



# **TeamGym**

**Progression through Judging**

**2014-2017**

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# JUDGE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

## Foreword

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British Gymnastics encompasses a number of disciplines, each with its own sport specific needs which are influenced by the International Governing Body and the demands of the particular domestic competition requirements.

There is a need to establish a degree of standardisation in the procedures adopted to train and accredit judges. It is acknowledged that a great deal of valuable input has been made to establish the current programme and it is envisaged that where areas of good practice are identified, these would be used as models upon which future structures may be based.

However there are areas where commonality can be addressed, and as far as is practical, standard procedures and strategies will be introduced. Clearly areas such as: number and level of qualifications, course approval and accreditation procedures, criteria for entry into qualification, outline job specification, responsibility and Course Organisers guidelines can be standardised

The Head of Education is responsible for developing and monitoring the Judge Education and Judge Accreditation process. The development, training and assessment of Judges will remain within the remit of the sport specific Judging Panels and Technical Committees.

BG Staff will:

1. Provide support with regard to the organisation and administration of National and Brevet courses.
2. Assist in the production of resource materials providing a minimum of eight weeks' notice is given.
3. Maintain a register of accredited Judges, and provide reports as requested.

## TEAMGYM JUDGE OVERVIEW

This is a quick overview on what it takes to become a judge for TeamGym gymnastics, the training and criteria for each level, certification, and continuing educational needs.

The International Governing body for TeamGym is the European Union of Gymnastics (UEG)

Interested individuals can attend an organised BG judging course to start on the judging ladder. More information is also available by contacting the [National Judging Convener](#), the [Technical Director](#) and through BG (British Gymnastics) . View [Judging and Technical Updates](#).

British Gymnastics no longer require judges to complete a DBS (formerly CRB) to judge at BG competitions. At a recent Standards Committee Meeting it has been agreed that as BG is no longer requiring a criminal record check, we should no longer require judges to gain or update their safeguarding training. Clubs should be responsible for assessing the individual's training needs in a similar way as they now must do in reference to criminal record checks.

However, Judges who are also coaches must have attended a Sports Coach UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children Awareness course. This must be renewed every three years and be valid both at the time of entry and through to the end of the Event.

Judges who are also coaches must have a valid DBS, (formerly CRB) certificate both at the time of entry and through to the end of the Event.

## TEAMGYM JUDGING ACCREDITATION

### I. How to become a Judge

1. Interested parties can gain insight and experience of TeamGym by attending events and club training sessions.
2. It is recommended that interested individuals attend local judging clinics and/or Clubs or Regional Courses that introduce you to the British Modified Code and the UEG Code of Points in order to develop the knowledge and skills required to become a judge. View the [Judging Pathway](#).
3. It is recommended that you contact your British Gymnastics office for information about upcoming courses, exams dates, etc. View the name and contact information for your Judging Course at [British Gymnastics](#). Scottish Gymnastics is named as the National Governing Body for Gymnastics in Scotland and it is responsible for organising and delivering all BG Coach and Judge Education for all disciplines in Scotland. View the [Scottish Gymnastics website](#).
4. The awarding body for Judging still remains as British Gymnastics.
5. In order to officiate at TeamGym events, judges must have knowledge of the rules and regulations included in the following publications (and addendums):
  - BG Modified Code.
  - UEG Code of Points.
  - Current Rules and Policies.
6. In order to officiate at National or International competitions, UEG Brevet judges must be qualified in the current cycle (Cycle 4), and have an understanding of the rules and regulations included in the following publications:
  - UEG Code of Points.
  - UEG updates published by the UEG Technical Committee.
  - Current UEG Technical Regulations (for International Competition).
  - The Equipment Directives and Advertising rules.
7. Membership/Certification requirements:
  - Must be a current Gold Member of British Gymnastics.

