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Judge Education Programme

Foreword

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 the 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 processes. The development, training and assessment of Judges will remain within the remit of the sport specific Judging Panels and Technical Committees.

BG Staff will:

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

I am confident that the proposed strategies will be efficient and effective and will help to raise the credence of the Judge Education programme. Your cooperation in helping to administer the judge training programme is greatly appreciated.

These judging guidelines and relevant paperwork have been prepared to ensure that the process of accreditation for courses, delivery of courses, assessment of Judges and accreditation of qualifications are efficiently and accurately recorded.

If the guidelines are implemented and adhered to, it is hoped that the whole process of organising and recording Club and Regional Judging courses will become an easier and more efficient process. This relates to Regional and Club Judging courses in all disciplines. National and Brevet courses may be run centrally from the BG office.

If possible, and where there is demand, each Regional Judging Organiser is requested to hold one Club Judge and one Regional Judge course in alternate years. An advanced yearly programme should be completed indicating courses for each Region/Home Country. If the demand exceeds the planned courses, additional courses should be scheduled.

Your cooperation in implementing and adhering to the guidelines will ensure that an efficient and valuable system will be sustained, for both yourselves and BG.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KABonner". The letters are cursive and connected, with a large initial "K" and "A".

Kathryn Bonner
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1 Women's Artistic Judging Structure

1.1 International Brevet Judge (IBJ)

Please see JTC criteria and fast-track guidelines for eligibility.

1.2 National Judge

Criteria for eligibility: To be confirmed but the **minimum** requirements will be:

- Must have held current Regional Award for a minimum of 2 years
- Must have judged regularly at a minimum of 10 National and/or Regional competitions (including Grades and Levels competitions), and produce an up-to-date signed logbook of events judged and courses assisted
- Must have supported the judge education process within the region as required
- Must have supported coaches and gymnasts within the region to provide advice, guidance and routine analysis, been available to attend squads and clinics as required

Course Content/Examination Structure:

- Attend a 4 and a half day course including examination to cover FIG Code of Points
- Have knowledge of judging rules for all BG competitions (non-examinable)

1.3 Regional Judge

Criteria for eligibility:

- Must be minimum of 17 years of age
- Hold a current Club award for a minimum of 1 year
- Have judged a minimum of 3 Club/County/Grades competitions per year since holding award and produce an up-to-date signed logbook of events judged
- Judges who have held a National judge qualification on the previous cycle and who want to move to Regional Judge only have to attend the Regional Judge course . They do not need to take the exam
- Judges who have held a regional award in the previous cycle must have judged a minimum of 5 regional, county, club or other competitions per year since qualifying and produce an up to date signed log book detailing all events judged
- Any judge who does not fulfil the above criteria may apply in writing to the RJO for dispensation to attend the course and exam

Course Content/Examination Structure

Attend a 3 day course to cover:

- Basic FIG Code plus principles of Connection Value
- A, B and C and common D elements from the Code of Points
- Practical judging

- Have knowledge of Espoir Rules, Age Group Levels, Compulsory Levels and Club grades.
- Attend a 1-day theory and practical examination (Exercises 1 and 2 D score evaluation only; Exercises 3 and 4 E score evaluation only; and Exercise 5 both D and E score evaluation)

Regional exam

- Show all demo exercises twice
- Show all vaults twice
- Show all D scores on bars twice
- Show all E scores on bars once
- Show all beams once (except demo)
- Show all floors once (except demo)

Candidates will be allowed 2½ minutes for a D score and 1½ minutes for an E score with longer when they are doing both D & E. This is just a guideline - please be sensitive. Except in exceptional circumstances, the examination must be taken at the time of the course. Application to take the exam separately from the course must be made in writing to the RJO.

1.4 Club Judge

Criteria for eligibility

- Must be a minimum of 15 years of age*

*Gymnasts of 14 years of age may apply to the Brevet Judge responsible for their Region to take the examination 1 year early.

Course Content/Examination structure

Attend a 3-day course to cover:

- Basic structure of the FIG Code
- A, B, common C elements from the FIG code of points
- Practical judging
- Basic symbols up to C level
- Have knowledge of Compulsory and Voluntary levels and NDP Club Grades (non-examinable)
- Attend a 1-day practical and theory examination. Practical to include E score only
- Judges who have held a Regional Judge qualification on the previous cycle and who want to move to Club Judge must attend the course and take the examination at Club Judge level

Club Exam

- Vault - tell the candidates what vault they are going to see
- Show all demo exercises twice
- Show all vaults twice
- Show all bars twice
- Show all beams once (except demo)
- Show all floors once (except demo)

Except in exceptional circumstances the examination must be taken at the time of the course. Application to take the exam separately from the course must be made in writing to the RJO.

