

Interested in becoming a gymnastics judge? Are you an active or retired gymnast or coach who is passionate about the sport are encouraged 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
- NCCP Level 1/Foundations Trained Certifications  
*\*CAN START AT 13 AND BECOME AND ODP ASSESSOR (BEGINNER JUDGES COURSE REQUIRED TO UPGRADE)*

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## COURSE REQUIREMENT

- Must attend 100% of Beginner Judges Course
- Successfully complete a video practical exam (80%) and a written open book exam (76%) (more information in Section G)
- Eligible to judge Compulsory, Xcel and Level 6-9

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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. Judging panels will be distributed a minimum of 2 weeks prior to a competition to allow judges time to prepare.
- 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 their 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 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

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- 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 I(i.i) – Ontario Development Program (ODP)

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

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

[Errata & Clarifications](#) – each 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).
- Respect in Sport (RiS) Certification.
- Police Check – required every 2 years if 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.