of the new (dropped) level. If they do not meet the score standard, they will drop additional levels to a maximum of National Eligible, 1st year.
- g) Judges who attend the National course but do not write the exams:
- may not upgrade to the next level until successful completion of the next NJ course.
 - may maintain their actual level after having successfully completed a National course equivalency. [See 8.5.2 i)]. Failure to complete this requirement will result in the judge dropping one level.
 - may not judge at Canadian Championships, Elite Canada and/or Canada Games.
- h) Judges who do not attend the National course:
- may not upgrade to the next level **until successful completion of the next NJ course.**
 - may maintain their actual level after having successfully completed a National Course equivalency. [See 8.5.2 i)] **Failure to complete this requirement will result in the judge dropping one level.**
 - may not judge at Canadian Championships, Elite Canada and/or Canada Games.
- i) A National Course equivalency request must be submitted for approval to the JDWG c/o the National office in order for a P/T course to be recognized as a possible equivalency for National Judges who were not able to attend a National Course. (or write the exam). Where a P/T Course is **approved** for such an equivalency, a report of the P/T course must be submitted to GCG by the province/territory.

A P/T equivalency may be granted only if the NJ attends 100% of the approved P/T course and successfully completes the designated GCG NJ exam.

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Minimum requirements for National Course equivalency to be granted:

- the judge must attend 100% of the course.
- the judge is expected to participate in all group discussions and exercises that are included in the P/T course.
- the P/T course must be instructed by a course conductor who holds a current National 4 or Brevet status or is appointed/approved by the JDWG.
- the P/T course must cover all events including generalities and code up-date. The course material should be similar to the National course content and must contain theory and practical work on all events and use minimum FIG/GCG National rules. * In 2015-2016 – CJO rules.
- the P/T course must be a minimum of 12 hours including the completion of the GCG NJ theory exam. [10 course hours + 2 exam hours]

8.5.3 ASSESSMENTS

Generalities

NEW

- a) The up to date Practical Judging Assessment Form can be found on the GCG website [www.gymcan.org]. The guidelines must be followed and the form used for all assessments utilized to maintain or upgrade National judges of all levels. In 2015-16, all assessments will be on Canadian JO rules.
- b) For assessments, the routines to be assessed on the three apparatus (excluding vault) should be drawn by number prior to the assessment session or competition. Judges should be assessed on different apparatus from one assessment to the next.
- c) Provinces may organize Assessment Sessions for all maintaining assessments and for upgrading assessments up to National 3. These sessions may be organized in conjunction with a competition, clinic or as a separate event. Each province will designate an Assessment Coordinator who is not an assessee. The Assessment Coordinator is responsible for submitting the completed and signed assessment forms to the P/T Judging Chairperson who will submit to GCG at the end of each competitive season.
- d) A standardized video and script will be provided for each Assessment Session. Judges will have three warm-up routines, followed by ten assessed routines, with a time allotment of two minutes per routine.
- e) A NE judge may have one of the three assessments required done “live” at a competition, providing the panel structure follows the guidelines listed in h) below. There must be a minimum of three judges on the panel, and the assessed judge should be separately from the other panel members.
- f) A Judge upgrading from N3 to N4 must be assessed at Canadian Championships. The judge being assessed at a competition should be separated from the panel judges where possible, or seated at the end of a judging table. The written assessment form must be completed by both the assessor and assessee on-site.

- g) Pass standards for assessments are as follows:

NE, N1, N2 maintaining	85 %
NE upgrading to N1; N1→N2,	85 %
N3 and N4 maintaining	90 %
N2 upgrading to N3; N3→N4	90 %

- h) The assessor for all assessments must be a minimum N3, or a higher level than a maintaining judge; and minimum N4 to assess a NE and N1 judge upgrading her level. The assessor must be a Brevet to assess a N2 judge upgrading to N3 and N3 judge upgrading to N4. The assessor at Canadian Championships may be the D1 judge, a panel judge or a judge not on the panel.

See Assessment Summary on Page 27.

8.5.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR A WOMEN'S PROGRAM APPROVED COMPETITION

- A Women's Program Approved Competition must be used for judging maintenance requirements. [8.5.1]
- The competition must follow FIG or GCG Women's Program competition rules.
- The Competition Head Judge must be a minimum National 3 or higher level.

8.5.5 COMPETITION REPORT

The P/T Judging Chairperson must submit to the National Office, by June 30th, the following:

- A report of the competition, submitted on the form, which is included as Appendix J9 - 2 of the Competitions section.
- The P/T Judging Chairperson must list all the panels.