1.5 Examination Guidelines

Practical scores will be evaluated according to the tolerances listed in the tables below:

Regional					
D Score	PTS	DED	PTS	DED	PTS
0.00	5.00	0.00-0.20	5.00		
0.10	4.50	0.30	4.75	1.30	2.25
0.20	4.00	0.40	4.50	1.40	2.00
0.30	3.50	0.50	4.25	1.50	1.75
0.40	3.00	0.60	4.00	1.60	1.50
0.50	2.50	0.70	3.75	1.70	1.25
0.60	2.00	0.80	3.50	1.80	1.00
0.70	1.50	0.90	3.25	1.90	0.75
0.80	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	0.50
0.90	0.50	1.10	2.75	2.10	0.25
1.00	0.00	1.20	2.50	2.20	0.00

Club			
DED	PTS	DED	PTS
0.00-0.30	5.00		
0.40	4.75	1.40	2.25
0.50	4.50	1.50	2.00
0.60	4.25	1.60	1.75
0.70	4.00	1.70	1.50
0.80	3.75	1.80	1.25
0.90	3.50	1.90	1.00
1.00	3.25	2.00	0.75
1.10	3.00	2.10	0.50
1.20	2.75	2.20	0.25
1.30	2.50	2.30	0.00

Regional Exam							
Section	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
D score	>70%	>70%	60% - 70%	>70%	60% - 70%	<70%	>70%
E score	>70%	>70%	>70%	60% - 70%	60% - 70%	>70%	<70%
Theory	>60%	<60%	<60%	<60%	<60%	>60%	>60%
	Regional pass	Can resit theory or club judge award	Club judge or complete retake of course and exam	Club judge or complete retake of course & exam	Club judge or complete retake	Regional award below 70% on either practical section but average of 70% and pass on theory	Regional award below 70% on either practical section but average of 70% and pass on theory
Candidates who attend the complete course and exam but fail more than 1 section will attain a club award							

Club Exam		
Section	%	%
E Score	>60%	>60%
Theory	>60%	<60%
	Club pass	Can resit theory

Any practical section below 60% will require a complete retake of either the regional or a club course.

1.6 Resit Regional and Club Examination

- Candidates may resit at a time and place agreed by the RJO - either at the next available examination in their own region or another region, or at another regional/county event
- Candidates must advise their regional course organiser of their intention to resit within one month of receiving the official status form BG
- The RJO will obtain the JC4 and exam paper from BG
- The resit fee is £15
- A resit application form will be sent to candidates with examination results if necessary

2 Roles and Responsibilities - IBJ (International Brevet Judge)

2.1 Terms of reference

Please see the current Judges charter for full details.

- Tutor at National Judges courses as required
- Tutor at regional and club courses as required
- Judge a minimum of 10 competitions at National Level
- Attend training sessions or Regional squads to assist gymnasts with technical content and keep abreast of coaching developments
- Assist at seminars/symposiums as required
- Attend National Squad training as required to assist gymnasts with technical content
- Give the highest priority to judging over alternative positions such as coach, events organiser etc.

3 Fast Tracking

3.1 National Judge

Ex gymnasts of Senior National Squad level may apply in writing to the National Technical Committee for dispensation to be exempt from the Club or Regional Level Awards.

Senior Club coaches who have produced Junior National Squad members may apply in writing to the National Technical Committee for dispensation to be exempt from the Club and Regional levels of judging in order to attend the National Judges course and examination.

High Performance coaches may apply to attend a National Judging Course to gain the appropriate knowledge.

4 Roles and Responsibilities - RJO

The Home Country and Regional Judging Organisers are appointed by the National Sports Specific Judging Panel from the current list of Brevet/National Judges as appropriate. The appointments will be ratified by the NTC and BG. Home Countries/Regions will be notified regarding the appointments.

Additional course personnel must be sanctioned by WTC Judging Coordinator.

4.1 Role of Regional Judging Organisers (RJO)

- Attendance at judges' meetings/clinics as defined by the National Judging Panel
- Organisation of Regional Judge and Club Judge courses (one of each in alternate years), forwarding details to BG and WTC Judging Coordinator for approval and promotion
- Preparation and delivery of courses
- Overseeing all matters relating to Judge Education within the Region/Home Country
- Any other responsibilities delegated by the National Judging Panel. These will be clearly identified when the appointment is made

Regional Judging Organisers are shown at Appendix 1.

Regional Judging Organisers

Appendix 1

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Regional Breakdown

- 1 **Scotland**
- 2 **Northern Ireland**
- 3 **North** Northumberland, Durham, Cumbria
- 4 **North West** Lancashire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire
- 5 **Yorkshire** North, West, South and East Yorkshire
- 6 **Wales**
- 7 **West Midlands** Staffordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire
- 8 **East Midlands** Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire
- 9 **East** Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire
- 10 **South West** Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall
- 11 **South** Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Isle of Wight
- 12 **South East** West Sussex, East Sussex, Surrey, Kent
- 13 **London** London Boroughs & Middlesex
BR1 - BR8, CR0 - CR8, DA5,6,7,8,14,15,16, IG1 - IG8, and IG11, KT1 - Kt7, RM1 - RM14, SM1 - SM6, TW1 - TW14. All of Middlesex comes under LGF
- 14 **Overseas, Eire and Isle of Man**

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