



September 17, 2016

Once again, at the start of the new season, the Women's Judges Committee (WJC) wanted to get in touch with the WAG judges to update you with the latest news.

There are many changes this year. Please take the time to read the following letter. Please consult the WAG Policies and Procedures manual Section 6b (WAG Judges Handbook) to get more information.

Changes in the Judging System

As of 2016, Canada has adopted the JO program and the judging structure is being updated nationally. All provinces will now use a similar WAG judging structure.

There are several fundamental changes in this new system. Below is a short summary of the changes:

- Judges hold a rating (level) equal to the highest level exam they successfully completed. To upgrade their rating, judges must meet the minimum requirements set by Gymnastics BC or Gymnastics Canada (age, years of experience, etc.), take the appropriate clinic and successfully complete the evaluation process.
- Exams will not be held on the same weekends as the clinic. They will be held later in the season, in each zone. Each zone will have invigilators for their exams. Exams will preferably be held in conjunction with a competition.
- Judges are tested on each Code of points once. If successful, judges do not have to take another exam on that particular Code until either USAG or FIG changes the Code. The ratings are thus expected to be valid until:
 - JO Compulsory: valid until 2021
 - JO Optionals: valid until 2018
 - FIG Code: valid until 2017
- Judges are required to complete a minimum number of hours of "Continuing Professional Education" each year. These must include a clinic.

Equivalency 2015 Judges Level and 2016 Judges Rating

Gymnastics Canada determined equivalency for the national level judges; in BC, the WJC did similarly for our provincial level judges.

Equivalency Table:

Judging Level 2015-16	Judging Level 2016-17	Comments
Compulsory 1 Compulsory 2	JO 3-5	Judges who have taken a Compulsory clinic and open book exam are given a JO 3-5 rating. In order to achieve the JO 6-8 rating, they will have to take the JO 6-8 clinic and successfully complete the JO 8 closed book exam (theory and practice)
Optional Optional 2 Optional +	JO 6-8	Judges who have a Optional 1, 2 or O+ level are given a JO 6-8 rating. In order to achieve a JO 9-10 rating, they will have to take the JO 9-10 course and successfully complete the JO 10 closed book exam (theory and practice)
National Eligible	National JO 10	Judges who have completed the GCG JO Course and open book exam in 2015 receive the National JO 10 rating
National 1-4	National HP	Judges who have completed the GCG National course and exam on the FIG Code of points in 2013 receive a National HP rating valid until September 2017, at which time they will need to take the HP Course and exam to maintain their National HP rating.

GBC Registration

At the beginning of each season, every judge must register with Gymnastics BC. Judges not affiliated with/by a full member club must register as [independent members](#) (\$30.30) prior to participation in any GBC sanctioned activities. If an individual holds multiple statuses (ie. coach, judge and/or athlete), the individual must ensure that he/she is registered in all applicable categories.

https://www.gymbc.org/files/Clubs/Registration/Independent_member_form.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Cawson, Member Services Coordinator, 604-333-3498, bcawson@gymbc.org

Judges Availability for the 2016-17 Competitions

Judges are asked to provide their availability this season's competitions by filling out a form that will be sent out in September. Each judge will have 1 month to complete the form. Please watch for the link in your emails!

Zone Judging Chair will make the assignments as usual, but will also consult with Nicky Carroll, WJC Assignments Coordinator. Once the assignments are done, they will be sent to the assigned judges.

Judges Clinics – Fall 2016

The cost for the clinic will be \$30. per day, and all participants will be required to register through GBC. Zones may choose to reimburse participants if they choose and how they choose, but all registrants must pay the clinic fee to GBC at the time of registration.

The dates for known clinics are as follows:

Zone	Date	Location	JO 3-5	JO 6-8	JO 9-10	Clinician 1	Clinician 2
1	Oct 1-2	Nelson	X	X		Momona	Local
	Oct 21-23	Cranbrook	X	X		Andrée	Local
2	Nov 5-6	Kelowna	X	X		Heather/Kim	Cyndi
	Nov 5-6	Kelowna			X	Heather/Kim	Momona
3-4-5	Nov 19-20	Douglas College	X			Cyndi	Anna
	Nov 19-20	Douglas College		X		Cyndi	Anna
	Nov 19-20	Douglas College			X	Carole	Crystal
6	Nov 5-6	Island	X	X		Anna	Carole
7	Oct 15-16	Smithers	X	X		Andrée	Angela Pitzel
8	Oct 21-23	Prince George	X			Momona	Colleen
	Nov 12-13	Prince George		X		Cyndi	Local

Since exams are no longer written during the clinic times, the WJC will work with each zone judging chair to organize up to 2 exam opportunity per zone. The dates will be confirmed shortly. The WJC can however announce one exam opportunity take place at Phoenix Gymnastics during the weekend on Nov. 26.

Continuing Professional Development (CPE)

A VERY IMPORTANT change involves Continuing Professional Development (CPE). It is the responsibility of each individual to attain a certain number of hours of CPE **which must include a clinic** each year in order to maintain their status.

CPE credits, calculated in clock hours, may be earned in many different ways, such as group video review (minimum 3 people), attending clinics, workshops, gym visits, attending training camps or committee work to mention a few. The number of hours required is:

JO 1-5	12 hours
JO 6-8	12 hours
Nat. JO 10	16 hours
Nat. HP	20 hours
Brevet	20 hours

More information is available in Section 6-b. These requirements may be revised next year.

Judges' Records

As has always been done, it is required that you send your records to Colleen Kaminski, BC Registrar before June 30 each season. Colleen's email is wag-registrar@gymbc.org Please be sure to submit your records in a timely fashion every year.

Judges Honoraria Increase

It was approved at the Women's Technical Assembly that the honoraria for judges would increase. With more and more hosts having competitions with 8 rotations using a single panel of judges, competitions are longer and the system below was created so the judges can be compensated appropriately.

Honoraria are now as follows.

Judges are paid by session according to a scale based on the number of athletes registered for that particular session.

Judges Rating	Number of athletes registered in a session		
	1-48	49-72	73-96
JO 5	\$50	\$60	\$70
JO 8	\$60	\$70	\$80
JO 10	\$70	\$80	\$90
National JO	\$80	\$90	\$100
National HP	\$90	\$100	\$110
Brevet	\$100	\$110	\$120

Zone Chairs

The Zone Judging Chair for the 2016-17 season are:

Zone 1	Sandra Long	sandra@glacierymnastics.com
Zone 2	Kim Dennis	kimmydennis@yahoo.ca
Zone 3	Cyndi Fairbrother	cyndi_fairbrother@hotmail.com
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If you have any questions, please contact your Zone Judging Chairperson. You can also contact Nicky Carroll (WJC Chair) or Andrée Montreuil (GBC Technical Director). Thank you for your commitment to the sport and the many hours you willingly commit for the development of gymnastics.

Cheers,

The Women's Judges Committee

Chair:	Nicky Carroll
Members:	Cyndi Fairbrother, Crystal Gilhooly, Colleen Kaminski, Momona Komagata, Carole Williamson
GBC Staff:	Andrée Montreuil