



## SECTION VII: EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION – JUDGES

### I. Mission Statement

The mission of USA Gymnastics Trampoline & Tumbling judges is to promote and support the sports of Trampoline, Tumbling, and Double Mini, using their knowledge and ongoing professional education and development to offer unbiased and professional evaluation of their respective disciplines.

### II. Code of Ethics

As a USAG Trampoline & Tumbling judge you agree to abide by the Judges Code of Ethics. When you accept your rating, you agree to the following:

1. A good judge is an individual who is educated to evaluate a performance based on technical execution and to pass fair and unbiased judgment on that performance without any outside considerations.
2. Judges are expected to be objective, professional, and free from prejudice. The following should not affect your evaluation:
  - a. Reputation: The past performance of an athlete should have no bearing on your score. Judge only the elements you see.
  - b. Relationships: Personal relationships with an athlete, coach, parent, etc., whether positive or negative, should not be reflected in your score.
  - c. Warm-up: The warm-up should have no bearing on the score for the actual performance.
  - d. Difficulty: Judge each element fairly, using the same criteria, regardless of its difficulty.
  - e. Peer pressure: Use your own judgment. It is crucial to maintain a consistent judging method. If you are influenced by a remark and alter your scores, you are not being fair to those who have gone before or to those who have yet to compete.
  - f. Appearance: The athlete's appearance should not affect your score. Judge only the execution of the elements performed.
3. Element Identification – a competent judge should be as knowledgeable as possible in recognizing elements at the level(s) he/she will judge.
4. Behavior – a professional manner and appearance will win the respect of those observing a judge at work.
  - a. Dress code: business attire, navy/black jacket, white blouse or shirt, navy/black skirt or slacks, tie for men and dark dress shoes. No denim, leggings, or leather.
  - b. In the interest of fairness, judges must be allowed to perform their duties without distraction. Therefore, while judging, you are off-limits to all unauthorized persons (including your children).
  - c. If, for any reason, you feel you are unable to deliver an objective score, it is your responsibility to disqualify yourself. The Chair of the Panel may either average the remaining judges' scores or replace you for the entire group.
  - d. Do not discuss the scores of other judges with coaches or spectators. Undermining other judges lessens the credibility of all judges.
5. Judging efficiency: professionalism is important. The growth and excellence of the sport depends on the professional manner of each judge.

- a. Arrive on time and be fully prepared. If a meeting is scheduled, failure to attend can result in your replacement. Bring your own paper, pencils, etc.
  - b. Return from breaks on time. An athlete who is warmed up and ready should never have to wait to compete.
  - c. Have the current Development Code of Points, Elite Code of Points, FIG Code of Points and Rules & Policies, and check the USAG Trampoline & Tumbling errata page on the website often for changes. Once certified, it is your responsibility to remain current. The T210 Annual Update is required each year prior to your first competition. It is required to retain your rating (see IV. Judging Requirements below). This webinar will discuss all rule changes and any new required interpretations. Be prepared to update your Code of Points at this time.
  - d. All judges are required to retest at the beginning of each new quad.
  - e. Be prepared to justify your scores. An execution score may not be protested except for a possible numerical error. However, you should be able to explain the deductions you made to arrive at your score.
6. Experience
- a. Time in the gym: watching athletes develop elements will help you improve as a judge.
  - b. Element Identification: familiarity with different techniques used to perform elements will help you concentrate on the actual technical execution of those elements. You will also become better acquainted with the natural progressions of elements.

### **III. Panel Selection Procedures**

#### **A. Panel Selection**

1. Invitational:
  - a. Eligibility only: The Meet Director is responsible for seating panels at eligibility only competitions and is accountable for verifying judges' memberships and certification.
  - b. Mobility/Eligibility: The State Technical Representative is responsible for seating panels at competitions for the purpose of athlete mobility and is accountable for verifying judge's memberships and certification.
2. State Championships
  - a. The State Technical Representative is responsible for seating panels at the State Championships and is accountable for verifying judges' memberships and certification.
3. Regional Championships
  - a. The Regional Technical Committee Chair is responsible for seating panels at the Regional Championships and is accountable for verifying judges' memberships and certification.
4. National events
  - a. The Technical Committees are responsible for seating panels at all national events and is accountable for verifying judges' memberships and certification.
  - b. All panels must be seated with certified judges who are up to date in their annual requirements.
  - c. All judges must be currently registered Judge members of USAG Trampoline & Tumbling.
  - d. Use of improperly certified judges can jeopardize the event sanction and threaten the eligibility of the meet (i.e., the event sanction for a championship qualifier can be withdrawn, effectively voiding the championship qualification status of all qualifying athletes.)
5. Judges will be required to attend all mandatory judges' instructional meetings at all competitions.

