

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Updated February 2026

Table of Contents

1.0 Introduction	4
2.0 Judges' Rights and Responsibilities	4
2.1 Judges' Rights.....	4
2.2 Responsibilities	4
3.0 BC Judges' Committee.....	4
3.1 Judges' Committee Responsibilities.....	4
3.2 Judges' Committee Composition	5
3.3 Judges' Committee Chair Election.....	5
3.4 Committee Meetings	5
4.0 BC Judges' Assembly.....	6
4.1 Assembly Timing	6
4.2 Assembly Purpose	6
5.0 Judge Certification and Development.....	6
5.1 Levels	6
5.1.1 Sectional	6
5.1.2 Provincial	7
5.1.3 National	7
5.1.4 Brevet	8
5.2 Provincial Judge Upgrade Pathway	8
5.3 Assignment Prioritization Framework.....	9
5.3.1 Assignments and Sanctions.....	10
5.4 Senior Athlete Shadow Judging Program	10
5.4.1 Overview	10
5.4.2 Eligibility	11
5.4.3 Priority.....	11
5.4.4 Process	11
6.0 Judging at BCRSGF Sanctioned Competitions.....	11
6.1 Judge Availability.....	12
6.2 Judge Attire and Requirements	12
7.0 Judge Responsible for BCRSGF Competitions	12
7.1 Minimum Certification.....	12
7.2 BCRSGF Competition Judge Responsible Duties	12
7.2.1 Before the competition	12
7.2.2 During the event.....	13
8.0 Judge Travel Expenses and Honoraria	13
8.1 Honoraria.....	13
8.1.1 Honorarium Rates	13

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

8.2 Meals	13
8.2.1 Meal Per Diem Rates	14
8.3 Travel Expenses	14
8.4 Clinician Honorarium	14
9.0 Judges' Conduct	14
9.1 Judges' Ethics and Code of Conduct.....	14
9.2 Misconduct	15
9.2.1 Table of Misconduct and Resulting Action	15
9.3 Judges' Oath.....	17
9.4 Judge's Code of Conduct	18
10.0 Changes to the BCRSGF Judging Rules and Regulations	19

1.0 Introduction

Having a body of educated, experienced and dedicated RG judge/officials in BC is an essential component for the successful delivery of a strong competitive level rhythmic gymnastics program in the province. BCRSGF is responsible for supporting RG officials in their work and assisting them, wherever possible, in maintaining an environment in which they are afforded opportunities for education, experience and advancement.

2.0 Judges' Rights and Responsibilities

2.1 Judges' Rights

- a) To receive certification after successfully completing a judges course (in accordance with the BCRSGF's [Judges Pathway](#) and with a recommendation by the Judges' Committee
 - a. Individuals must be sanctioned to register or take the Gym Can National Judges Course by the BC Judges' Committee
- b) To receive pre-determined reimbursement for expenses at competitions
- c) To judge competitions at which official is qualified to do so and at all lower levels

2.2 Responsibilities

- a) Be an active registered member official of the BCRSGF
 - a. Active means fully certified in the current cycle and eligible to judge at all BCRSGF events. Must judge a minimum of 2 events per season.
- b) Have full knowledge of the Code of Points and the GymCan/BCRSGF development programs
- c) Participate in regular refresher seminars, clinics and judging courses
- d) Sign and agree to the [Judges' Code of Conduct](#) annually before participating as an official for the season
- e) Always adhere to these rules and regulations, [Judges' Conduct](#)
- f) Act as an ambassador for the sport, the sport governing body (BCRSGF) and the athletes
- g) Inform the BCRSGF office and Chairperson of the Committee of any planned international travel (assigned or volunteered)

3.0 BC Judges' Committee

3.1 Judges' Committee Responsibilities

The judges' committee:

- a) Oversees and manages a positive and inclusive provincial judging community for all levels of judges
 - a. Develop policies that take into consideration the needs of judges from various backgrounds, generations and identities
 - b. Delivers or supports judge education and advancement
 - c. Shares information of an RG judging nature with all BC judges
- b) Develops, implements and revises judging certification standards for provincial judging levels

