

Interested in becoming a gymnastics judge?

Are you an active or retired gymnast or coach who is passionate about the sport and would like to get involved as a Women's Artistic Gymnastics Judge?

Judges play an important role in establishing the environment at all competitions.

This document will provide you with a general overview of how to become a judge.

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## PRE-REQUISITES

- Min. 16 years old (by start of course)
- GO Membership Registration (through club if affiliated and if unattached then please see the [Unattached Member Registration Page](#)\* for process and forms to be completed and sent to Membership Services ([membership@gymnasticsontario.ca](mailto:membership@gymnasticsontario.ca))  
*\*must be completed prior to being able to register for courses and clinics*
- NCCP Level 1/Foundations Trained Certifications  
*\*[coaching certifications information](#)*

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## COURSE REQUIREMENT

- Must attend 100% of Beginner Judges Course
- Successfully complete a video practical exam and a written open book exam (more information in Section G found on course registration page).
- Judging Level is determined based on course/exam results.

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## EXPECTATIONS OF A JUDGE

Judges are expected to:

- Respect the needs of each club, coach, gymnast, and other judges.
- Prepare for each specific judging assignment.
- Communicate with Meet Directors and CCJs to sign-up for judging assignments at competitions or through Women's Program Judging Assistant for Tour Selection & Ontario Championships.
- If unable to fulfill a judging assignment it is your responsibility to find a replacement (same level or higher) and communicate with the Meet Director and CCJ.
- Work quickly and accurately to produce a score.
- Be a cooperative member of the judging panel.
- Be unbiased, fair, and impartial in scoring.
- Arrive at the judges' meeting on time and in your judging uniform.

The judging uniform is:

- Navy pants (no leggings) or skirt and matching jacket
- white top/blouse
- Flat, dark colored shoes – no sandals or spiky heels.

**COMPLETE AND SUBMIT JUDGING RECORDS & IAP BY MAY 31ST OF EACH SEASON**

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## PROGRAM RULES SECTION G: JUDGES PROFESSIONAL AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

**ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ODP)** for Ages 6 and 7-9 years old

**ONTARIO COMPETITIVE PROGRAM** for Ages 7 years old and older (Age 9 is eligible for qualifying to Ontario Championships in Level 3-9)

Xcel Program – Bronze, Silver & Gold

Junior Olympic Program

- Level 1-5 Compulsory Program

- Level 6-10 Optional Program

Errata & Clarifications

**Gymnastics Canada** (for rules but not competition format unless at a GCG event)

Aspire Program Manual

High Performance Program Manual

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### RESOURCES GYMNASTICS ONTARIO [WEBSITE](#)

#### [Technical Rules and Regulations:](#)

Technical Rules and Regulations - Section G Judges Professional & Operational Guidelines

Technical Rules and Regulations - Section I(i.i) – Ontario Development Program (ODP)

Technical Rules and Regulations - Section I(i.ii) – Ontario Competitive Program (OCP)

[Errata & Clarifications](#) – updated 3-4 times a season

#### [Judging Forms](#)

[GO YouTube](#) – past live streaming for practice judging

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**CHECKLIST** In order to judge and be insured at all events in Ontario you must complete the following:

- GO Memberships (through club if affiliated or Membership Services as an unattached judge) that is renewed annually.
- GO Waiver & Code of Conduct (through club if affiliated or Membership Services via the unattached judge form).
- Purchase USAG Resources (as needed).
- NCCP Coaching Certification – Foundations Trained minimum
- Safe Sport & Respect in Sport (RiS) Certification.
- Police Check – required within 12 months of travel date when travelling with Team Ontario and every year if you'll be attending Gymnastics Canada events. [You can obtain a background check here.](#)

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\*SEE JUDGING PATHWAY FOR OVERVIEW CRITERIA FOR JUDGING AND UPGRADING AT EACH LEVEL.