## **B. Meet Referee**

The meet referee is a judge assigned to oversee the competition on the field of play along with other meet officials. A meet referee may stand alone or be a part of a judging panel. A meet referee must be designated at all sanctioned competitions. Duties:

1. Serves as liaison between coaches and judges
2. Conduct the judges' meetings and reviews the following procedures with the judges:
  - a. Logistics of the meet/scoring system, meet mechanics, etc.
  - b. Rule changes
  - c. Equipment issues
  - d. Information from the Meet Director
  - e. Professional protocol reminders
3. Fill any assignment vacancies
4. Process inquiries, act as chair of the Jury of Inquiry. (The meet director or a designated person may assist in the processing of inquiries)
5. Coordinate the pay sheets and may be responsible for compiling and checking the information regarding judges' fees and expenses for the meet director.
6. Other responsibilities that assist in the efficient running of the competition.
7. Fill out and sign the sanction form as applicable
8. The meet referee must be assigned as follows:
  - a. National Events: The National Technical Chair, a member of the National Technical Committee, or a Senior Council Judge may be appointed by the National Technical Chair.
  - b. Regional Championships: The Regional Technical Chair or an FIG / Category 1 judge may be appointed by the Regional Technical Chair.
  - c. State Championships/Local: The State Technical Representative or a judge with the highest category rating available may be appointed by the State Technical Representative.
  - d. Invitationals: The meet director of the competition may appoint a judge with the highest category rating.

## **IV. Judges Requirements for Active Status**

1. All judges must have a valid USA Gymnastics Judges membership and the U101 Safety and Risk Management course. Judges 18 and over have additional requirements:
  - a. Background check
  - b. U110: US Center for SafeSport course
  - c. U113: Safe Sport Policy course
2. All judges are required to meet the following annual requirements for certified judges to maintain their active judges' status:
  - a. The annual T210 program update as their continuing education.
  - b. Minimum of one sanctioned judging assignment annually.
    - i. Judges may be allowed an additional year to make up the one assignment (*i.e.*, 2 assignments in that next year).
    - ii. Coaches and athletes are not required to judge annually to remain active.
3. Once certified for the current rule cycle, judges who are inactive for more than 2 years of that same cycle may become active by completing requirements for USA Gymnastics Judges membership, taking the T210 update/exam for the current year, and either:
  - a. Mentored practice judging at a competition or clinic.
  - b. Auditing the applicable judges course lecture with practice judging.
4. Active judges are expected to develop their knowledge of the sport and provide service to the T&T community through a variety of Personal Development Activities. Examples:

- a. In-gym observation
  - b. Coaching or training as a T&T athlete
  - c. Mentored judging at sanctioned events with a Category 1 or FIG judge
  - d. Practice judging at the gym, clinic or meet
  - e. Attending/presenting at state, regional, or national clinics, or judges' courses
  - f. Attending/presenting educational courses at National or Regional Congress
  - g. Volunteering at competitions or clinics
  - h. Leadership through committee involvement or special projects
  - i. Purchasing and use of USAG judges' applications to increase knowledge of elements performed, as well as judging execution, difficulty, and calls that a CJP makes.
    - i. T302: [USA Gymnastics T&T Understanding Scoring](#)
    - ii. T303: [USA Gymnastics T&T Understanding Difficulty](#)
    - iii. T304: [USA Gymnastics T&T Development Details & Examples](#)
5. Personal Development Activities - expected commitment for active judges
- a. Category 3: 10 hours annually
  - b. Category 2: 15 hours annually
  - c. Category 1/FIG: 20 hours annually
6. Certification and Annual Requirements