8.6 UPGRADING REQUIREMENTS

- The judge must successfully complete the maintenance requirements for her level for a minimum of two years and in the two consecutive years immediately prior to upgrading.
- She must have successfully completed the most recent National Judging Course including meeting the pass standard required for her upgrading level.
- She must be successfully assessed according to the requirements for her upgrading level

8.7 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS

If a National judge does not meet the Judging or Assessment requirements outlined in 8.5.2 or 8.5.3 she will maintain her current level in the next year. If she does not meet either of these requirements in the following season she will drop one level. If in the following season requirements are still not met; she will drop a further level. [e.g. N3→N2, N2→N1]

<p>8.8 NATIONAL ELIGIBLE JUDGE – CJO STREAM & FIG/HP STREAM</p>
<p>8.8.1 CHARACTERISTICS [Refer also to General Characteristics 8.3]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commitment to and available for National level programs and events within her province. • excellent understanding of rules (FIG, GCG) governing National level gymnasts. • available for assignment to FIG competitions both inside and outside her province (club, inter-provincial, and invitational competitions).
<p>Expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in Provincial programs; officiate at Provincial level competitions within her province. • attend clinics and courses pertaining to National level gymnastics, when offered within province. • judge a minimum of 80 routines of National or Pre-FIG level, according to the GCG requirements.
<p>8.8.2 Requirements to become a National Eligible Judge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Must be proposed by their P/T. Must complete a NJ application form (included as Appendix J8 - 2 of this section) and submit it to the GCG office no later than September 1st. Applications will only be accepted in the gymnastics year in which a National Course is scheduled, i.e. the first and third years of the quadrennial. [e.g. September 1, 2007 for National Courses scheduled in February, 2008.] b) Must have judged at least five (5) years at the P/T level immediately preceding the year of application unless they fulfill requirement 8.9.1 or 8.8.2 e). c) Must have attended a NCCP 3 technical course and/or the Judges Modified NCCP course prior to the deadline for application. (refer to appendix J8 - 5 at the end of this section); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the province is to contact the GCG Education Development Coordinator for information on course schedules. d) Must have successfully completed the NJ course (pass standard is a minimum of 75%): Process to be followed: P/T Judging Chairperson identifies in August those judges who will need to attend the NJ course; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the registration information will be sent to the potential NEJ; • the potential NEJ must attend and successfully complete the NJ course in order to be listed. Re-writes will be permitted for National Eligible judges writing the National Course exam for the first time. [refer to section 8.5.2 d)] e) Under exceptional circumstances, applicants may apply for special consideration to decrease the minimum 5 years judging at the P/T level requirement. A written request must be made, by the P/T, on behalf of the candidate.

<p align="center"><u>NE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>UPGRADING REQUIREMENTS NE -> N1</u></p> <p>A NEJ may upgrade to N1 IF: She has held a NE rating for the preceding two* consecutive years (* <i>Except for those NE judges identified for fast-tracking</i>)</p>
<p align="center">Routines Judged:</p>	
<p align="center">60 total per year Pre-FIG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJO minimum Level 9 of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two 	<p align="center">60 total per year Pre-FIG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJO minimum Level 9 of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two • in each of the two preceding years prior to upgrading.
<p align="center">National Course Pass Standard:</p>	
<p align="center">75%</p>	<p align="center">80% successful completion of most recent course</p>
<p align="center">Assessments Pass Standard:</p>	
<p align="center">85%</p>	<p align="center">85%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) assessments at an Assessment Session within the preceding two year period. • One unsuccessful assessment may be repeated within a two (2) year period. • If there is more than one (1) unsuccessful assessment, the judge may not upgrade to National 1.

8.9 NATIONAL 1 JUDGE – CJO STREAM & FIG/HP STREAM**8.9.1 CHARACTERISTICS** [Refer also to General Characteristics 8.3]

- commitment to and available for National level programs and events within her province
- willingness to work with coaches and athletes through club visitations
- excellent understanding of rules (FIG, GCG) governing National level gymnasts
- available for assignment to FIG competitions both inside and outside her province (club, inter-provincial, and invitational competitions)

Expectations:

- participate in Provincial programs; officiate at Provincial level competitions within her province
- attend clinics and courses pertaining to National level gymnastics, when offered within province
- judge a minimum of 80 routines of National or Pre-FIG level, according to the GCG requirements

Early Entry to N1:

A candidate may access the NJ course and exam and enter at the National 1 Level upon approval of her application [see below] if :

- she was a GCG Senior National Team member within the last six years
- she is 18 years or older

An application for entry to National 1 will be approved after the following criteria are met:

1. the candidate completes application form J8-2 and province submits application to JDWG
2. the candidate has completed a P/T judges course
3. the candidate has successfully completed two assessments [one on Uneven Bars, one on Floor Exercise] where GCG Women's Program rules apply, following the P/T course
4. the candidate has completed an NCCP Level 3 Technical course and/or the Modified Judges NCCP 3 course.

Following approval of the application, the candidate may attend the next National Judges Course as a National 1 judge, first year.

