

Women's Technical Committee Meeting November 4 – 7, 2021

Chairperson Cheryl Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 4th.

Roll Call:

Region 1	Gigi Iavarone
Region 2	Jeanine Henneford
Region 3	Marilyn Blilie
Region 4	Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Sue Kane
Region 6	Pat Panichas
Region 7	Jane Caruso
Region 8	Evelyn Chandler
DP Technical Director	Connie Maloney (non-voting)
DP Director	Christy Naik (non-voting) (Thursday)
VP Women's Program	Annie Heffernon (non-voting) (Thursday)

1. Cheryl welcomed the five new members to their first official meeting and reminded the committee of the busy year ahead with the National Judges' Course, new DP and Xcel codes and Regional and National Congress presentations.
2. **Recommendation that a moratorium on Optional judges' testing for the current 2018-22 cycle begins February 1, 2022. Test Administrators cannot schedule any local judges' exams after January 31, 2022.**
Testing for the 2022-26 Optional cycle (Levels 7/8, 9 and 10) will begin August 1, 2022 except for the USA Brevet and National Courses, which will be held throughout the summer at the Regional and National Congresses, beginning in June 2022.
Motion: Evelyn Chandler
Second: Gigi Iavarone
PASSED
3. 2022 USA Brevet and National Judges Course Eligibility
Any 2022 Judges' Course Eligibility Forms that were not received by the respective RTCC by November 1, 2021 deadline will not be accepted.
Because the Course Eligibility form indicated a discrepancy between the deadline date for submitting the form and the date to complete the volunteer hour requirements, the committee decided to allow the following:
If a judge submitted their eligibility form within the designated deadline, but was deficient in volunteer hours, verification of approved volunteer hours before December 31, 2021 may be submitted to their RTCC to complete their application.
4. New requirements for FIG-Brevet judges (and judges invited to FIG-Brevet Course for the first time) to earn a rating for the 2022-2026 cycle of the Development Program Optional Levels 6-10:
Previously the FIG Brevets automatically could judge DP Optional competitions without any testing, but since the FIG and DP rules are so completely different, the TC felt that there needed to be some assurance that the FIG Brevet judges were aware of the DP rules and changes for the new 2022-26 cycle. The TC also felt that there should be a difference in the requirements for those who were recommended for FIG status by USA Gymnastics versus those who came from another country as a Brevet and did not "grow up" in our system.
All current (2017-21) USA FIG-Brevet judges and newly invited candidates, as well as the current (2017-21) foreign FIG-Brevet judges who live in the US are to be contacted directly by Connie with an explanation of the new requirements for judging the USA Development Optional Program (Levels 6-10) in the cycle of August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2026. If unable to fulfill the below requirements, the judge may take the Level 10 Written and Practical exam beginning August 1, 2022 to obtain a Level 10 rating.

Regardless of the final DP rating earned, any FIG-Brevet judge certified for 2022-24 will be paid using the Brevet hourly rate at a DP competition.

The following charts describe the requirements. The reference to “actively judging in the DP Optional program” indicates that current CPE requirements have been met.

2022 FIG Brevet Course Candidates sponsored by USA Gymnastics	DP USA-Brevet/National Course Requirement
Current (2017-2021) FIG-Brevet who takes the 2022 FIG-Brevet Course and has been actively judging in DP Optional Program	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. No Practical exam or verification Eligible for USA Brevet rating
Current (2017-2021) FIG-Brevet who takes the 2022 FIG-Brevet Course but HAS NOT been actively judging in DP Optional Program	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. USA Brevet Group 3 Practical verification Eligible for USA Brevet rating
First time candidate for FIG Course with current Level 10 or higher rating- PASSES FIG exam	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. No Practical exam or verification Eligible for USA Brevet rating
First time candidate for FIG Course with current Level 10 or higher rating- DOES NOT PASS	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. USA Brevet Group 3 Practical verification Eligible for USA Brevet rating
First time candidate for FIG Course with no DP rating (or less than L10) and PASSES FIG exam	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. National Group 3 Practical verification Eligible for National rating
First time candidate for FIG Course with no DP rating (or less than L10) and DOES NOT PASS FIG exam	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. National Group 2 Practical exam Eligible for National rating
2017-21 FIG-Brevet judge who declines 2022 FIG Course	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. USA Brevet Group 3 Practical Verification Eligible for USA Brevet rating

2022 FIG Brevet Course Candidates sponsored by foreign federations but reside in the US	DP USA-Brevet/National Course Requirement
Current (2017-2021) foreign FIG-Brevet who takes the 2022 FIG-Brevet Course and has been actively judging in DP Optional program	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. No Practical exam or verification Eligible for National rating
Current (2017-2021) foreign FIG-Brevet who takes the 2022 FIG-Brevet Course but has NOT been actively judging in DP Optional program	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. National Group 2 Practical Exam Eligible for National rating
Current (2017-2021) foreign FIG-Brevet who DOES NOT TAKE the 2022 FIG-Brevet Course but has been actively judging in DP Optional program for a minimum of 8 years	1. Online Theoretical exam 2. National Group 3 Practical verification Eligible for National rating
Current (2017-2021) foreign FIG-Brevet who DOES NOT TAKE the 2022 FIG-Brevet Course and has NOT been actively judging in DP Optional program a minimum of 8 years	1. Online Theoretical exam in May/June 2. National Group 2 Practical exam Eligible for National rating

See #5 below for the scoring system/requirements used for the different exam types.