Category	Panel Positions	Annual Requirements	Upgrade to next Category
3	<u>Levels 1-Open</u> • E / HD / ToF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges a minimum of 1 sanctioned event assignment.</li> <li>• T210 Annual Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Category 3</li> <li>• Judge 2 sanctioned assignments in the discipline they wish to upgrade</li> <li>• Pass Category 2 course</li> </ul>
2	<u>Levels 1-Open - all</u> • CJP / DD / E / HD / ToF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges a minimum of 1 sanctioned event assignment.</li> <li>• T210 Annual Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Category 2</li> <li>• Judge 2 sanctioned assignments in the discipline they wish to upgrade</li> <li>• Pass Category 1 course</li> </ul>
1	Youth-Senior Elite – all <u>Level 1-Open – all</u> As CJP, may judge an additional position of DD, E, or ToF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges a minimum of 1 sanctioned event assignment.</li> <li>• T210 Annual Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Category 1 for minimum five years</li> <li>• Minimum 21 years old</li> <li>• USA citizen with a current passport</li> <li>• Nominated by USA Gymnastics to participate</li> </ul>
FIG	International Brevet Youth-Senior Elite - all <u>Level 1-Open - all</u> As CJP, may judge an additional position of DD, E, or ToF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For FIG requirements, refer to FIG General Judges Rules and FIG Specific Judges Rules</li> <li>• Copy of current passport and electronic picture required on file at USAG</li> <li>• T210 Annual Update</li> </ul>	

## V. Certification for USA Judging Categories

1. Judges' courses may be given in the testing season as follows. Courses may be scheduled to be held after the annual Program Committee meeting:
  - a. Category 3 courses: August-March
  - b. Category 2 course: August-May
  - c. Category 1 courses: USA Gymnastics Championships, Stars & Stripes, other locations as approved by the USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Committee

2. Category 3 ratings are certified for judging the routines of the rule cycle they were earned in and will expire on January 1 of the new rule cycle.
  - a. All judges must recertify each new rule cycle, no more than one level higher than their current rating (Category 3 or Category 2).
  - b. Judge candidates who attend a Category 3 course but do not score high enough on either of the written and/or practical exams will not earn a rating.
3. Category 2 ratings are certified for judging the routines of the rule cycle they were earned in and will expire on January 1 of the new rule cycle.
  - a. All judges must recertify each new rule cycle, no more than one level higher than their current rating (Category 2 or Category 1).
  - b. Judge candidates who attend and participate in the complete Category 2 course, but who do not score high enough on either the written and/or practical exams to earn the rating will retain a Category 3 rating valid for the rule cycle covered in the course.
  - c. Category 2 judges who wait to recertify at a Category 1 course when it is offered after the new rules take effect, will not be certified to judge the new routines after December 31 unless they take and pass all portions of the Category 2 course exams.  
Category 1 ratings are certified for judging the routines of the rule cycle they were earned in and will expire on January 1 of the new rule cycle.
4. All Category 1 judges must recertify each new rule cycle to retain their rating.
  - a. Whenever the Category 1 recertification courses occur after the start of the new rule cycle, the expiration date will be extended until August 1 (after the recertification opportunities have concluded).
    - i. The judges must take the T210 update/exam.
    - ii. Judges must participate in a new quad Category 2 course as an interim measure.
  - b. Judges who attend a Category 1 course but do not score high enough on either the written and/or practical exams to earn the rating will retain a Category 2 rating valid for the rule cycle covered in the course.
  - c. Category 1 judges who do not attend a Category 1 recertification course will lose their rating upon the applicable expiration date. To retain a Category 2 rating, they must take and pass all portions of the Category 2 course exams.
5. Judges who have been inactive for a rule cycle, may recertify at one level lower than the level they last held up to the USA Category 2. They are required to attend the entire course, practice judge, and pass all exams.
6. Judge candidates who fail a portion of the exam must register and pay for a retest, but they are only required to retake the portion they missed if the retest occurs during the same competition year.
  - a. Failed written exam: Must attend the lecture and retake the written exam.
  - b. Failed practical exam: Must attend the lecture, practice judge, and retake the parts of practical exam that they failed.
  - c. If the retest occurs in the following competition year, they must register and pay for the judges' course and retake the entire exam.
7. At the beginning of a new cycle, between August 1 and December 31, if there are not enough certified judges available for competitions using the new cycle rules, judges of the former cycle may be used until their ratings expire on January 1, provided they take the T210 update/exam.
  - a. May be used for execution or horizontal displacement.
  - b. May be used for limited difficulty assignments if the Chair of the Panel has a valid certification for the new rules.
  - c. If the Chair of the Panel is not certified for the new cycle rules, then the competition can only count as an eligibility meet.