<p><u>8.9.2 N1 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS</u></p>	<p><u>8.9.3 UPGRADING REQUIREMENTS N1 -> N2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has held National 1 status for a minimum of 2* years • has met all maintenance requirements in the two years immediately preceding the upgrading year <p><i>* Except for those N1 judges identified for fast-tracking</i></p>
<p>Routines judged:</p>	
<p>PRE-FIG</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 total per year at minimum CJO Level 9, of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two 	
<p>National Course Pass Standard:</p>	
<p>80%</p>	<p>80% successful completion of the most recent National Judging Course</p>
<p>Assessments Pass Standard:</p>	
<p>85%</p>	<p>85% in the second or later year</p>

8.10 NATIONAL 2 JUDGE			
8.10.1 CHARACTERISTICS [Refer also to General Characteristics 8.3] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commitment to and available for National level programs and events within her province • willingness to work with coaches and athletes through club visitations • excellent understanding of rules (FIG, GCG) governing National level gymnasts • available for assignment to Canadian Championships, Canada Winter Games (every 4 years) and other FIG competitions both inside and outside her province • available and willing to act as D1 judge and/or Competition Head Judge at the provincial level 			
Expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in Provincial programs; officiate at Provincial level competitions within her province • attend clinics and courses pertaining to National level gymnastics, when offered within province • judge a minimum of 80 routines of National or Pre-FIG level, according to the GCG requirements 			
8.10.2 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS		8.10.3 UPGRADING REQUIREMENTS N2 -> N3	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has held National 2 status for a minimum of 2 years • has met all maintenance requirements in the two years immediately preceding the upgrading year 	
Routines Judged:			
CJO STREAM	FIG/HP STREAM	CJO STREAM	FIG/HP STREAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 total per year, at minimum CJO 10, of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 70 routines may be minimum CJO Level 10, of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two • a minimum of 10 routines at FIG/HP level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 total per year, at minimum CJO 10, of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 total per year, of which 20 [min.] must be at FIG/HP level • up to 60 routines may be at minimum CJO Level 10, of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two
National Course Pass Standard:			
80%		85%	
Assessments Pass Standard:			
85%		90%	

8.11 NATIONAL 3 JUDGE			
8.11.1 CHARACTERISTICS [Refer also to General Characteristics 8.3 and 8.10.1 N2 Judge]			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> available and willing to assess lower level National judges who are maintaining their level; act as a mentor to lower level judges and/or instruct clinics/courses available and willing to act as D1 judge and/or Competition Head Judge at National level competitions within the province or at Invitational competitions 			
Expectations:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> participate in Provincial programs; officiate at Provincial level competitions within her province attend clinics and courses pertaining to National level gymnastics, when offered within province judge a minimum of 80 routines of National or Pre-FIG level, according to the GCG requirements 			
8.11.2 N3 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS		8.11.3 UPGRADING REQUIREMENTS N3 ->N4	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has held National 3 status for a minimum of 2 years has met all maintenance requirements in the two years immediately preceding the upgrading year 	
<u>Routines Judged:</u> Note: The majority of the 80 routines should be with full panels of 4 judges			
<u>CJO Stream</u>	<u>GCG/HP Stream</u>	<u>CJO Stream</u>	<u>GCG/HP Stream</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> total of 80 per year at minimum CJO level 10; of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80 total per year, of which 40 [minimum] must be at FIG/HP level up to 40 routines may be min. CJO Level 10, including a max. of 10 Aspire Two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> total of 80 per year at minimum CJO level 10; of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80 total per year with a minimum of 60 routines at FIG/HP level in the upgrading year plus a maximum 20 routines at minimum CJO Level 10
National Course Pass Standard:			
85%		85%	
Assessments Pass Standard:			
90%		90%	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the second or later year at Canadian Championships, in an D1 or D2 role. The Assessor will be a member of the panel 	

8.12 NATIONAL 4 JUDGE	
8.12.1 CHARACTERISTICS [Refer also to General Characteristics 8.3]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commitment to and available for National level programs and events within her province • willingness to work with coaches and athletes through club visitations • excellent understanding of rules (FIG, GCG) governing National level gymnasts • exhibit superior knowledge of FIG and GCG rules • available for assignment to Canadian Championships, Canada Winter Games (every 4 years) and other FIG competitions both inside and outside her province • available and willing to assess lower level National judges who are maintaining their level; act as a mentor to lower level judges and/or instruct clinics/courses • available and willing to assess National judges who are upgrading or maintaining 	
available and willing to act as D1 judge and/or Competition Head Judge at Canadian Championships	
Expectations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in Provincial programs; officiate at Provincial level competitions within her province • attend clinics and courses pertaining to National level gymnastics, when offered within province 	
judge a minimum of 80 routines of National or Pre-FIG level, according to the GCG requirements	
8.12.2 N4 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS	
Routines judged:	
Note: The majority of the 80 routines should be at the FIG/GCG level with full panels of 4 judges	
CJO Stream	GCG/HP Stream
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • total of 80 per year at minimum CJO level 10; of which a maximum of 10 may be Aspire Two 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 total per year, of which 60 [minimum] must be at FIG/GCG level • up to 20 routines may be at minimum CJO Level 10
National Course Pass Standard: 85%	
Assessments Pass Standard: 90%	