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

- a. Develops criteria for assigning judges to national competitions
- b. Assigns judges to national competitions based on fair, published criteria
- c. Completes the updating of annual judges' list and levels of BC judges
- c) Prepares and implements strategic plans
 - a. Sets and oversees provincial goals and objectives
- d) Oversees, enforces and improves provincial judging policy
 - a. Makes changes to the BC Judging Rules and Regulations when needed
 - b. Addresses breaches in judge Code of Conduct

3.2 Judges' Committee Composition

- a) This body comprised of all active, certified (in the current cycle) and registered BC national 1 and brevet judges. The Committee members are named annually at the BC Judges Assembly in the fall of each year.
 - a. Active means fully certified in the current cycle and eligible to judge at all BCRSGF events. Must judge a minimum of 2 events per season.
- b) In the first year of a new Olympic cycle where certification results may not be available at the time the committee is named, the previous cycle's certification will be used to name the committee members until certification results are finalized. In the event that judges on the committee do not successfully certify, they will be removed from the committee until they recertify.

3.3 Judges' Committee Chair Election

- a) The chair is elected by all provincial, national and brevet level judges in BC who are registered, active and certified in the current cycle at the Judges' Assembly every Fall
 - a. Sectional judges are invited to the Assembly but have no voting rights
- b) In the first year of a Olympic cycle where certification results may not be available at the time the chair(s) are elected the previous cycle's certification will be used to determine the eligibility of the chair candidates
- c) Chair(s) must have a current and active certification level of national 1
- d) The committee may have one chair or two co-chairs
 - a. A co-chair leadership happens either when there is a tie between individuals or if two members choose to present themselves as a co-chair arrangement option to the voting membership
- e) The chair position will be voted in by a simple majority vote. All votes will be done by secret ballot
 - a. No proxy votes will be accepted
- f) The chair(s) term is one year

3.4 Committee Meetings

- a) The BC Judges Committee will meet a minimum of two times per year and will be chaired by the Judging Chair(s)
- b) Minutes of the meetings will be recorded and be available to all BCRSGF registered and active judges, CDC members, and members of the Board of Directors within 10 business days of the meeting date
- c) Notification of committee meetings will be circulated 14 days in advance to the committee members in writing except in extenuating circumstances

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

- d) All agendas and applicable attachments will be received by all committee members 7 days before the meeting (except where meetings are called for urgent matters, then all materials will be sent with the meeting invite)
- e) Motions are carried by a simple majority of the Committee members present.
 - a. The Judges' Chair will only vote to break a tie (Judges' Chair does not vote otherwise)
 - b. No proxy votes will be accepted

4.0 BC Judges' Assembly

4.1 Assembly Timing

The BC Judges' Assembly will be called each Fall prior to November 30th.

4.2 Assembly Purpose

The purpose of the Assembly is to:

- a) Update provincial judges on administrative policy or rule changes to the Judging Rules and Regulations, and any pertinent national or international administrative policies
- b) Update provincial judges on international, national or provincial changes to the technical rules for judging the various levels in the province and nationally
- c) Present the current BC judges' list as it stands at the time of the assembly
- d) Present the calendar of events for upcoming season
- e) Set a deadline and remind all judges that annually, they must sign the Code of Conduct Agreement
- f) Naming of the Judges' Committee
- g) Elect a Judges' Committee Chair (or Co-chairs)
 - a. All votes are carried by a simple majority vote and in the case of a tie, individuals will be named co-chairs. If this does not resolve the tie, another vote will be held with only the tied options up for vote

5.0 Judge Certification and Development

- a) The BCRSGF judges certification period follows the four-year World Gymnastics Olympic cycle
- b) A certification rating obtained during the current cycle will be valid throughout the current cycle provided the judge meets all the requirements
- c) A judge may advance in the rating structure during a cycle provided all rating requirements are met
- d) A judges' certification/rating list will be published annually by December 30 and updated as needed

5.1 Levels

5.1.1 Sectional

Overview and Certification

- a) The sectional judging level is the most accessible level. It allows judges to ease into judging or specialize.

