



Saskatchewan RG Judging Pathway Program

2016-2017

The Saskatchewan RG Judging Pathway program is designed to foster high quality judges for the pre-competitive, provincial, and national level. This program will aim to provide a clear understanding of all certification levels and the path to achieve them.

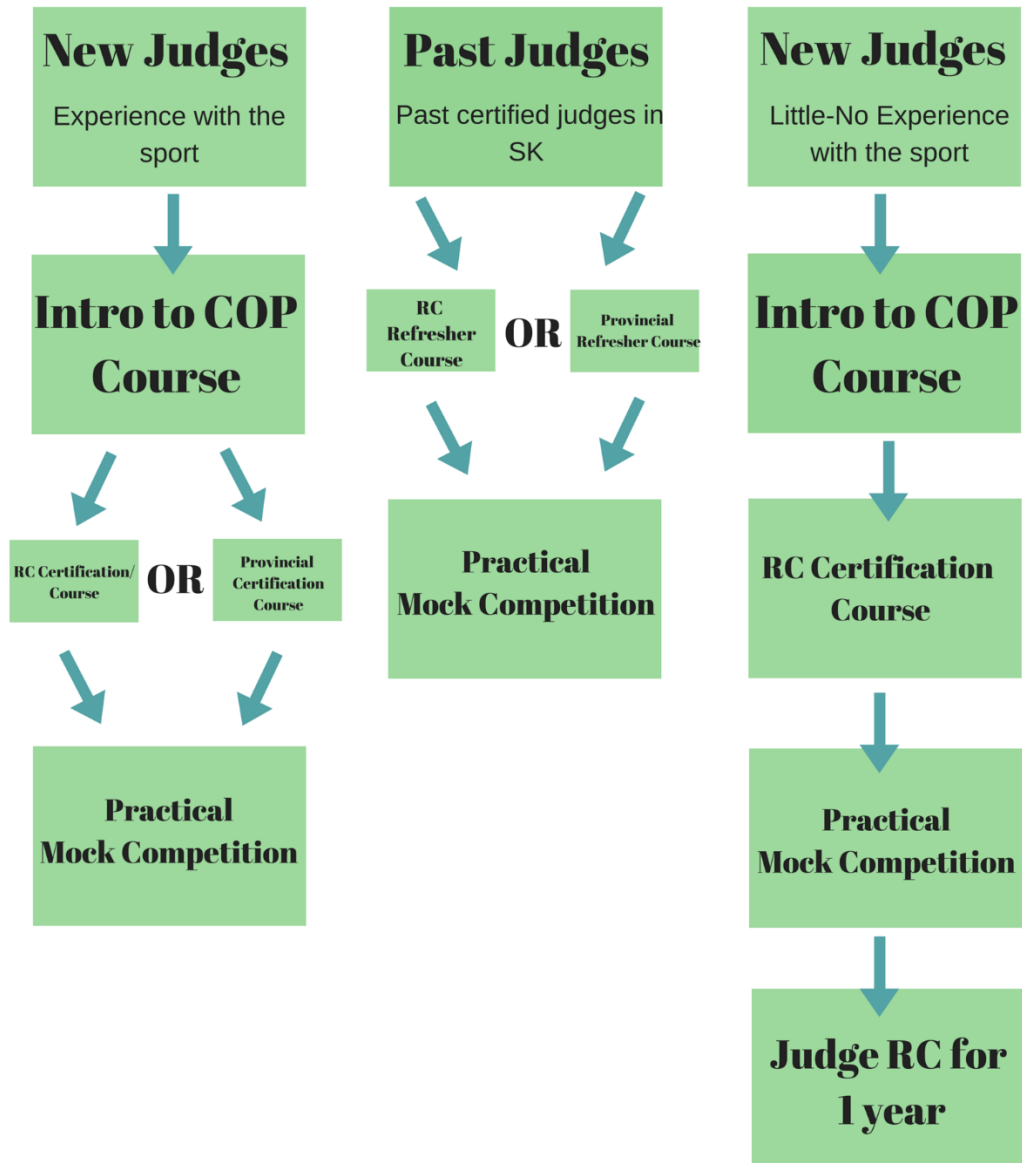
While this program will work to develop a clear path for all judges, it should be noted that it may be fluid and judges may be granted exceptions based on experience and/or circumstances. This program should not be taken as a replacement to what is stated in the technical regulations, but as a way to better understand and enforce them.

In addition to providing a clear, structured path to become a certified judge, beginner judging resources will also be made available to clubs to help promote and recruit new judges.