NEW

SUMMARY – ROUTINE JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

JUDGING YEAR		CJO STREAM	FIG/HP STREAM		
		PRE-FIG: CJO + maximum 10 Aspire Two	PRE-FIG: CJO + maximum 10 Aspire Two	GCG HIGH PERFORMANCE & FIG	Total Routines Required
National Eligible	Maintenance	60 Minimum CJO level 9	60 minimum CJO 9	---	60
	Upgrading	60 Minimum CJO level 9	60 minimum CJO 9	---	60
National 1	Maintenance	80 Minimum CJO level 9	80 minimum CJO 9	---	80
	Upgrading	80 Minimum CJO level 9	80 minimum CJO 9	---	80
OTENational 2	Maintenance	80 Minimum CJO level 10	70 minimum CJO 10	10 minimum	80
	Upgrading	80 Minimum CJO level 10	60 minimum CJO 10	20 minimum	80
National 3	Maintenance	80 Minimum CJO level 10	40 minimum CJO 10	40 minimum	80
	Upgrading	80 Minimum CJO level 10	20 minimum CJO 10 * Not including Aspire Two	60 minimum	80
National 4		80 Minimum CJO level 10	20 minimum CJO 10 * Not including Aspire Two	60 minimum	80
Brevet Candidate	As outlined in the Brevet Candidate program				
Fast-track judges (all levels)	Must meet the minimum number of routines for their level as outlined in the upgrading year of requirements				

- NOTE 1: CJO Stream may count Canadian JO level and Aspire Two routines only
- Note 2: FIG/HP Stream may use FIG/HP routines to replace CJO routines, but not reverse.

8.13 BREVET CANDIDATE PROGRAM 2014-16

National 4 aspiring to enter the BJ System must use the following procedure:

Requirements to Obtain a Brevet

- a) Must be eligible to attend the FIG International Course, and have successfully completed the Brevet Candidate qualifying process (refer to #8.13.1 and #8.13.2). Must be a Canadian Citizen at the time of registration for the FIG International Course in Canada.
- b) Must attend the FIG National Course and fulfill the FIG and GCG requirements;
- c) Must have their name submitted by the GCG to the FIG to be on the FIG's Brevet List.

8.13.1 Eligibility Requirements for the 2014 - 2016 Cycle

- a) Must have achieved National 4 rating by September 2014.
- b) Must have held an active P/T judging status for a minimum of three years immediately prior to application.
- c) Must provide a letter from the P/T **Judging Chairperson** indicating support, in principle, for the candidate's intent to apply/move to Brevet level.
- d) Must submit the completed official application form by October 15, 2014.
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- e) Must successfully complete the **2013** National Course; minimum requirement is 90% average on theory and practical, with not one area or component below 80%.

Requirements to be Fulfilled during the Evaluation Period [October 15, 2014 – June 30, 2016]

- a) Must fulfill the maintenance requirements for National 4 level judges.

Must maintain their active P/T judging status, continuous from the acceptance of their application.
- b) Upon acceptance into the 2014-2016 Brevet Candidate Program, the candidate must **submit a tentative plan** of what competitions they would attend to meet their requirements, and preference for completion of the Brevet Candidate assessment.

- c) Must judge three (3) competitions under FIG rules, as follows:
- One “**international level**” competition. It must be approved by the JDWG at least four weeks before the competition itself as suitable to satisfy this requirement – must be completed by April 30, 2016.
 - Two of the following:
 - 2015 Elite Canada
 - 2015 Canadian Championships
 - 2016 Elite Canada
 - 2016 Canadian Championships

These competitions can also be used to fulfill the National 4 maintenance requirements.

- d) Must successfully complete a Brevet Candidate assessment to take place at one of the first three GCG competitions listed in c) above. [similar to NJ assessment process] Only one assessment will be allowed [no re-takes] – must be completed by April 30, 2016.
- e) e) Must successfully complete a practical and theory assessment as follows: A centralized session conducted at the 2016 Canadian Championships (the weekend before the competition) must be attended. 5 vaults and 5 routines on each apparatus will be judged (there will be 2 warm-up vaults/routines on each apparatus). A theory exam will also be written. Minimum pass standard is 85%, with theory worth 40% and practical worth 60%. Included in the practical portion will be an assessment of correct D Score including CV and CR, and total E deductions including composition, artistry and specific execution. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the Championships.
- g) Must successfully complete an interview to be scheduled in conjunction with the practical/theory session outlined in f) above, at the 2016 Canadian Championships.
- h) Must have completed a NCCP Level 3 course, Technical portion, or NCCP Level 3 Judges Course (refer to appendix J8-5, WPM). “Attend = 100% attendance at all sessions; no spotting required; and do not have to take exam.” The course conductor must record the Brevet Candidate’s attendance on the course form; and a copy is to be forwarded to the GCG office attention WP Staff.

Failure to follow the correct procedure and/or failure to meet deadlines will result in a deduction of 1.0 from the candidate’s final score from f) and g), each time.

8.13.3 Initiation of Process

The process is initiated when the completed application form is received at the National office. [Deadline: October 15, 2014]

The written application requires the candidate to indicate understanding of, and willingness to undertake, the level of commitment for BJ as outlined in Section 7 of the Women’s Program Manual, should she/he successfully complete the requirements for admission to the BJ System. The candidate must indicate individual goals as part of the application.

Clarification of the evaluation process and requirements will be provided to the candidate when the application is accepted. Questions concerning the requirements, or process should be directed to the JDWG Brevet Candidate Working Group.