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

- b) BC judges who want to certify in only one, two or three sections can take exams in just those sections. BC judges will receive a certification only for the sections they pass with 65% (on the national exam)
- c) Judges who pass successfully sections of a national or brevet exam, but not the whole exam, can judge the sections they passed successfully within the province only
- d) At any time, sectional judges can take additional exams to fully certify or move to the judge levels they are entitled to

Assignments and upgrade

- a) This certification is only valid in BC
- b) Judges who choose to only pass 1-3 sections will not be assigned to events outside of the province as they are not considered “fully certified”
- c) Where possible, panels will be balanced with fully certified and sectional judges
- d) Panel assignment priority will be given to new judges when a fully certified judge is available to pair up on the panel
- e) Events judged as a sectional level judge will not count towards upgrade
Sectional judges are eligible to judge all levels in the province in the section they have certification in

5.1.2 Provincial

Overview and Certification

- a) This is the first level of full certification
- b) There are three levels in the provincial judging level
 - a. Provincial 3 (P3) – first level
 - b. Provincial 2 (P2) – second level
 - c. Provincial 1 (P1) – highest level provincial certification
- c) To receive a provincial level certification, judges need to pass all parts of a judging exam (DB, DA, Artistry, Execution)

Assignments and Upgrades

- a) This certification is valid across the country
- b) Provincial judges P3 and P2 will not be assigned to competitions outside the province but may judge at invitationals if the host club/province allows it
- c) P1 judges may be assigned to the development stream portion of regional championships
- d) Events judged as provincial level judges may count toward upgrade. Refer to the [Upgrade Pathway](#) for more details on what events are eligible

5.1.3 National

Overview and Certification

- d) This is the second level of full certification
- e) There are three levels in the national judging level
 - a. National 3 (N3) – first level
 - b. National 2 (N2) – second level
 - c. National 1 (N1) – highest level national certification
- f) GymCan is responsible for all education and certification of national level judges. To get or maintain a national certification judges must pass a national exam. Refer to GymCan rules for more details about certification and/or equivalencies

Assignments and Upgrades

- e) This certification is valid across the country

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

- f) National judges in BC will receive assignments to national events based on the [Assignment Prioritization Framework](#)
- g) For upgrade requirements, refer to GymCan rules

5.1.4 Brevet

Overview and Certification

- g) This is the highest level of full certification
- h) There are four levels in the international judging level
 - a. Brevet 4 (B4) – first level
 - b. Brevet 3 (B3) – second level
 - c. Brevet 2 (B2) – third level
 - d. Brevet 1 (B1) – highest level international certification
- i) GymCan prioritizes and assigns judges to the World Gymnastics Brevet exams.
- j) World Gymnastics is responsible for all education and certification of international level judges. To get or maintain an international certification judges must pass a World Gymnastics exam. Refer to World Gymnastics rules for more details about certification

Assignments and Upgrades

- h) This certification is valid across the world
- i) Assignments are made through/by GymCan

5.2 Provincial Judge Upgrade Pathway

Level	Minimum Age on Jan 1 of competition year	Pre-requisite	To Move Up (No exam required between Provincial levels)
Sectional	16	Pass any section of Provincial or National judge exam	Pass full Provincial or National exam (can pass section by section as long as it's within the same Olympic cycle) Events judged as sectional do not count towards upgrade credits
Provincial 3	16	Pass all sections of Provincial or National judge exam	4 BCRSGF sanctioned competitions with a minimum of 20 provincial/regional athletes in levels 2-6 (individual competition) Can count one line judge at Elite, Westerns, or Nationals events, <u>and</u> one shadow judge at national/regional events towards upgrade For all 4 events, the head judge either National 1 or Brevet and at least 3 different clubs/provinces or independent judges on the panel (each independent judge counts towards one of the 3) - use GymCan definition No cards or warnings
Provincial 2	17	Pass all sections	Confirmed/completed Provincial 3 or have