## **VI. FIG Brevet Certification for USA Gymnastics Participation**

1. FIG Brevet Certification – Candidates may only participate in an FIG judging course if invited and registered by the USA Gymnastics. Invitations are limited by any quota restrictions imposed by the FIG Administration. The minimal requirements for consideration include the following, but additional criteria will be used to determine the final candidates.
  - a. Must be at least 21 years old
  - b. Must be a USA citizen with a valid passport
  - c. Must hold a current FIG Brevet or have held a USA Category 1 rating in the eligible event for a minimum of 5 years.
2. FIG Brevet judges for the USA are certified in the USA Gymnastics T&T Program for the rule cycle that ratings were earned in. These ratings expire on January 1 of a new FIG rule cycle.
  - a. USA recognition of an FIG rating will be extended until the results of the FIG recertification exams are known, provided the candidate has registered for and attends the FIG exams offered at the beginning of a new quad.
  - b. Judges who register for and attend the FIG recertification course/exams but who do not score high enough to earn a FIG rating, will retain a USA Category 1 rating valid for the new rule cycle.
  - c. FIG judges who do not attend the FIG recertification course will be granted an interim USA Category 1 rating valid until August 1 when the USA Category 1 recertification opportunities for the new cycle have concluded. (See Certification for USA Judging Categories Rule 4)
  - d. FIG rated judges must also take the T210 update/exam and must participate in a new quad Category 2 course before judging USA competitions using the new rules.
3. FIG Brevet judges for foreign countries but living in the USA must complete all requirements for a USA Gymnastics judges' membership, and complete the T&T judges courses listed below to become an active judge in the USA Gymnastics T&T Program:
  - a. Register for and attend the USA Category 1 course and pass both the written and the practical exams.
  - b. Register for and attend the USA Category 2 course lecture and pass the written exam only.
  - c. Take the T210 update/exam for the current year.
  - d. Once they become an active judge in the USA Gymnastics T&T program, they will follow the same domestic requirements as listed in Rule 2 above.

## **VII. Disciplinary Procedures**

Judges misconduct: misuse/abuse of the rules or inappropriate behavior. The Technical and Program committees will investigate cases of potential judge's misconduct and impose consequences based on the nature and severity of the offense along with the history of misconduct, upon approval from the Program Committee.

1. Misconduct evaluation process
  - a. All judges will be notified via email of impending allegations and will be given the opportunity to rebut the charges.
  - b. Misconduct will be determined based on the statements and other data submitted by all parties.
  - c. The consequences will be determined based on the nature and severity of the offense along with the individual's history of misconduct.
  - d. Retaliation for disciplinary decisions will be considered as additional misconduct.
  - e. If misconduct is determined to be accurate, a letter will be sent to the individual detailing the nature of the misconduct, the consequences to be enacted, and education on how to avoid such issues in the future.