In this document you will find the three judging pathways that will be in effect at the start of the 2016-2017 RG Season, as well as outlines of each pathway and the courses we plan to offer in 2016-2017.

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Judging Pathways: A Quick Look



Judging Pathway 1: New Judges with No Experience in RG

Eligibility: Anyone who is interested in becoming a judge in Saskatchewan but has little to no experience in RG. For example: parents/family members, judges from other disciplines, volunteers from the community.

Requirements:

- 1) Complete the Intro to the Code of Points (COP) course.
- 2) Complete the Rhythm Cat Certification Course.
- 3) Participate in a Gym Sask hosted mock Competition when available.
- 4) Complete 3 hours of observation in the gym prior to judging an Invitational.
- 5) Judge at least 2 RC invitationals in the same season.

Once a judge in Pathway 1 has judged RC for one year, they may enter the system as a past judge (Pathway 3). It is recommended that all judges continue to study the basics of the COP available online.

Judging Pathway 2: New Judges with Experience in RG

Eligibility: Anyone who is comfortable with the sport of RG, but is new to judging or has been inactive as a judge for many years. For example: coaches, athletes, judges returning to the sport.

Requirements:

- 1) Complete the Intro to the Code of Points (COP) course.
- 2) Choose to complete either the RC Certification Course or the Provincial Level Course. It is recommended to take the RC course first, however judges in this Pathway have the option to go straight to Provincial Level. Judges in this level may also choose to take both in the same year.
- 3) Participate in a Gym Sask hosted mock Competition when available.
- 4) Complete 6 hours of observation in the gym prior to judging an Invitational.

Once judges have completed Pathway 2, they may enter the system as a past judge (Pathway 3). It is recommended that all judges continue to study the basics of the COP available online.

Judging Pathway 3: Past Judges

Eligibility: Any judge who has been certified in either RC or Provincial level.

Requirements:

- 1) Attend a refresher portion of a certification course in the appropriate level:
 - Past RC judges must take the full provincial level certification course
 - Past Provincial level judges that would like to judge RC should take the full RC certification course as the program is modified from the provincial level.
- 2) Participate in a Gym Sask hosted mock Competition when available.
- 3) Complete 6 hours of observation in the gym prior to judging an Invitational.
- 4) Judge at least 2 invitationals, one of which is provincial championships.

Once judges are in Pathway 3, they may continue to enter the system as a past judge and continue to only take the refresher courses for their desired level (unless they are new to a level and must then take the full certification course). It is recommended that all judges continue to study the basics of the COP available online.

SK Judging Course Descriptions

The following courses will be offered each year in order to provide the full pathway experience for judges. All registrants must be members of Gymnastics Saskatchewan in the judge category.

Introduction to Judging and the COP

- Course to cover the fundamental aspects of the COP to give all interested judges coaches, and athletes a base for the taking the certification clinics. Modules will include Body Difficulties, Execution, Fundamental/Non-Fundamental Apparatus groups and the other Difficulty elements that are required in a routine.
- Course will have a small quiz that will give participants an idea of what they need to work on understanding before taking a full judging certification course.
- At least one intro course will be offered at the beginning of the season (by September). Ideally one per large city (Regina and Saskatoon) will be offered based on numbers.
- Material from this course will be made available online for self-study and refresher purposes for all judges.

RC Judging Certification/Refresher Clinic

- For eligibility, please see pathway descriptions. Must also be at least 13 years old (for previous competitive gymnasts) and 15 years old for all others.
- A refresher component at the end of the course will be available for those in Pathway 3.
- A small quiz will be used to certify and refresh all RC judges in the province.
- Ideally, at least two RC certification courses will be offered-one in October and one in January.

Provincial Judging Clinic

- For eligibility, please see pathway descriptions. Must also be at least 15 years old as of Dec of the current season.
- A refresher component at the end of the course will be available for those in Pathway 3.
- A small quiz will be used to certify and refresh all provincial level judges in the province.

Mock Competition/Practice Experience

- This event is to be hosted by Gym Sask in partner with another RG club to give judges the chance to practice in a controlled, stress free environment with a facilitator available to answer questions and act as head judge.
- All judges should be encouraged to attend this opportunity along with their own observation hours at their club gym.
- Ideally there will be at least one mock competition, in December or Jan before the first invitational in the province.

Judging Roundtable

- This session will be an opportunity for all judges to discuss their experience so far during the season, hash out any questions and/or issues, and improve their skills. It will be held after the first RC and provincial level competitions have been run.
- This course should also be attended by the RTC (at least one representative or notes of the roundtable could be sent to the committee) in order to assess if any changes should be made to the technical regulations based on the judges' experience.