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

		of Provincial or National judge exam (no additional exam if passing from P3 in same cycle)	<p>requirements for the GymCan exemptions if applicable</p> <p>4 BCRSGF sanctioned competitions with a minimum of 20 provincial level athletes (levels 2-6, individual competition) and at least 10 national level athletes individual</p> <p>Can count one line judge at Elite, Westerns, or Nationals events, and one shadow judge at national/regional events towards upgrade</p> <p>Head judge either National 1 or Brevet and at least 3 clubs/provinces or independent judges on the panel</p> <p>No cards or warnings</p>
Provincial 1	18	Pass all sections of Provincial or National judge exam (no additional exam if passing from P2 in same cycle)	<p>Confirmed/completed Provincial 2 or have requirements for the GymCan exemptions if applicable</p> <p>2 BCRSGF sanctioned competitions with a minimum of 20 provincial level athletes (level 2-6 individual competition) and at least 10 national level athletes</p> <p>Can count one line judge at Elite, Westerns, or National events</p> <p>Head judge either National 1 or Brevet and at least 3 clubs/provinces or independent judges on the panel</p> <p>PLUS</p> <p>2 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincials • Elite BC • Westerns (shadow or panel judge for Development Stream) <p>No cards or warnings</p>

5.3 Assignment Prioritization Framework

Assignments for national events for all level judges (National and Brevet) will be based on:

- a) Judge level - depending on GymCan requirements and strategic considerations

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

- b) Need for upgrade - this criteria may be more important at the end of a cycle if there are judges near a new level that is only available at the start of a new cycle e.g. National 1 to Brevet
- c) Clean judging record at the provincial and national level – no warnings or cards. Warnings or cards will result in a minimum one year break from national assignments for the affected judge
- d) Number of national/regional competitions assigned to in the current cycle – assignments will consider spreading assignments out so there will not be a small group consistently assigned (provided other judges are participating in upgrade prioritization considerations)
- e) Club affiliation – only one per club will be assigned for each national event where possible (e.g- westerns may be an exception to the rule where BC is required to provide a large judging contingent)
- f) Priority considerations from the previous year - uses previous year “considerations” but resets every year, however, those with high involvement start the new year with extra credit to recognize the high volume engagement of the previous year. Considerations include:
 - a. Number of non-upgrade competitions judged
 - b. Participate in post event/competition feedback sessions
 - c. Engages in the judging community WhatsApp Chat
 - d. Do feedback sessions as an invited judge to a club working session
 - e. Participating in sanctioned provincial, national or international judge education and providing course notes to the BC Judging community. Information about the workshop must be circulated to the BC judges community at least 2 weeks before the event
 - f. Judging at out of province or out of country competitions and bringing back information/feedback etc.

5.3.1 Assignments and Sanctions

- a) All judging assignments must be sanctioned by the BCRSGF for all competitions (World Gymnastics, GymCan, BCRSGF)
 - a. If GymCan direct assigns a BCRSGF judge to an international event, the judge must notify BCRSGF
- b) Requests for GymCan assignment to international events must be approved by the BC Judges Chair and sent on the judges behalf by BCRSGF office

5.4 Senior Athlete Shadow Judging Program

The Senior Athlete Shadow Program gives senior athletes a chance to experience judging and join certified judges at the table.

5.4.1 Overview

- Max 8 shadow judges per session (invitationals – priority to the host club’s athletes)
- Get paired (max 2 shadows) with a certified judge
- Shadow judge Interclub, lv 1, 2, and 3 A
- Judge a max of 1 panel per event (DB, DA, A, E)
- Shadow judges’ scores are not counted but certified judge mentors athletes on the scores/rankings given
- Gymnasts can shadow judge and compete in the same events

5.4.2 Eligibility

- Provincial Lv 6
- Western Lv 6
- National Sr
- Sr interclub (16+)

5.4.3 Priority

- Priority will be given to the host club athletes
- Each host club can have a max 4 athletes (chosen by host club)
- Additional athletes will be chosen at random (draw)
 - Out of area athletes get priority. Minimum of 1 gymnast per (out of area) area.
Areas are considered:
 - Vancouver/lower mainland
 - Island
 - Okanagan
 - North
 - All other spots will be chosen at random by draw from all remaining applications
- Anyone who applied before the deadline and was not assigned will have priority for the next event assuming they apply before the deadline (of the 4 non-host spots)

5.4.4 Process

Before the event

- Step 1
 - In application, gymnasts outline their preferred panels to shadow (rank them 1-4)
 - No guarantees, Head Judge will try to give each athlete at least one of their top 2 panel/section choices
- Step 2
 - Athletes must watch an instructional presentation on the code of points and complete a short knowledge sharing exercise. Open book. No time restriction
 - Athletes must pass with 50% minimum
 - Athletes must pass the quiz for each event they apply to judge (previous results don't carry forward)
- Head judge scores the quizzes and informs the athlete of their results within 2 days where possible