- f. If the evidence does not support the finding of misconduct, a letter will be sent to the individual letting them know of this outcome.
2. Levels of misconduct
    - a. Points for consideration to determine the level of misconduct include but are not limited to:
      - i. The effect on the T&T Program and type of competition or event involved.
      - ii. The intent of judges who should be familiar with and uphold the rules of competition as determined by their advanced rating, assignments as CJP, or offices held.
      - iii. The length of time serving in that capacity.
      - iv. If a power imbalance exists, such as the age of the official, an athlete-judge, or the judge holding only category 3 ratings.
      - v. History of misconduct
    - b. Major offenses are intentional actions that are deemed to be the main source of disruptive issues that adversely affect the T&T program and/or conflict with the [USA Gymnastics Code of Ethical Conduct](#). Examples include but are not limited to:
      - i. SafeSport violation or intentional action resulting in a serious safety issue.
      - ii. Judging while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
      - iii. Intentional breach of professional or ethical behavior that disrupts established competition rules and/or jeopardizes the sanction.
    - c. Substantial offenses may also contribute to a major disruptive issue but to a lesser degree. A substantial label may be deemed to be appropriate for the nature of offenses that fall in between major and moderate misconduct after considering the points listed above.
    - d. Moderate offenses involve unsuitable behavioral issues or carelessness in decision making rather than deliberate intent. Examples include but are not limited to:
      - i. Rude, overly officious, or obnoxious treatment of athletes, coaches, judges, meet officials or spectators at a sanctioned event.
      - ii. Use of inappropriate language.
      - iii. Failure to fulfill an assignment without notification of availability change.
      - iv. Failure to notify the proper authorities of unusual situations or unusual rule interpretations occurring at a sanctioned event. Authorities include USA Gymnastics via the sanction report and the National Technical Chair.
  3. If the level of misconduct is determined to be moderate, the following are guidelines for consequences that may be taken:
    - a. First offense: Technical Committee will issue a letter of reprimand as a first official warning.
    - b. Second offense: probation from regional and national events for one year.
    - c. Third offense: loss of all judging privileges and two-year probationary period.
  4. Major and substantial incidents of misconduct may immediately result in, but not be limited to:
    - a. A letter of reprimand
    - b. A loss of judging assignments and/or privileges
    - c. Probation from judging championship, national, and/or selection events for up to two years.
    - d. Supervision considered to be necessary for certain roles or situations.
    - e. Escalating consequences for a history of similar misconduct.
    - f. Other consequences that may also be deemed appropriate.
  5. Additional consequences
    - a. If the misconduct is considered a sanction violation, a fine may be issued separately by USA Gymnastics.

- b. If the judge is a member of the Senior or Junior Judges Council, their inclusion may be terminated if the offense is determined to be intentional and a serious breach of professional or ethical behavior.
- c. USA Gymnastics, other T&T National Committees, and SafeSport may have additional consequences and recommendations.

**VIII. Minimum Pay Scales**

- 1. All judges at all events except for USA Gymnastics Championships
  - a. Judges at USA Gymnastics Championships will receive a session honorarium.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Pay Scale</b>
3	\$15.00/Hour
2	\$18.00/Hour
1	\$22.00/Hour
FIG	\$26.00/Hour
Bonus for serving in two roles on a single panel. Examples: Levels 1-7 CJP + E Levels 8-Elite CJP + E / CJP + DD /or CJP + ToF	\$2.00 additional per hour

- b. Additional roles for higher rated judges
  - i. A Category 1 or an FIG judge serving as Chair of the Panel (CJP) may take on an additional role though Regional Championships and National events as indicated.
  - ii. A Category 2 or higher judge serving as CJP may take on the additional role of execution for level 1-7 or difficulty for level 8-Open at local meets only.

**IX. Judging Panels**

Prior approval for judging panel assignments must be obtained from the USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Committee Chair if the minimum requirements for the judge’s panel composition listed cannot be achieved.

- 1. Sanctioned competitions
  - a. Minimum Panels for Eligibility Only may use one Category 2 judge if needed.
  - b. Video may be used to judge DD or HD if the panels below cannot be met.
  - c. Time of Flight is optional
- 2. Sanctioned Local Recommended Panels
  - a. Levels 1-7

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double Mini</b>
CJP & Execution	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Execution	(1) Cat 3	(1) Cat 3	(1) Cat 3
Total	2	2	2

- b. Levels 8-Open

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double Mini</b>	<b>Synch</b>
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Difficulty				(1) Cat 2 plus CJP
Execution	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3
HD	(1) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3



Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	4	3	3	6-9

c. Elite

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini	Synch
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1
Difficulty				(1) Cat 1 plus CJP
Execution	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2
HD	(1) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	4	3	3	6-9

3. State & Regional Championships minimum panels

a. Levels 1-7

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini
CJP	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Execution	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3
Total	3	3	3

b. Levels 8-9

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini	Synch
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Difficulty	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 plus CJP
Execution	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3	(2) Cat 3
HD	(1) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	4-5	3-4	3-4	6-9

c. Levels 10-Open

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini	Synch
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Difficulty	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 plus CJP

