

TeamGym Judging Pathway

This document sets out the pathway for British Gymnastic Judges within the discipline of TeamGym (TG).

Priorities:

Accessibility: Judge education will utilise remote learning where appropriate to minimise costs to candidates and maximise the accessibility of courses across the length and breadth of the UK.

1. **Expertise:** A pathway that facilitates and rewards up to date knowledge and practiced skill.
2. **Respect:** A fluid structure based on demonstration of expertise that promotes equal respect among judges and diligence to the code.
3. **Fairness:** Education is open to all and any decisions are evidence based and thoroughly rationalised by British Gymnastics and the TeamGym Technical Committee (TGTC).
4. **International reputation:** Maintaining and developing good international relations and positive representation of British Gymnastics.

Note: These priorities are referenced throughout this document as P1/2/3/4/5.

Level	Qualified for	Entry prerequisites	Delivery (P1)
Brevet	Judging at European Championships (ECh)	TG National judge	By European Gymnastics
National	Head judge positions at national events.	TG Regional judge or former cycle TG National, or Brevet qualification.	1 per cycle. 2 x 4 hour modules online with home study + 8 hour face to face practice and exams (across two days)
Regional	All panel positions at national events.	TG Club judge or former cycle TG Regional qualification. A fast track can be requested via the Technical Committee if learner is TG Level 2 or above Coach.	Online tutor led delivery.
Club	E panel positions	None	Online automated learning.

Revalidation:

Each cycle judges must prequalify. The below table shows the necessary pre-requisites for both revalidating and upgrading/downgrading judging qualifications (P3 & P4).

	Revalidation	Upgrading
Brevet	Repeat new cycle course / update.	N/a
National	Repeat new cycle course / update.	Via brevet selection exam. Open to all national judges.
Regional	Repeat new cycle course / update.	Via national judge course. Open to all regional judges.
Club	Repeat new cycle course.	Via regional judge course. Open to all club judges and TG coaches. Must be 18 years +

Note: Judges will not be able to downgrade automatically, they will still be required to sit the necessary revalidation at that level, i.e. if a Regional judge wishes to downgrade to Club, they will need complete the revalidation requirements at Club.

Brevet Judges:

British Gymnastics aims to maintain 8 active brevet places each cycle. A domestic exam will be used to determine British Gymnastics' top 8 judges (P2). Brevet and national judges are eligible for selection for the European Brevet Course but must also sign the brevet contract with British Gymnastics and be approved by the TGTC (P5).

In the best interest of the discipline, British Gymnastics aims to retain sufficient expertise for international influence (P5) and judge education from one cycle to the next. Therefore, if sufficient personnel do not make the top 8 at the domestic exam, the TGTC (in consultation with the Performance Manager) may reserve up to 4 places on the brevet course. This caveat exists to ensure adequate continuity between cycles and only exercised as a measure to safeguard the best interests of the discipline. Factors taken into consideration would be their service over the cycle, expertise, any mitigating circumstances, and if such allowances have been made in the past.

Selection of Judges:

For National Events:

The National Judging Co-ordinator, in consultation with the TGTC will nominate head judges based on availability. Exam results and performance at national events will also be taken into consideration for some assignments e.g. selection events.

For International Events:

For the ECH British Gymnastics will aim to send their top 3 judges to maximise the chances of securing head judge positions. Therefore, judging category, performance at national events, and any requests/input from the European TGTC will be used to determine this selection.

For other international events, British Gymnastics will aim to give experience across all the GB Brevet positions based on availability.

International judging assignments are nominated by the TeamGym Selection Panel and approved by the British Gymnastics Approval Panel (P4).

For Judge Education:

Judge Educators are appointed and trained by British Gymnastics Education Department in consultation with the TGTC. Pre-requisites include current TG Brevet or National Qualification. Since 2016 (2018 for TeamGym), British Gymnastics Education Department has been responsible for setting up courses where there is demand, and deploying tutors based on their availability and geographical location to that demand.

Furthermore to this pathway, in extraordinary circumstances,

British Gymnastics reserves the rights to make decisions and act in the best interests of the discipline.