Day of the event

- Shadow judges must come appropriately dressed
- Shadow judges must have a printed or downloaded copy of the Code of Points

6.0 Judging at BCRSGF Sanctioned Competitions

BCRSGF events follow the requirements as set out by:

- World Gymnastics Code of Points for all national Junior and Senior individual and groups
- GymCan Development Program for all National Novice and all regional stream level 3A to 6C
- BCRSGF Development Level Program and Age categories for all other levels

6.1 Judge Availability

- a) A list of all competitions will be sent to all eligible judges by December 15 of each year
- b) Each judge must return their availability form to the Judges Chair(s) prior to January 10 of each year
- c) Assignments for all events will be based on the availability noted in the response to that request
- d) Competition judging assignments will be made by the Head judge of the event

6.2 Judge Attire and Requirements

- a) Judges must wear the appropriate uniform: black or navy-blue jacket and pants or skirt and white shirt
- b) All judges must have their World Gymnastics Code of Points and BCRSGF and GymCan development programs with them at every event

7.0 Judge Responsible for BCRSGF Competitions

7.1 Minimum Certification

National Stream Provincials – minimum National 1

Provincial Stream Provincials – minimum National 2

Club Invitationals – minimum National 2

7.2 BCRSGF Competition Judge Responsible Duties

7.2.1 Before the competition

- Establish contact with the competition Meet Director and/or Technical Director
- Obtain the BC judges availability list from the Judges Chair(s)
- Contact the available judges and confirm their assignments
- Inform the judges of the location, date, time, technical information, level of the event and the time for the judges meeting/briefing
- Assist the Meet Director with:
 - Check gymnast's registration
 - Confirm that the gymnasts have paid BCRSGF membership
 - Confirm competition level of gymnasts
 - Check with the draw for the event
 - The schedule of the event
- Decide if one or two judging panels will be used
- Ensure a balance between judges according to their qualifications when assigning panels
- Decide seating for the judges
- Confirm with the Meet Director that the following equipment is available (if necessary)
 - Appropriate sound system
 - RG measuring table
 - Stopwatch for the timer
 - Scoring equipment
 - Score board
 - Chairs for line judges (2)
 - Video camera to tape the competition

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

- Tables and comfortable chairs for the panel judges
 - Inspect the competition floor/carpet area – 13X13m
- Order from the BCRSGF office:
 - Panel judges iPads
 - Ensure the above items are delivered to the competition site.
 - Red and green flags for Head Judge

7.2.2 During the event

- Coordinate the judges meeting/briefing, prior to the start of the competition
- Attend the technical meeting, with the Meet Director/Technical Director
- Instruct the judge coordinator and assistance of assignments
- Monitor the time schedule of the competition
- Oversee the panel judges
- Ensure the line judges and timer are in position
- At the end of each rotation, confirm and sign the official score sheets
- Where possible the Judge Responsible should not judge on the panel
- If the Judge Responsible is judging, they must submit their score before viewing other judges' scores for that gymnast

8.0 Judge Travel Expenses and Honoraria

8.1 Honoraria

- a) Judges officiating at BCRSGF sanctioned competitions will be paid an honouraria.
- b) A day is considered to be 8 hours or less, including the judges' meeting.
- c) Hours of competition are from the start of the judges' meeting until the last gymnast if finished on the last event, plus 15 minutes
- d) An honorarium is payable to the officials at the end of the competition

8.1.1 Honorarium Rates

Level	Up to 4 hours	Up to 8 hours	Up to 12 hours	Over 12 hours
Judge Responsible (on top of honorarium rate for their level)	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$120
Brevet	\$55	\$110	\$165	\$220
National	\$42.50	\$85	\$127.50	\$170
Provincial	\$35	\$70	\$105	\$140
Sectional	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$120

8.2 Meals

- a) Judges meals will be compensated in the form of a per diem
- b) Meals will only be compensated for competition days and only for meals not provided by the organizing committee
 - a. When judges need to travel the evening before to ensure they are on time for a morning session, judges will be compensated for the dinner for their travel day (the day before)

