

**USA GYMNASTICS
JUDGE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2025 ONLINE FIG TESTING PROCESS**

I. Principles & Goals

- *Support Existing Leaders:* Prioritize current members of the TC, Senior, and Junior Judges Councils who require testing or retesting, ensuring USA Gymnastics retains experienced leadership within the FIG judging community.
- *Maintain Certification Pathways:* Ensure current FIG Judges who did not successfully complete recent previous FIG tests have the opportunity to retest and achieve certification.
- *Strengthen the Pipeline:* Allocate remaining spots to the most qualified domestic judges, supporting long-term, sustainable growth of the judging pool.

II. Maximum Quota Size

- USA Gymnastics has allocated a maximum of **15** online test spots per T&T discipline.
- The Selection Committee may choose not to name the maximum number of candidates if, in its judgment, doing so is not in the best interest of the program.

III. Minimum Qualification Requirements

All candidates must:

1. Submit an [Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#) by Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 5:00 PM CST.
2. Be a U.S. citizen holding a valid passport (valid at least six months past the FIG test date).
3. Held a USA Category 1 for a minimum of 5 years in the discipline(s) they wish to test (since 2020). *Exception: Criteria 2; Bullet 2 per Rules & Policies Section 7.VI.3
4. Must hold a current USA Gymnastics membership and be a member in good standing.
5. Be at least 21 years old at the time of testing.
6. Have participated in at least one USA Gymnastics national event (Winter Classic, Elite Challenge, USA Gymnastics Championships, or Stars and Stripes Championships) as an athlete, coach, or judge since January 1, 2024 and remained involved at local, state, and regional events throughout the 2024-2025 season.

IV. Selection Priorities

Testing spots will be filled in the following order:

Criteria 1 – Retesting Opportunity

1. Judges who did participate in FIG testing within the previous year, but did not successfully pass the FIG test and need a retest opportunity.
2. Judges who held an FIG rating in the previous quad but did not attend recent in-person FIG testing.

Criteria 2 – USA Gymnastics Leadership

1. FIG judges with a current Cat 1 or 2 FIG Brevet in one or more disciplines may test the remaining FIG disciplines as long as the domestic judging criteria will be met in the next calendar year.*
2. USA T&T Technical Committee Members and Junior Judges Council Member who hold a USA Cat 1 rating in at least two (2) disciplines.

Criteria 3 – Additional Testers (up to quota)

1. USA domestic judges meeting the Minimum Qualification Requirements and hold a Cat 1 rating in at least two (2) disciplines.

V. Tie-Breaking Procedures

If more candidates meet a given criteria than quota allows, ties will be resolved as follows:

1. Holding a USA Cat 1 rating on all three (3) T&T disciplines.
2. Holding a USA Cat 1 rating on all two (2) T&T disciplines.
3. Junior Judges Council Member
4. Total number of national competitions judged in 2024–2025 (Winter Classic, Elite Challenge, USA Gymnastics Championships, Stars & Stripes).
5. Service on a USA Gymnastics Regional, or State Committee in 2024-2025.
6. If ties still remain, then at the discretion of the Selection Committee, based on overall service, experience, and long-term needs of the judging pipeline.

VI. Additional Notes

- Current FIG guidance states beginning with the 2028–2032 cycle, all FIG Brevet judges, both those seeking re-certification and those pursuing their first brevet, may be required to complete testing in all three events. In preparation, the Program Committee (PC) and Technical Committee (TC) recommend that judges begin working toward compliance by obtaining USA Category 1 in all three disciplines by 2028.
- Committee members must recuse themselves in accordance with the USA Gymnastics Conflict of Interest Policy.
- All testing costs are the responsibility of the judge.
- Final selections will be published by Monday, September 15th on the USA Gymnastics website.