8.13.4 Follow-up Recommendation

The JDWG Working Group will receive all applications, check that all requirements have been met and confirm potential candidates for acceptance into the Brevet Candidate program and oversee the achievement of the requirements to be fulfilled by the candidates. Special cases will be dealt with by the JDWG. Following completion of the Brevet Candidate program requirements, the top ranked, according to the results of 8.13.2.f) and g), and meeting the minimum pass standard, to a maximum number of six [6] Brevet Candidates will be invited to attend the FIG National course in Canada.

NOTE: Foreign Brevets are eligible to apply for the Brevet Candidate program and, if accepted, will be subject to the same requirements and ranking as Canadian National 4 judges.

8.13.5 Clarification/Request for Reconsideration of Decision

In the event the candidate is deemed not ready to enter the BJ system, she may:

- a) Request further clarification, including rationale, from the JDWG.

- b) Request a “reconsideration of the decision”. The request for reconsideration must be submitted in writing to the PD-AG within 30 days of receipt of the JDWG clarification. The request will be examined by a group, appointed by WP staff, composed of:
 - one (1) BJ;
 - one (1) NJ;
 - one (1) other individual.

SUMMARY - MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADING REQUIREMENTS**Maintenance & Upgrading Requirements - National Eligible**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	MAINTENANCE NOTE: if any requirement is not met, NE judge will be dropped from National List	UPGRADING NE ⇒ N 1
80 WP approved routines*	60 per year	80 per year in last 2 years at NE
National Course	✓ - 75%	✓ - 80%
Assessments	1 every 2 years - 85%	3 in last two years at NE - 85%

Maintenance & Upgrading Requirements - National 1

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	MAINTENANCE	UPGRADING N 1 ⇒ N 2
80 WP approved routines*	80 per year	80 per year
National Course	✓ - 80%	✓ - 80%
Assessments	1 every 2 years - 85%	- in second year [or later] - 85%

Maintenance & Upgrading Requirements - National 2

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	MAINTENANCE	UPGRADING N 2 ⇒ N 3
80 WP approved routines*	80 per year	80 per year
National Course	✓ - 80%	✓ - 85%
Assessments	1 every 2 years - 85%,	in second year [or later] - 90%,

Maintenance & Upgrading Requirements - National 3 & 4

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	MAINTENANCE	UPGRADING N 3 ⇒ N 4
80 WP approved routines*	80 per year	80 per year
National Course	✓ - N3 & 4 - 85%	✓ - 85%
Assessments	1 every 2 years N3 & 4 - 90%	in second [or later] year - 90% at Canadian Championships

* For details of 80 routine requirements, refer to 8.5.1; 8.8.3; 8.8.4 a) ii); 8.9.2; 8.10.2; 8.11.2; 8.12.2; 8.13.3 b)

If a NJ does not meet either of the following maintenance requirements: number of FIG Meets, or assessment, they will maintain their current level in the next year. If they do not meet either of these requirements in the following season they will drop 1 level; if in the following season requirements are still not met; they will drop a further level. [e.g. N3→N2, N2→N1]

SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

Level of Judge being Assessed	Where Assessed	Minimum Level of Assessor	Pass Mark Required
National Eligible – maintaining	Assessment Session	N3	85%
National Eligible – Upgrading	Assessment Session	N4	85%
Fast - tracked	Women's Program Approved Competition	Brevet	88%
National 1 – maintaining	Assessment Session	N3	85%
National 1 – upgrading	Assessment Session	N4	85%
Fast – tracked	Women's Program Approved Competition	Brevet	90%
National 2 – maintaining	Assessment Session	N3	85%
National 2 – Upgrading	Assessment Session	Brevet	90%
Fast - tracked	Women's Program Approved Competition	Brevet	93%
National 3 – Maintaining	Assessment Session	N4	90%
National 3 – Upgrading	Canadian Championships	Brevet	90%
Fast – tracked	Women's Program Approved Competition	Brevet	95%
National 4 – Maintaining	Assessment Session	Brevet Candidate or Brevet	90%
Brevet Candidate	Elite Canada or Canadian Championships	Brevet	

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WOMEN'S PROGRAM JUDGES' LIST

NOTE: If your P/T does not have any National Eligible or higher judges please complete and return this page with a "NOT APPLICABLE" note. This will help us with our record keeping and allow us to update our P/T Judging Chairpersons' list.

Year: ____ / ____ Province: _____

Chairperson: Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____

Provincial Designate for Inter-Provincial Communication: [if different from Judging Chairperson]

Name	e-mail
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1. This list is published in October each year and is effective until September the following year.
2. National certification and upgrading of existing levels take place following the Canadian Championships and become effective October 15th.
3. Please indicate the following, for each judge in your P/T, on the attached "current" list and return it to the National Office by October 15th.
 - change of address
 - change of phone number
 - change of level (moving up or dropping down)
 - maintaining level
 - deleted from list
4. Please make sure you have added your National Eligible judges to this list and that you have submitted their completed NATIONAL WOMEN'S JUDGE application form by the September 1st deadline. (See Appendix J8 - 2).

