



## **Duties And Responsibilities of Judge Panel**

**Approved by IFAGG Council 25.2.2025  
In effect from 25.2.2025**





Contents

CONSTRUCTION OF COMPETITION JUDGING PANEL..... 3

- 1. Judge Responsible (R Judge)..... 3
- 2. IFAGG Responsible person ..... 4
- 3. Superior Judge ..... 4
- 4. Head Judge ..... 5
- 5. Evaluation Panels ..... 6
- 6. Line Judges ..... 6
- 7. Time Judges ..... 7
- 8. Reserve judge..... 7



## CONSTRUCTION OF COMPETITION JUDGING PANEL

### 1. Judge Responsible (R Judge)

The primary responsibility of the Judge Responsible is to act as the IFAGG representative to ensure that all judging rules are followed. The Judge Responsible cooperates with the IFAGG Responsible person. This person is nominated by the IFAGG Council. Judge Responsible is a highly qualified person with extensive experience as a Head Judge in A level competitions (at least 5 years).

#### Specific duties and responsibilities:

- Prepares the judge panel proposal for IFAGG Council's approval
- Inform all registered judges, by IFAGG office mail, about their participation or not in the judge panel in each nominated competition
- Conducts the draw of teams in cooperation with the IFAGG Responsible person
- Oversees all judging details for the judges and welcome meeting (according to the IFAGG Competition Organizer Manual)
- Prepares and conducts the judge draw with IFAGG Responsible Person according to „**Judges draw regulation**“
- Nominates Superior Judges in accordance with the „**Judges draw regulation**“
- Has the authority to change the “Order of Competition” or schedule, in coordination with the IFAGG Responsible person and Competition Director, in case of unusual circumstances which are involved with *force majeure*.
- Ensures the judge tables are set up with the correct judge sheets, scripts, judge place cards
- Holds and chairs the instructional course and judges meeting before the competition (educate judges panels, line and time judges).
- Randomly chooses and scores routines during the competition.
- Must call a judge meeting if there is a case of unintentionally missed penalties by the Evaluating Panels Exe or AV-A R Judges could make the Penalty by calling Superior judge Exe or AV-A, R Person and Head Judge of the panel. These cases must always be reported by R judge to R person of IFAGG.
- Deducts penalties in accordance with General Competition Rules
- Can give warning / card to any judge who is not fulfilling their duties and following all IFAGG rules and regulations.
- In collaboration with IFAGG Responsible person has the right to remove (at least 2 times verbal warning during the competition) any judge who disrupts the competition by disregarding the IFAGG competition rules, IFAGG regulations, IFAGG Code of Ethic, Code of Conduct and Code of Discipline.
- Checks and approves the computer scores together with the Head Judges of the Panels and IFAGG Responsible Person before the scores are officially published.
- Has the authority to allow the repetition of a program in "force majeure" situations.
- May interrupt the performance due to a technical problem or dangerous situation
- Has the right to follow the Evaluating judges scores in the secretary table
- Report to IFAGG Council Program/ Problem/ Comments/ Propose improvements in the Rules
- Collect envelopes from Head Judges of each panel after Preliminary competition in every A-category competition

#### Penalties deducted by Judge Responsible

Penalty deducted by Judge Responsible (after proposal from Line Judges):

- Color spot on the competition area -0.2 / each color spot



Penalty deducted by Judge Responsible: -0.3 for discipline of the coach and/ or gymnast

- Judge Responsible has 2 Penalty forms – one is given to the coach and one signed by the coach. Signed form has to be added to the official documents and saved.

Penalty by Judge Responsible: -0.3 for assistance by a coach

- Judge Responsible has 2 Penalty forms – one is given to the coach and one signed by the coach. Signed form has to be added to the official documents and saved.

### 2. IFAGG Responsible person

The primary responsibility of the IFAGG Responsible person is to act as the IFAGG representative to ensure that all Technical Rules are followed (IFAGG Competition Organizer Manual and others). IFAGG Responsible person cooperates with Judge Responsible. This person is nominated by the IFAGG Council. IFAGG Responsible person is a qualified person with judging skills and with good knowledge of the IFAGG regulations and rules.

Specific Duties and responsibilities:

- Ensures all Technical Rules are followed
- Together with Competition Director prepare the competition schedule and propose it for approval to IFAGG Council
- Responsible for overseeing all details for the IFAGG competition (according to the IFAGG Competition Organizer Manual – documents and others)
- Conducts a draw of teams in cooperation with the Judge Responsible
- Attends the judge meetings and educational sessions
- Prepare and hold judge draw with Judge Responsible according „**Judges draw regulation**“
- Records the draw / judge panel assignments and informs the computer scoring team and speaker of the competition
- Supervise the secretary work
- Keeps track of the time as compared to the schedule of the competition, informs the Judge Responsible
- Records any misconduct warnings / cards given by Judge responsible and informs Council of IFAGG
- Report to IFAGG Council Program/ Problem/ Comments/ Propose improvements in the Rules
- Together with secretary of IFAGG responsible for overseeing all details for the GA IFAGG, if it is held during/before/after the competition (internet connection, meeting room etc.)

### 3. Superior Judge

Superior Judge is a highly qualified person with judge experiences at least 3 years as a level 1 Head judge in A-category competitions and passed Head Judge course (only for World Championships). Superior judge is part of the evaluating panel, but their scores are not included in the official scores. The Superior judges Panel consists of four level 1 judges.

Specific Duties and responsibilities:

- Supervises that the actions of evaluating panels are in accordance with IFAGG rules and regulations
- Observes the judging work and listens to the negotiations
- In cases, where the difference of the judge panel middle scores is 0,8 or more in TV/EXE and 0,7 or more in AV A /AV B, the Superior Judge's score is taken into account in the judges' negotiation process.



