

## **Rhythmic Program Committee**

**April 9, 2026**

Olga Kutuzova - International Elite Coaches Representative/National Judges Representative

Catherine Yakhimovich - Member At Large

Hana Starkman- Athlete Representative

Lily Avila - Athlete Representative

Caroline Hunt- Vice President Rhythmic Program (non-voting)

Kaitlin Baker- Rhythmic Program Manager (non-voting)

The national office has received questions from various event hosts regarding the requirement in the Rules and Policies for line judges, namely from regional hosts as well as those from Classics, regarding this line in the DVP Code of Points, requesting an interpretation of this requirement:

“In addition, there must be 2 time/line judges for Regional Competitions (USA Gymnastics valid membership and a minimum of 16 years of age is required for a line/time judge).”

Based on the possible interpretations of this line, as well as concerns expressed by hosts related to the financial impact of travel for judge expense, the RPC provides the following clarification to be added to the Rules and Policies, Chapter 4, to supplement the rules for line judges:

- 2 judges: one of the judges, who observe the “front” two lines, may be a panel judge who will serve this dual role; a second judge should be secured—at a minimum—for the back to two lines for Levels 6-8 and USA Hope/JR/SR.
- The parenthetical description is the minimum requirement for this role: valid membership and 16 years old (unaffiliated is expected). A certified judge(s) is/are always the preference.

Motion: Olga

Second: Hana

Passed