Deadline for submission: October 15

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APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL ELIGIBLE WOMEN'S JUDGE

Deadline for submission: September 1st *(Applications accepted at beginning of FIG. Cycle and Mid Cycle)*

Part One – Personal Information

Applicants Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

P/T Currently judging: _____

Current Judging level: _____ How many years at this level: _____

NCCP level 1,2,3,4 coaching certified Yes / No Level: _____

NCCP level 3 Approved judge's course Yes / No Date: _____

NCCP Passport Number _____

Are you utilizing your NCCP level for any purpose other than judging?
Yes / No If the answer is yes, please explain:

Are you participating in any committee activities related to judging?
Yes / No If the answer is yes, please explain:

Are you participating in any other committee activity related to Gymnastics in general?
Yes / No If the answer is yes, please explain:

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NE Application Form Cont'd.

Part Two – Letters of Reference

1. Please provide a 1 page letter of intent explaining why you wish to enter the National eligible program, your goals and qualities that would help you to become a national judge.
2. Please provide a letter of reference from the following people.
 - a. A fellow Women's judge that is a minimum of National 3 or above
 - or
 - b. A women's National Stream coach

I acknowledge that all information provided on the above application to be true.

Signature of applicant

Date

This applicant is endorsed by:

P./T: _____

Judging Chairperson: _____

Signature of Judging Chairperson

Date

Forward application to: **SUBMIT TO JDWG c/o GCG**

Deadline: September 1st

APPENDIX J8 - 3

APPLICATION FOR BREVET CANDIDACY

- A. The deadline for submission of applications for Brevet Candidate status for the 2014-2016 Evaluation Period is:

October 15, 2014

- B. Please follow the application procedure outlined below in order to ensure clear, accurate communications for all relevant parties:
1. Individual Brevet Candidates must fully complete and sign the application confirming completion of all eligibility requirements.
 2. P/T Judging Chairperson must fully complete and sign each potential candidate's application form indicating their support for the candidate.

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WOMEN'S BREVET CANDIDATE - APPLICATION FORM

FOR BREVET CANDIDACY PERIOD - 2014 - 2016

PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE P/T JUDGING CHAIRPERSON

Province: _____ Judging Chairperson: _____

Name of proposed Brevet Candidate: _____

National Level 4 since: _____ NCCP #: _____

Date of NCCP Course: _____ Location: _____ Conductor: _____

Please verify that the following eligibility requirements have been met:

_____ Must have achieved National 4 rating by September 2014.

_____ Must have held an active P/T judging status for a minimum of three (3) years immediately prior to application, as per Article 8.1.7 a).

The P/T of _____ fully supports the application of this judge for Brevet Candidacy; and will provide assistance to the successful candidate in meeting the 'Requirements to be fulfilled during the evaluation period (2014-2016)'.

_____ P/T Judging Chairperson _____ Date

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Canadian Citizenship: _____ I am currently a Canadian Citizen
If no: Indicate the date permanent residence status received: _____

I fully understand and am willing to undertake the level of commitment for a Brevet Judge as outlined in Section 7 of the Women's Program manual. My individual goals are as follows:

Applicant _____

Date _____

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15, 2014

SUBMIT TO JDWG c/o GCG

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**BREVET CANDIDATE 2014-16
TENTATIVE PLAN**

Candidate's Name: _____

International Competition:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____

GCG Competitions:

1. Competition: _____ Date: _____

2. Competition: _____ Date: _____

Brevet candidate Assessment: [Please rank 2 competitions in order of preference]

1. Competition: _____ Date: _____

2. Competition: _____ Date: _____

Submitted by:

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

PT Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT BY December 1, 2014 to: JDWG c/o GCG

APPENDIX J8 - 4 NCCP LEVEL 3 REQUIREMENT FOR JUDGES

A. Minimum Requirements For A Women's Judge Auditing The NCCP 3 Technical Women's Artistic Gymnastics Course

1. The judge must attend the following sessions as an observer:
 - Biomechanics
 - Floor
 - Vault
 - Uneven Bars
 - Balance Beam
2. The judge does not have to buy a Level 3 manual.
3. The judge is not expected to write any exams but is expected to participate in group tasks that are included in the different sessions, and in particular those that deal with the "understand" portion of the understand-teach model.
4. The judge is not expected to work directly with the athletes but is expected to contribute to group discussions and group tasks from a technical execution view point.
5. The judge is not expected to attend the "spotting" sessions where the coach works directly with the athletes to develop their spotting skills.

B. Minimum Requirement For A "Judges" NCCP 3 Technical Women's Artistic Gymnastics Course (Course Modified For Judges)

1. The course must be given by a certified NCCP 3 course conductor. Conductors [1-2] with both a coaching and judging background are recommended.
2. The course conductor must cover the following modules and timelines:

• Introduction	1 hour
• Biomechanics	3 hours
• Floor Exercise	2 hours
• Vault	1 hour
• Uneven Bars	2.5 hours
• Balance Beam	1.5 hours
• Wrap-up and Evaluation	1 hour
 TOTAL	 12 hours
3. The course conductor does not need to cover the "teach" section of the understand-teach model for the Level 3 skills. The course conductor should however make sure she thoroughly covers the "understand" section of the understand-teach model. Demonstrators should be used throughout the course.
4. The judge does not need to buy the Level 3 manual.
5. The judge is not expected to write any exams.
6. The judge is not required to spot.