- 2022 USA Brevet/National Judges’ Courses: The following will be posted on the USA Gymnastics website and has been sent to all eligible judges.

USA Gymnastics Women's Artistic Judging 2022-2026 National/USA Brevet Accreditation

All judges eligible for the USA Brevet/National Course will be required to be tested in some manner. The following must be completed, depending on which Group they are eligible for:

Group 1 - Judges who have held a Level 10 rating for two testing cycles (minimum of 8 years) or eligible Elite coaches or Sr. Elite National Team athletes will be required to:

- Attend National (or USA Brevet) Course which will be conducted by the National Technical Committee at the various 2022 Regional/National Congresses. This includes a "Mock" Exam Practice Judging session.
- Successfully pass an in-person closed-book written/theoretical exam (90-minute time limit, with answers to be recorded electronically) with a minimum score of 82% National / 84% USA Brevet.
- Successfully pass an in-person Practical exam with a minimum score of 83% National / 85% USA Brevet (scores to be recorded electronically). For each event, the practical exam will include one demonstration routine and **six (6) test routines**, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count toward the final score for that event.

Group 2 - Judges who have held a National or USA Brevet rating for one testing cycle (4 years) will be required to:

- Successfully take online written/theoretical exam (90-minute time limit) with 82% National / 84% USA Brevet pass rate prior to coming to in-person National/USA Brevet Course.
- Attend National/USA Brevet Course conducted by the National Technical Committee at the various 2022 Regional/National Congresses. This includes a "Mock" Exam Practice Judging session.
- Successfully pass an in-person Practical exam with a minimum score of 83% National / 85% USA Brevet (scores to be recorded electronically). For each event, the practical exam will include one demonstration routine and **six (6) test routines**, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count toward the final score for that event.

Group 3 - Judges who have maintained a USA Brevet/National rating for two or more testing cycles (minimum of 8 years) will be required to:

- Successfully take online written/theoretical exam (90-minute time limit) with 82% National / 84% USA Brevet pass rate prior to coming to National/USA Brevet Course.
- Attend National/USA Brevet Course which will be conducted by the National Technical Committee at the various 2022 Regional/National Congresses. This includes a "Mock" Exam Practice Judging session.
- Take in-person Practical exam (scores to be recorded electronically) by judging six (6) routines per event, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count toward the final score for that event. EACH event (Vault, Bars, Beam and Floor) must achieve a minimum of 20 out of 25 possible points for National or 21 out of 25 possible points for USA Brevet. For each event where the minimum score is not achieved, a Personal Improvement Plan (PIP) must be written and completed by December 31, 2022.
 - PIP must be reviewed and pre-approved by their respective RTCC
 - Once completed, the judge must submit it to their respective RTCC. The RTCC will then forward the information to the DP Technical Director, who will update the individual judge's Profile with the appropriate rating.
 - If not completed by December 31, 2022, rating will drop one level until the judge can take and pass the Level 10 practical exam at 83% National or 85% Brevet. The Level 10 exam may be taken up to four (4) times within the 2022-23 accreditation year.

Group 3 Personal Improvement Plan Guidelines

Each participant in Group 3 must develop a Personal Improvement Plan (PIP) for each event in which he/she achieves a score below the threshold (20 out of 25 possible points for National; 21 out of 25 possible points for USA Brevet). The judge must complete all activities in the PIP by December 31, 2022 in order to maintain their current rating.

The PIP must include 4 **hours** of designated professional improvement activities for each event receiving a score below the criterion score. If more than one event requires a PIP, then a maximum of 12 hours will be spread across all events needing improvement. PIP Activities will be open to ALL judges, not just those needing PIP.

Examples of activities that may be used for the PIP include:

- Online or in-person “brush-up” clinics designated by USA Gymnastics.
- State/Regional/National Congress or clinics (USAG/NAWGJ)
- Level 10 training camp observations/interaction with coach/judge/clinicians

The PIP activities above may also count toward fulfillment of annual CPE requirements, as appropriate, e.g., clinic credit, miscellaneous.

6. The remainder of the meeting (three days) was spent evaluating Level 10 routines to be used for the USA Brevet/National Course exams and the 2022-26 Level 10 Practical exam.
Additional Zoom meetings will be scheduled for the evaluation of Level 8 and 9 exercises for the 2022-26 Practical Exams.
7. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm on November 7th.

Minutes approved by Stefanie Korapin January 25, 2022.