### Examples:

- Middle scores: TV3 - 6,3 and TV1 - 7,1, Superior score 7,0 – after negotiation process should be the result: TV3 – 6,5 TV1- 7,0 = final score 6,75
  - Middle scores: TV3 - 6,3 and TV1 - 7,1, Superior score 6,7 – after negotiation process should be the result: TV3 – 6,5, TV1 – 6,9 = final score 6,7
  - Middle scores: TV3 - 6,3 and TV1 - 7,1, Superior score 6,3 – after negotiation process should be the result: TV3 – 6,3, TV1 – 6,8 = final score 6,55
- Scores given by superior judge should be recorded by Judge Responsible or by computer system

\*The 4 Superior judges have to be from different countries.

\*\*The Superiors judges should be from different countries than the Head judges according their position in the panel (example: TV Superior should be from different country then TV Head Judge)

Order of Superior Draw in case of less than 4 judges TV/ EXE/ AV-B/ AV-A

### 4. Head Judge

Head Judge is a highly qualified person with judge experiences as a level 1 judge.

- For World Championships is obligatory to pass Head Judge course every other year

#### Specific Duties and responsibilities:

- Supervises that the rules are followed
- Calls the judges together after the first performing group in a competition category
- Checks that differences between the judges' scores conform to the rules
- Calls a meeting in situations where the difference between the scores is too high (the order between the judges' scores (highest/lowest) cannot be changed in the negotiation).
- Deducts penalties
- Checks and approves computer scores together with the Judge Responsible before they are published
- Collect envelopes from all judges of the panel after Preliminary competiiton in every A-category competition and deliver to the Judge Resonsible

#### Penalties deducted by Head Judges

##### **Head Judge of the Artistic Value (AV-A panel):**

##### Penalties that require a proposal [-] from the majority of the AV-A judges:

- Forbidden movement/lift: -0.5 each movement/lift.
- Religious/political insult: -0.3
- Group's entrance takes too long, is accompanied by music or includes extra movements 0.3
- Dress, hair or make-up:
  - Dress, hair, jewelry or make-up do not conform to the regulations:  
-0.1 for one gymnast and -0.2 for two or more gymnasts
  - destroyed hairdo:  
-0.1 each destroyed hairdo

##### Penalty deducted by the AV-A Head Judge (after proposal from Line Judges)

- Lost items (hair decoration, toe shoe etc.) -0.1 / each lost item

##### Penalty deducted by the AV-A Head Judge (after proposal from Time Judges):

- Time: -0.1 for each additional or missing full second



### Head Judge of the Execution:

#### Penalties deducted by the Head EXE Judge:

- Borderline: for each gymnast each time the borderline is crossed: -0.1 points
- Missing or additional gymnast: -0.5 for each missing or additional gymnast

### 5. Evaluation Panels

The minimum number of judges for panels is 12. However, at the World Championships, the minimum number of judges is 16.

Groups are evaluated by three panels of judges:

- Composition, **Technical Value (TV)**, consists of 3–4 judges
- Composition, **Artistic Value (AV)**, consists of 2 sub-panels (6–8 judges):
  - **Artistic quality (AV-A)**, consists of 3–4 judges
  - **Artistic elements (AV-B)**, consists of 3–4 judges
- **Execution (EXE)**, consists of 3–4 judges

#### Duties and responsibilities of Evaluation Judges

- The judges must give their scores independently.
- During the competition, the judges may not discuss the evaluation with each other, the coaches or the gymnasts.
- Each panel of judges works independently and gives their points regardless of the other panels' points.

One of the evaluating judges in each panel (No1) will be the **Head Judge**.

All judges send their scores to the Head Judge of the Panel.

After the first performing group in a competition category, the judges meet to negotiate within their own panel and check the differences in their scores together. Judges must give their scores before the negotiation.

### 6. Line Judges

There must be a minimum of 2 line judges who are observing the borderlines in the corners of the competition carpet for all IFAGG A- and B-category competitions.

#### Duties and responsibilities:

- Must signal each passing of the borderline of the competition area with a flag and record each of them on the designated slip of paper. At the end of the exercise, the line judges send the slip of paper to the Head Judge of the Execution Panel who approves the penalty. Penalty is deducted from the average score of Execution.
- Collect each lost item from the carpet and record each of them on the designated slip of paper. At the end of the exercise, the line judges send the slip of paper to the Head Judge of the AV-A Panel who approves the penalty. Penalty is deducted from the average score of the AV-A Panel.
- Fix color spots on the carpet (in case of detection) and record each of them on the designated slip of paper that will be provided. At the end of the exercise, the line judges send the slip of paper to the Judge Responsible who approves the penalty. Penalty is deducted from the average score of the AV-A Panel.



### 7. Time Judges

There must be at least 2 Time Judges. The Time Judges must measure the time independently and record the time for each team separately on the designated slip of paper.

If the length of the program does not conform to the regulations (according to at least one of the Time Judges), both Time Judges must come to the Head Judge of the Artistic Value (AV-A) Panel and show their stopwatches with measured timing. Head Judge checks and approves the penalty.

Timing starts from the beginning of the first movement after the group has taken the starting position on the competition carpet. Timing stops as soon as all gymnasts are completely motionless.

### 8. Reserve judge

The Judge Responsible nominates Reserve judges if any is left from the approved Judges list. The Reserve Judge is judging and participation in evaluation, but their score is not going to the scoring system.

A Reserve judge has the right to participate in judge meetings during a competition. In *force majeure* situations, Responsible Judge or IFAGG Responsible Person can appoint a reserve judge to take place in a panel evaluation during a competition.

**NB! The information in the document is subject to potential updates if necessary.**