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**VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF WOMEN'S JUDGES LEVEL 3
NCCP
TECHNICAL COURSE**

COURSE DATE: _____

COURSE LOCATION: _____

COURSE CONDUCTOR[S]: (1) _____

(2) _____

TYPE OF COURSE: (Check [✓]):

[] Level 3 Technical (judge auditing course)

[] Modified Level 3 Technical Judges Course (12 hours)

NAME OF JUDGES:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Signature of Course conductor

Date

Judge to Submit within 1 week of course completion to:

Gymnastics Canada Gymnastique

Attention: JDWG (Judging Development Working Group)

APPENDIX J8 - 5 NATIONAL JUDGE ASSESSMENT – PURPOSE & PROCEDURES

Purpose of the assessment

The assessment is designed to be an important and essential tool for both the assessee and the assessor who acts on behalf of the respective judging committee. The assessment process provides:

- A learning tool and a practical learning experience for further improvement.
- A standardized system to ensure the judges meet the requirements and the objectives of the Canadian Women's Judges Program, which in turn provide an opportunity for the program to make appropriate changes.
- An opportunity for the judges to evaluate their judging skills and knowledge.
- An opportunity for objective information about each assessee's judging abilities and areas of excellence as well as those in need of improvement.
- An opportunity to incorporate the entire assessment experience and set realistic personal goals within the Canadian judging program.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES FOR BOTH ASSESSEES AND ASSESSORS.

1. For N3 upgrading to N4: If possible, all assessees will be evaluated during the same competition, using the same rules and categories. The judge to be assessed will know when the assessment will occur since it will be marked with a star on the assignment sheets provided by GCG.
2. The assessment is primarily an educational development tool. The process should evaluate with accuracy the judge's abilities to perform his / her judging task. The Head Judges as well as the assessors must help to keep a relaxed atmosphere at all times in order to ensure that additional stress factors are kept to a minimum.
3. A National 3 judge upgrading to National 4, will be assessed as a D1 or D2 panel judge by a higher level judge in a panel position. Both assessor and assessee will work together during the competition ensuring the rhythm of the competition is not delayed by this process. The assessor will sit with the assessee immediately following the judging session to work through the assessment form.
4. A N4 maintaining should be assessed in a D2 position, where possible. The assessor must be a higher level judge (Brevet Candidate or Brevet). The assessor will be in the other D panel position.
5. Each assessee must obtain and review the assessment form prior to arrival on site. The assessee is responsible for asking questions if needed to the Canadian Head Judge, or her representative, to insure all information is clear and fully understood before the assessment takes place.

6. The information regarding assessments will be given at the first judging meeting. The general information and instructions for assessees and assessors will be reviewed to avoid any misunderstandings. The penalties are applied as per the form. An error repeated, as long as it is the exact same error (e.g. repeating the same wrong symbol for the same move many times) will receive the penalty only one time in the assessment.
7. The assessment must be completed as soon as possible, immediately after the end of the competition phase. The judge being assessed must be informed of the result and score, sign the assessment form on site and receive a copy of the form along with their judging sheets. The assessment form will be submitted on site to the CHJ or sent to GCG.

NATIONAL JUDGES' ASSESSMENT FORM

Please check the GCG website www.gymcan.org for the most up to date assessment form.

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NATIONAL JUDGE FAST-TRACKING APPLICATION

MOD Exceptional Standards:

Judging Level	# of Routines Judged per season	Assessments	National Course
National Eligible	60 Min. CJO 9	88	80
National 1	80 min. CJO 9	90	84
National 2	60 min. CJO 10 20 min HP/FIG	92	90
National 3	20 min. CJO 10 60 min. HP/FIG	94	92

NATIONAL JUDGE FAST-TRACKING APPLICATION

A. To be Submitted by the National Judge

Name: _____ Province: _____

Current National Level: _____ # of Years as a NJ: _____

Current Personal Judging Goals, including timelines: _____

Using the chart below:

- Identify # of **FIG/GCG** routines judged in previous 2 seasons
- give marks achieved on last 2 National Exams *if applicable*; if less than 2 – give most recent provincial exam result. [give year]
- Give marks achieved on last 4 NJ Assessments: [give year, level and competition or assessment session date]

Judging Level	Competitive Season	# of FIG/GCG ROUTINES JUDGED			
		Fast-track Standard		Actual	
		Pre-FIG	HP/FIG	Pre-FIG	HP/FIG
Judging Level	Year of Course	National Course Marks – 2 most recent			
		Fast-track Standard		Actual	
Judging Level	Date of Assessment	National Judge Assessment Marks – 4 most recent			
		Fast-track Standard		Actual	

National Judge Fast-Tracking Application

Describe your volunteer activities, attendance at provincial and GCG Women's Program activities [give dates and location, etc.] for the past two years

Additional information: [e.g. background in gymnastics, personal attributes, time availability, related professional qualifications, etc.]