II. Judging Courses and Exam

1. Club and Regional Judges

- Any individual that has never held a judging qualification may attend a judging course at either Club or Regional level.
- Individuals may choose to become judges at a Club level only.
- The Accreditation year will be defined as January 1-December 31.
- View the [Judging Pathway](#).
- Exam sessions will be scheduled within the British or Scottish Gymnastics programme. A master list of all upcoming judging sessions, the timetable to be offered at each, and information on how to register for a course can be found on-line from [British Gymnastics](#) or [Scottish Gymnastics](#).
- Examinees may retake the written exam for a specific level a maximum of two (2) times per accreditation year in the attempt to pass.
- The exam and resit fee is £15.
- Candidates may resit at a time and place agreed by the Regional Judging Organiser (RJO), in collaboration with the National Judging Convener (NJC).
- See below the Teamgym Judging Examinations Results Tolerances 2014-2017:

Category	Theory	Practical Minimum Score	Overall	Revalidation Theory Tolerance	Outcome
National	60 % +	70 % +	70%		Awarded
	50 – 59 %	70%	60%	45-59 %	Resit
	50%	60-69 %			Regional
	Below 50%	Below 60 %			Club
Regional	60% +	70% +	70%		Awarded
	50- 59%	70%	60%	45-59	Resit
	50%	60- 69 %			Club
	Below 50%	Below 60%			No Award
Club	60 %+		70%		Awarded 70%
	50-59 %	70%	60%	45-59%	Resit
	50% or below	Below 60%			No Award

- Candidates must take a practical (video) exam and achieve a minimum score of 70%. (One practice routine plus 5 exam routines per category ie. Floor, Tumble and Trampoline).
- An examinee is required to take both parts at the same time. However, in the event of a resit they are not required to repeat any part previously passed.

1.1 Brevet and National Judges

- Must attend a Brevet or National Judges’ Course, by invitation only. These courses are conducted every four years following each Olympic year.
- Must successfully pass all the requirements of the course.
- Encouraged to sign the [Judging Charter](#).
- Must comply with the Judge dress code – Judges must wear Navy/black trousers/skirt suits, a plain white shirt/blouse. Men can wear grey trouser and navy blazer or navy/black suit plain white shirt and must wear a tie.
- View the [Judging Selection Policy](#).

III. Continuing Professional Education Tracking

- Each judge is responsible for keeping accurate records of attendance, where appropriate, at approved courses, training events, and clinics. Documentation should correspond to courses organised either nationally or by Home Nations.

## IV. Accommodation and Expenses

- View [Expense Guidelines](#).
- View the [Expenses Claim form](#). Please attach all receipts for items claimed to the Expenses Claim form.
- All accommodation for National Events is to be booked by the Events Department, copied to the National Competition Organiser.
- Judges and officials are asked, where possible, to share a room with other judges and officials they are comfortable sharing with; exceptions to this rule may include medical reasons. Requests for rooming arrangements should be agreed with the NCO and the Events Department
- Travel arrangements to be booked by the British Gymnastics Events Department, copied to the National Competition Organiser.

### Other Relevant Policies:

- [View British Gymnastics Health, Safety and Welfare Policy](#).
- [View the Equal Opportunities Policy](#).

## V. Governing Bodies and Other Gymnastics Organisations

### • UEG- European Union of Gymnastics

- The UEG establishes the rules and policies for competitions on the national and international arena, and applies to both Junior and Senior Competitions.
- The UEG is an international organization composed of member nations. The personnel on these committees are elected by a vote of all member nations.
- The Technical Regulations of the UEG provide all rules governing European Championships, officially registered international competitions, and most aspects of Home Nations TeamGym competitions.

### • British Gymnastics

- British Gymnastics is the National Governing body for all UK competitions, and is an affiliated member to the UEG.
- British Gymnastics establishes the rules and policies for national competition in the United Kingdom through its Committee structure.
- British Gymnastics provides educational opportunities and disseminates information by way of a National Technical Newsletter and the provision of an annual Teamgym Technical Assembly.

### • Scottish Gymnastics

- Scottish Gymnastics are the Governing Body for gymnastics in Scotland.
- Scottish Gymnastics provides educational opportunities and disseminates information by way of Technical Newsletters and discipline specific Technical Panels.

