

2022-2024 T&T FIG Brevet Judges International Assignments

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Statement of Principles

USA Gymnastics will focus efforts and resources into U.S. FIG Brevet judges through assigning judges to international competitions where the USA sends a delegation.

In order to provide the best support for USA Gymnastics National Teams and clarity for those in the FIG Brevet judging pool, the following process has been developed. Benefits of a rotating assignment process include providing judges with the required competitions to maintain or increase their judges rating, promoting sharing of information, and transferring of international practices to the domestic environment.

Occasionally it may be necessary to go outside of this process, for example in the case of Team USA coaching conflicts, safety considerations, and timing of key events. Where the FIG awards a judge a nominative position (e.g. for Olympic Games), this will be honored so long as that judge is in good standing with USA Gymnastics.

Assignment Process

- I. The TC will create a general rotation for each discipline using the following order (once a judge has been assigned they will be placed at the bottom of the rotation schedule):
 - A. FIG Category 1
 - B. FIG Category 2
 - C. FIG Category 3
 - D. FIG Category 4
 - E. Tie-Breaker within each Category:
 - a Length of continuous FIG rating in the discipline
 - b Current Senior Judges Council Member
 - c Current Junior Judges Council Member
 - d Current National Committee Member
 - e Current Regional/State Committee Chair or Technical Representative
 - f If a tie cannot be broken, or any additional spots, place in order by a draw
- II. In January, All FIG Brevet judges will be sent a list of known competitions for the current year. Judges will respond with their potential availability for each competition.
- III. To be considered for an international assignment, judges must:
 - A. Be an active USA Gymnastics T&T judge member; and
 - B. Have judged domestically or have coached at a regional or national competition during the previous 12 months; and
 - C. Submit the potential availability form that is sent in January of that year
- IV. Additional Criteria
 - A. **Additional Criteria 1:** For World Championships, World Cups, World Games, and Continental Championships, only allow Category 1-2 judges in the rotation, except on events where there are only 1-2 category 1-2 judges.

Rationale:

 - a Category 1-2 judges are more likely to get seated on individual competition panels/multiple panels at these competitions.
 - b The Federation can be fined for not sending judges of this level to these competitions when there are adequate numbers.
 - B. **Additional Criteria 2:** For WAGC:

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- a If a World Championships judge is available for WAGC as well, that judge should be assigned to another event they hold an FIG rating on.
- b If there are any Category 1 or 2 judges who have not been assigned an international competition (in any discipline) in that calendar year, these judges should be assigned.

Rationale:

- a Budgets are developed on the basis that World Championships judges remain for WAGC, alleviating additional travel arrangements.
 - b Category 1 and 2 judges require additional international experience to maintain their FIG Brevet Category
 - c Category 1 and 2 judges are more likely to get seated on individual competition panels/multiple panels at this competition.
- C. **Additional Criteria 3:** Criteria 3a and its rationale may also pertain to other combined events, for example international invitationals run in conjunction with a World Cup. Rationale: Budgets are developed on the basis of fully utilizing all resources, alleviating additional travel arrangements.
- D. **Additional Criteria 4:** If a judge is at the top of the rotation schedule on more than one event for a competition, the following criteria should be used to determine which event to assign them on: (1) assign them to the event on which they hold a higher rating, (2) assign them to the event on which they judge more often domestically (use the number of sessions judged on each event at national selection events in the previous calendar year to determine this). If there is no way to break the tie, the TC will make a recommendation for each of the events, with alternative options, to the selection committee for final determination.
- E. **Additional Criteria 5:** For events that the FIG outlines a procedure for selecting judges to premier events, such as the Olympic Games, the selection committee will consider the following in selecting a judge to ensure that a US representative is eligible for consideration by the FIG (not listed in order of importance):
- a USA Gymnastics Judge member in good standing
 - b FIG Judging Rating required for assignment to the premier event
 - c International Experience/Technical Knowledge
 - d Proven professionalism on the field of play
 - e Available for the number of events required for consideration
 - f Available to attend the premier event as a judge
 - g Compliance with the USA Gymnastics Safe Sport Policy, Code of Ethical
 - h Conduct and Trampoline & Tumbling Program Manual
- The judge(s) selected will be assigned to the necessary number of competitions for the year(s) in order to be eligible for selection to the premier event

- II. The above process will be used to assign judges on an event-by-event basis.
- III. In the case that a judge declines an assignment, they should submit a written request for extenuating circumstances, to be evaluated by the Technical Committee and Selection Committee. If this approved, that judge will retain their position on the rotation for the next event.