Signature

Date

National Judge Fast-Tracking Application

B. To be submitted by Provincial Judging Chairperson

Name of NJ Applicant: _____

Province: _____ Judging Chairperson: _____

I support the application of this NJ for fast-tracking for the following reasons: [give examples for each]

- demonstrated leadership in provincial judging activities

-demonstrated commitment to provincial judging programs exceeding expectations

- demonstrated team player in interaction with judges, coaches and administrators

-additional information _____

National Judge Fast-Tracking Application

The province is prepared to support this NJ in his/her endeavours as a National Judge from our province, in terms of providing provincial opportunities necessary for achieving their requirements for fast-tracking.

Signature

Date

Included with this application: [check]

_____ Applicant judge application

_____ Reference Letter [Judge – minimum National 4]

Submit by September 1 to JDWG, GCG

GCG FAST-TRACKING PROGRAM REPORT

Submitted by the Province _____ Date: _____

Province/Judging Chairperson: _____ / _____

Name of Judge: _____ Current Judging Level: _____

Name of Mentor: _____

Complete the following table for the season just completed as a fast-tracked judge:

Competitive Season	# of FIG/GCG ROUTINES JUDGED			
	Fast-track Standard		Actual	
	Pre-FIG	HP/FIG	Pre-FIG	HP/FIG
<i>(Give most recent)</i>				
Year of Course	National Course Marks			
	Fast-track Standard		Actual	
<i>(Give most recent)</i>				
Date of Assessment	National Judge Assessment Mark - Current Season (if applicable)			
	Fast-track Standard		Actual	
<i>(Give most recent)</i>				

Give example from this past season where the judge:

- 1) Demonstrated leadership in provincial judging activities

- 2) Demonstrated commitment to provincial judging programs exceeding expectations

- 3) Demonstrated attributes of a team player in interaction with judges, coaches and administrators

Give comments from the Mentor:

Recommend the candidate continue in the fast-track program

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, have verified that the Fast-tracked judge wishes to continue in the fast-track program.

Yes _____ No _____

Submitted by:

Signature

date

Submit to GCG by June 30; Attention WAG Fast-Tracking Program

Penalty for late submission: \$25.00 Payable at time of late submission, up to August 31st.

- \$50.00 penalty - submitted September 1 – 30th
- \$100.00 penalty - submitted after September 30

**GCG FAST-TRACKING PROGRAM
MENTOR'S REPORT**

Fast-tracked Judge: _____ Level: _____

Province: _____

Mentor: _____

Areas Identified for Improvement	Steps Identified to Achieve Improvement	Progress Made
1		
2		
3		
4		

General Comments:

Signature of Mentor: _____

Submit to GCG by June 30; Attention WAG Fast-Tracking

Penalty for late submission: \$25.00 Payable at time of late submission, up to August 31st.

- \$50.00 penalty - submitted September 1 – 30th
- \$100.00 penalty - submitted after September 30

APPENDIX J8 – 6

P/T CHAIRPERSONS – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The P/T Chairperson is selected by each province and the name sent to GCG by June 30th of each competitive season.

- Act as the official liaison between the National Judges representative on the JDWG and all the judges in her province.
- Attend the P/T Chairperson meeting held annually. [usually in conjunction with a National or International level competition] During this time each chairperson will present a verbal and submit a written report on the status of judging in their province, as well as provide input on key judging issues.
- Provide timely feedback to any questions or surveys requested by the JDWG.
- Submit annually the updated record of all National and Brevet judges active in the province. The records should include total numbers of all active judges; Provincial, National and Brevet, in the province, together with accurate contact information.
- Submit application for GCG Approved competitions and reports on Approved competitions.
- Submit name of Assessment Coordinator and provide all appropriate paperwork for assessments to GCG.
- Submit competitions/routines records for all NJ in her province and record of Activity for all BJ in her province at the conclusion of each competitive season.
- Coordinate and submit all applications for National Eligible judges, Fast-tracking judges and Brevet Candidates to GCG.
- Coordinate and submit names of judges for Canadian Championships and Canada Games.
- Coordinate hosting and scheduling of National Judges' Courses.

P/T CHAIRPERSONS - SUBMISSION DEADLINES SUMMARY:***Annually:***

DEADLINE	ITEM
September 1	National Eligible judge application form [Appendix J8 – 2]
September 1	National Judge Fast-tracking application form [Appendix J8-8]
October 15	WAG's Judges List – updated contact information and judging level [J8 – 1]
October 15	Provincial contact person for inter-provincial communication and list of competitions possible for participation by out-of-province judges
October 15	Submit name of Provincial Assessment Coordinator
November 1	Application for WAG Approved Competition [J9 – 1]
December 1	Submit number of active judges in the province
March 15	Application for assignment of NJ to Canadian Championships [J9 – 3]
June 30	National Judges Competition Record Form [J9 – 4] including all assessments forms
June 30	Report Form for GCG Approved Competition [J9 – 2]
June 30	Brevet Judge's Activity Record [J9 – 5]
June 30	Fast-Track Judge report and Mentor's report

According to Eligibility Period in the Cycle:

- October 15 - Brevet Candidate application form [J8 – 4]