Execution	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 3
HD	(1-2) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3
ToF	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
ToF Video	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	4-8	3-4	3-4	6-9

d. Elite

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini	Synch
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1
Difficulty	(1) Cat 1 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 1 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 1 plus CJP
Execution	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2
HD	(1-2) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3
ToF	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
ToF Video	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	4-8	3-4	3-4	6-9

4. National Events minimum panels

a. Levels 5-7

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini
CJP	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Execution	(3) Cat 3	(3) Cat 3	(3) Cat 3
Total	4	4	4

b. Levels 8-9

	Trampoline	Tumbling	Double Mini	Synch
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Difficulty	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(1) Cat 2 <i>*Cat 1/ FIG as CJP may judge both</i>	(2) Cat 2
Execution	(3) Cat 3	(3) Cat 3	(3) Cat 3	(4) Cat 3
HD	(1) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP

				(device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	5-6	4-5	4-5	10-12

c. Levels 10-Open

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double Mini</b>	<b>Synch</b>
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2
Difficulty	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(1) Cat 2	(2) Cat 2
Execution	(3) Cat 2	(3) Cat 2	(3) Cat 2	(4) Cat 3
HD	(1-2) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3
ToF	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
ToF Video	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	6-9	5	5	10-12

d. Junior and Youth Elite

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double Mini</b>	<b>Synch</b>
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1
Difficulty	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(2) Cat 1
Execution	(3) Cat 1	(3) Cat 1	(3) Cat 1	(4) Cat 1
HD	(2) Cat 3			(2) Cat 3
ToF	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
ToF Video	(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP			
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	7-9	5	5	10-12

e. Senior and Intermediate Elite

	<b>Trampoline</b>	<b>Tumbling</b>	<b>Double Mini</b>	<b>Synch</b>
CJP & Difficulty	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1
Difficulty	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(1) Cat 1	(2) Cat 1
Difficulty - Gym Champs	(2) Cat 1	(2) Cat 1	(2) Cat 1	(4) Cat 1
Execution	(1) FIG & (2) Cat 1	(1) FIG & (2) Cat 1	(1) FIG & (2) Cat 1	(2) Cat 3
HD	(2) Cat 3 (manual) or			

	(1) Cat 1 (HDTS device), or CJP			
ToF	(1) Cat 3 (ToF device) or (1) Cat 1 (HDTS device), or CJP			
ToF Video	(1) Volunteer, any judge, host production, or CJP			
Sync				(1) Cat 3 or CJP (device) or (2) Cat 2 (manual)
Synch Video				(1) Volunteer, any judge, or CJP
Total	5-10	5-6	5-6	10-12

## X. Leader Level Judges

1. To become a Leader Level judge who is certified to teach the Category 3 or 2 judges' course, a judge:
  - a. Must be a USAG T&T Judge member in good standing
  - b. Must have a minimum of a Category 1 rating in the applicable discipline.
  - c. Must have judged as a CJP and as a difficulty judge at a previous USA Gymnastics Championships.
  - d. Apply to the USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Committee. Additional criteria will be used to determine approval, and may include:
    - i. Living in a state or region with a geographic need for a leader level judge.
    - ii. How many Category 1 or FIG ratings the candidates have.
    - iii. History of judging at national, regional, and elite mobility events.
2. To maintain Leader Level status, a judge:
  - a. Must maintain a Category 1 or FIG rating in the discipline they are allowed to teach.
  - b. Must attend the annual Leader Level update.
  - c. Must judge a minimum of one USA Gymnastics national event per year.
  - d. Must administer a minimum of one judging course per year.
  - e. Must submit all required reports and exams within 72 hours of the last day of the course to both the USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Chair and to USA Gymnastics as specified in the Financial Report.
  - f. Uphold the highest standards of professional and ethical behavior and abide by the judges Code of Ethics.
  - g. Must immediately notify the Technical Committee Chair if there are issues that affect the execution or completion of these requirements.
3. Failure to follow the rules listed in Rule X.2. will result in either limitation or loss of Leader Level status as determined by the USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Committee.
4. Only qualified leader level members of the USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Committee may administer Category 1 exams.
5. Leader level judges must register their judging course a minimum of 4 weeks (28 days) prior to the first day of the course.
  - a. The USA Gymnastics T&T Technical Committee may be petitioned to allow courses to be registered late under special circumstances.