8.2.1 Meal Per Diem Rates

Meal	Rate
Breakfast	\$7.50
Lunch	\$20.00
Dinner	\$22.50

8.3 Travel Expenses

- a) Independent judges will have their travel and accommodations fully covered by the organizing committee of the event
 - a. Independent means they are not affiliated with any club participating the event
- b) Judges joining the event with a club will have 50% of their travel and accommodation covered
- c) Milage will be compensated at a rate of \$0.55/km
- d) Each judge assigned to official provincial, regional or national events will be partially funded (annual budget permitting). Funding is dependent of availability and budget constraints
- e) If no additional funding is available, and BC is requested to send more judges, then a judge may self-fund. This judge must not replace a BCRSGF funded judge on any panel
- f) Judges only judging one portion of regional championships (either national or development stream) will receive only 50% of funds distributed to other officials

8.4 Clinician Honorarium

A judge who conducts a BCRSGF organized certification clinic/course for other judges will receive:

Level	Honorarium (8 hours or less)
Brevet	\$150
National	\$75

To be eligible for this honorarium, the clinic/course must be officially recognized, sponsored and or sanctioned by the Judges' Committee.

9.0 Judges' Conduct

- a) All registered and active judges in BC must sign the code of Conduct Agreement annually before participating in any BCRSGF activities
- b) At all times, they must abide by the Code of Conduct Agreement, the Judges' Rules and Regulations set out in this document, and follow the rules as set out for the expected good conduct and protocols at events
- c) Failure to do so may result in removal from judging an event, up to inactive status for a season
- d) If repeated violations continue beyond one season, an official may be permanently prohibited from judging in BC

9.1 Judges' Ethics and Code of Conduct

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

- a) Panel judges are advised to conduct themselves in an accurate, fair, co-operative and polite manner and to judge each athlete with a neutral approach and by the same standard of evaluation.
- b) In the event that a judge does not abide by the code of conduct, the Head Judge is responsible for initiating disciplinary action when deemed necessary.

9.2 Misconduct

- a) The BC Judges Committee has three levels of in case of violations to the BCRSGF (or GymCan) Judging Rules & Regulations:
 - a. Verbal warning –next verbal warning will result in issuance of a yellow card
 - b. Yellow Card –next yellow card will result in a red card
 - c. Red Card (or two or more chronic Yellow Cards without change in behaviour) - immediate removal from the event and non-assignment for one year
 - i. Re-Entry – will require personal monitoring by a Brevet level judge for the following season’s provincial competitions (2 events)
 - ii. If the monitoring is satisfactory (the judge in question has no further infractions), the official will be reinstated for the following season
- b) In the case of repeated judging offences over two or more seasons, the BC Judges’ Committee will recommend removal of an individual from judging in BC to BCRSGF Board of Directors
- c) The Committee will notify the BCRSGF and the judge within 30 days that the Committee has recommended a disciplinary action or suspension against an official
- d) The BCRSGF Board will in turn offer the official in question an opportunity to appeal against the decision of the Committee prior to BCRSGF taking a final decision on the matter
- e) The Board will consider an appeal from the judge and thereafter will put the decision to a vote. As simple majority vote will carry the decision
- f) If a BCRSGF member official disputes the final decision of the BCRSGF and seeks outside or legal assistance to appeal or overturn (or not comply in any way), the official will, according to their signed Code of Conduct Agreement, become an “Inactive member, not in good standing” for the period of time that it takes for the matter between the official and the BCRSGF to be completely resolved
- g) During the period of time that an individual member is declared an “Inactive member, not in good standing”, the Official will cease all participation at any BCRSGF approved events within the province and will not be sanctioned to attend any national events, in any capacity until the matter in dispute with the BCRSGF is resolved

9.2.1 Table of Misconduct and Resulting Action

Misconduct	Warning/Card
Not wearing the proper judging uniform	1 st offence – verbal warning and told to change before the competition. If cannot change, then removed from panel. May be reassigned to a panel once wearing the correct uniform provided there is an appropriate opportunity in the schedule. 2 nd offence– yellow card & removed from the panel for the day

