



## **WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 4, 2026**

### Roll Call

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| IECC                       | Kittia Carpenter (non-voting: votes only in case of tie) |
| IEC Representative         | Marnie Futch                                             |
| IEC Representative         | Jess Graba                                               |
| IEC Representative         | Cale Robinson                                            |
| IEC Representative         | Rachael Gardner (non-voting)                             |
| IEC Athlete Representative | Amelia Hundley (absent)                                  |
| HPSL                       | Alicia Quinn (non-voting)                                |
| HPTL                       | Chellsie Memmel (non-voting)                             |
| HPDL                       | Betty Okino Benson (non-voting)                          |
| WPCC                       | Tom Koll (non-voting)                                    |
| VP Women's Program         | Annie Heffernon (non-voting)                             |

### International Judging Assignments

The International Elite Committee discussed the process for assigning judges to international competitions. The Committee is making a concerted effort to ensure that international assignments support both current judging needs and the continued development of U.S. judges.

The Committee identified the following priorities:

1. 2028 Olympic Games Eligibility  
Make every reasonable effort to support that more than one U.S. judge obtains the required number of JEPS necessary to meet eligibility requirements to judge at the 2028 Olympic Games.
  2. Judge Category Advancement  
Provide as many judges as possible with the international assignments necessary to meet competition requirements for potential advancement to a higher judging category during the next quadrennium.
- A. Recommendation to approve the proposed process for the selection of judges for international assignments.  
Motion: Marnie Futch  
Second: Jess Graba  
Passed



B. 2026 World Championships – Order of Judges

The Committee discussed and recommended the following order of U.S. judges for the 2026 World Championships:

Active Judging position:

- Silvia Brestyan – First U.S. judge drawn for an active judging position (E Panel).
- Kristie Phillips – Second U.S. judge drawn for an active judging position (E Panel).

Auxiliary Judging position:

- Kristie Phillips – First U.S. judge drawn for an auxiliary judging position (Line / Time).
- Silvia Brestyan – Second U.S. judge drawn for an auxiliary judging position (Line / Time).

Motion: Cale Robinson

Second: Jess Graba

Passed

## JSC — Judge Selection & Assignment

### 1. Group judges by category

- Group judges according to their current FIG category.
- Provide each judge's current assignments and identify competitions already completed for current quad.
- Identify the **Group competitions still needed within the quad** for each judge.
- Include any additional relevant information known about the judge, such as experience or previous assignments.

### 2. Match judges to available competitions

For each available international competition, match:

- Judge's FIG category
- Competition category/group
- Competition(s) needed for advancement
- Judge's prior experience
- Competitions previously completed in the quad
- Remaining Group competition requirements needed
- Availability

**GOAL:** To maximize appropriate advancement opportunities while ensuring assignments are consistent with competition requirements.

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## IEC — International Judge Selection

### 1. Order of judges for the draw

When more than one USA judge is assigned to an international competition, establish the order in which judges will be considered for the draw.

For **Group 3 and Group 4 competitions**, consider the following, in order:

1. **Current FIG category**
2. **Competition needed for advancement to the next category**
3. **Experience of the judge**

Assignments should be structured to provide meaningful advancement opportunities while appropriately considering experience and the level of the competition.

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## Olympic Qualification — LA28

**Goal:** USA wants to have a judge represented at the **LA28 Olympic Games**.

To be evaluated and considered for Olympic selection:

- A judge must have **50 JEPs**.
- Lower JEP evaluations may be dropped when a judge has additional competitions/JEPs available.

- Only the following competitions will provide the JEPs that count toward consideration:
  - **Senior World Championships:** 2025, 2026, 2027
  - **Junior World Championships:** 2025, 2027
  - **World Cups:** 2026, 2027
- In the event of a tie for the **E position**, the tie will be broken by the number of judging assignments at **Senior World Championships and World Cups**.

**Assignment priority:** The selection process should strategically provide eligible USA judges with the competitions necessary to reach the 50-JEP requirement and position them competitively for Olympic consideration.

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## IEC — Group 2 Competitions

For **Group 2 international competitions**, consider:

1. **Current FIG category**
2. **Competition needed for advancement to the next category**
3. **Experience of the judge**
4. **Opportunities for Category 2 judges to receive JEPs**
5. **Previous JEP performance**, including ratings such as:
  - Excellent
  - Very Good
  - Other applicable evaluations

USA should seek to provide the **most and best opportunities to judges who have demonstrated the strongest JEP performance**, while also ensuring that Category 2 judges receive appropriate opportunities to obtain JEPs and advance.

## Overall Assignment Philosophy

The JSC/IEC process should balance three objectives:

### **Advancement → Performance → Strategic Opportunity**

- Give judges the competitions they need for **category advancement**.
- Reward strong **JEP performance** with higher-value opportunities.
- Strategically place judges in competitions that support **USA's long-term international judging goals**, including the objective of having a USA judge selected for **LA28**.