



**USA GYMNASTICS**  
**JUDGE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2025 CONTINENTAL FIG TESTING PROCESS**  
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**I. Statement of Principles and Goals**

- Focus on Experience and Qualification: Prioritize judges with significant experience and strong qualifications to represent Team USA at international events effectively.
- Fostering Growth and Excellence: Create opportunities for judges to develop and excel, supporting the long-term strength of the judging community.
- Leadership and Community Impact: Select judges who can serve as leaders, disseminating knowledge and best practices throughout the USA Gymnastics judging community.

**II. Maximum Quota Size & Additional Spots**

The Maximum Quota Size for the FIG Continental Course is 10 spots, per the quota spaces allotted to USA Gymnastics as an NGB. If additional quota spots are allocated at a later time, the selection committee may continue selection in the order outlined in this document to name additional judges to fill those spots.

Once the Maximum Quota Size has been selected, all remaining FIG judges that meet the Minimum Qualification Requirements will be eligible to take the online FIG course/exam, if offered.

**III. Minimum Qualification Requirements**

All USA T&T FIG judging candidates must meet the following Minimum Qualification Requirements to be considered for attendance at the Continental course:

- USA Citizen
- Must hold a valid U.S. Passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the Testing Event
- Current USA Gymnastics Membership
- Age Requirement: At least 21 years old at the time of testing (where specified)
- Participation in National Events: Must have participated in a USA Gymnastics national event (Winter Classic, Elite Challenge, USA Gymnastics Championships, or Stars and Stripes Championships) as an athlete, coach, or judge during the 2023 or 2024 competition seasons.
- Expression of Interest (EOI): All interested judges must have submitted an EOI to notify the selection committee of their interest and availability for selection. All remaining judges that do not submit an EOI may be considered as alternates.
- Judges that are selected for the 2025 Intercontinental Courses are not eligible for selection to the 2025 Continental Course.

#### **IV. Selection Process**

Continental course quota spots will be filled based on the following criteria, in order, up to the Maximum Quota Size. If the quota is filled, judges meeting any of the criteria will remain eligible to take the online FIG course/exam if offered. Tie-breaking procedures will be applied as necessary (Section V).

- Criterion 1 Judges will be selected, up to the Maximum Quota Size, from among the following judges that also fulfill the Minimum Qualification Requirements:
- Current FIG Brevet Judge with an FIG rating on all three disciplines and a minimum FIG Category 3 rating or higher on any one event.
- Criterion 2 If the Maximum Quota Size has not been filled, then in addition to Judges selected via Criterion 1, Judges will be selected from among the following candidates who also fulfill the Minimum Qualification Requirements:
- Current FIG Brevet Judge with an FIG Category 3 on any event.
- Criterion 3 If the Maximum Quota Size has not been filled, then in addition to Judges selected via Criterion 1-2, Judges will be selected from among the following candidates who also fulfill the Minimum Qualification Requirements:
- Current FIG Brevet Judge Judged at an international competition sanctioned by the FIG during the 2021-2024 quad.
- Criterion 4 If the Maximum Quota Size has not been filled, then in addition to Judges selected via Criteria 1-3, Judges will be selected from among the following candidates who also fulfill the Minimum Qualification Requirements:
- USA Gymnastics Senior Judges Council Member.
- Criterion 5 If the Maximum Quota Size has not been filled, then in addition to Judges selected via Criteria 1-4, Judges will be selected from among the following candidates who also fulfill the Minimum Qualification Requirements:
- USA Gymnastics Junior Judges Council Member.
- Criterion 6 If the Maximum Quota Size has not been filled, then in addition to Judges selected via Criteria 1-5, Judges will be selected from among candidates that fulfill the Minimum Qualification Requirements in the order of the Tie-Breaking Procedures (Section V).

## V. Tie-Breaking Procedures

In the event of a tie within any criteria, the selection process will proceed in the following order:

1. Holding a current FIG rating on three T&T disciplines.
2. Holding a current FIG rating on two T&T disciplines.
3. Holding a current FIG rating on one T&T discipline.
4. Number of events on which the judge holds a USA Category 1 or higher rating.
5. Total number of national competitions judged during the 2023-2024 competition seasons (Winter Classic, Elite Challenge, USA Gymnastics Championships, Stars & Stripes).
6. Member of a USA T&T National Committee.
7. Member of a USA T&T Regional or State Committee.
8. Senior National Team Member or Coach of a Senior National Team Member
9. Junior National Team Member or Coach of a Junior National Team Member
10. In the case that there is still a tie, the selection committee will select candidates up to the Maximum Quota Size.

## VI. Additional Notes

- If a Judge is selected for this test event and declines assignment, then remaining course quota spots will be filled by the SC based on the criteria, in order, up to the Maximum Quota Size.
- The Technical Committee (TC) will maintain records on judges' credentials, the number of meets judged, and other data relevant to the selection process and tie breaking procedures. The TC Chair will present this data to the Selection Committee (SC), along with the Judge EOIs, for the SC to consider in their selections.
- All conflicted members will adhere to USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest (COI) governance documents to ensure the integrity of the selection process.
- Nominated judges must sit for and test on all three events per FIG rules and procedures.
- Judges passing the FIG test on an event for which they do not hold a domestic rating must apply to the USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Committee for further steps before being eligible to judge that event in domestic competitions.
- A retest opportunity for any event will be offered by the FIG in Lausanne, Switzerland, between October and December 2025.
- All judges are self-funded for this testing event.