BCRSGF JUDGING RULES AND REGULATIONS Updated February 2026

	3 rd offence– red card & removed from the entire competition
Late appearance to the judge meeting or returning from a break	1 st offence – verbal warning
Criticize another judge's scores or judging ability to the judge or to others; harass another judge Attempts to influence another judge's score	2 nd offence - yellow card & removed from the panel for the day 3 rd offence – red card & removed from the entire competition
Conversations (other than a brief polite greeting) with anyone other than other judges at any time during the competition day. (Competition day ends when JR officially dismisses judges for the day)	
Criticize an athlete to the judges, other coaches, etc. Exhibit behaviour or have expressions regarding performances or scores that are derogatory	
Not recording scores on scripts or on other judge chits/paper while judging	
Bias towards certain gymnasts being shown when judging gymnasts	**Exception: Cell phones
Use of cell phone or any other electronic device while at the judging table, or communicating to individuals not on the judge panel as described above.**	1 st offence – written warning 2 nd offence - red card & removed from the entire competition
Judge did not receive advance permission from the JR to not participate in all assigned days of the competition and arrives late or leaves before the end of the assigned time.	Red card & barred from judging internationally or domestically for the remainder of the season, and for the next season.
Obstructing the operation of the competition (i.e. creating a scene or circumstance which delays or prevents the normal proceeding of the competition)	Yellow or red card depending on the seriousness of the obstruction or delay. If yellow card then removed from the panel for the day. If red card then removed from the entire competition
Abusive or aggressive behaviour towards anyone in the competition	Red card & barred from judging nationally or provincially for the remainder of the season, and for the next season
Failure to co-operate in finding in-range scores	1 st offence – verbal warning 2 nd offence - yellow card & removed from the panel for the day 3 rd offence – red card & removed from the entire competition

Attempts to have scorers change marks (with the exception of the Head Judge of the event who can allow for the correction of a verified error or omission in judging)	1 st offence – written warning 2 nd offence - red card & removed from the entire competition
---	---

9.3 Judges' Oath

"In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we will officiate in this competition with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the Judging Rules & Regulations which govern us, abiding by the Judges Code of Conduct and all times conduct ourselves in the true spirit of sportsmanship and for the glory of our sport."

9.4 Judge's Code of Conduct

Judges' Oath

"In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that we will officiate in this competition with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the Judging Rules & Regulations which govern us, abiding by the Judges Code of Conduct and all times conduct ourselves in the true spirit of sportsmanship and for the glory of our sport."

Judges' Ethical Behaviour

Judges must:

- Treat gymnasts, coaches, meet officials and volunteers and each other with courtesy and respect at all times
 - Refrain from malicious gossip and demeaning remarks intended to bias opinions towards gymnasts, coaches and other judges
 - Not threaten or striking anyone in any BCRSGF event or environment
 - Not use abusive language in any BCRSGF event or environment
- Not coach or correct a gymnast without getting the coach's approval first
- Make every attempt to attend BCRSGF judge meetings, courses or events
- Observe the event with objectivity and impartiality
 - Give scores independently
 - Not show appreciation or affiliation for any gymnast or club including applause or any other physical form of partiality
 - It is preferable that parents/relatives and coaches not be allowed to judge that particular competition
 - Not speak to coaches and athletes during the competition
 - Not attempt to have scorers change marks (with the exception of the head judge when there is a mathematical error)
- Attend the competition when they are scheduled to attend
 - Not be late
 - Not leave early
 - Arrive one hour before their start time or as instructed by the head judge

Judge Attire

- Judges must wear the appropriate uniform: black or navy-blue jacket and pants or skirt and white shirt
- All judges must have their World Gymnastics Code of Points and BCRSGF and GymCan development programs with them at every event

Misconduct

All misconduct will be addressed following the BCRSGF Judging Rules and Regulations

Judges Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Club Affiliation(s): _____

Affiliation: Refer to GymCan Affiliation Policy and also include founders of clubs

10.0 Changes to the BCRSGF Judging Rules and Regulations

- a) Any member of the BCRSGF can propose changes to the Judging Rules and Regulations.
- b) All proposals must be sent in writing to the chair(s) of the committee or the BCRSGF office 14 days before a judge committee meeting.
 - a. In cases where the motion does not meet the 14 day deadline, it will be held and brought forward at the next meeting
- c) The email must include the motion and rationale for the change.
- d) If approved, the motion will be implemented for the next season, unless negative impacts are negligible