



Considerations and process for advancement of judges to the National Roster

Introduction

The advancement of judges to the National Roster is monitored by the National Officials Committee (NOC) and delivered in partnership with the Officials Support and Assessment Team (OSAT) and the Provincial Sections (PS). It is a fluid process with flexible timelines. The progression of each judge will be through individual plans based on their goals, skills, experience and commitment.

The National Roster is currently set at 32 active members. Judges will be considered for advancement only when there are openings on the national roster.

Roles

The judge is tasked with:

- Setting personal goals
- Identifying opportunities to learn and practice judging
- Linking with local clubs and their provincial section to develop their skills and gain experience
- Being a self-starter in this process

The PS is tasked with:

- Providing learning opportunities and judging experiences for new judges
- Communication with the judges and NOC regarding.....

The NOC is tasked with:

- Communication with the PS and OSAT
- Creation and monitoring of the Officials Development Pathway
- Ongoing professional development and support to the national level officials

The OSAT is tasked with:

- Monitoring the progression, skills and advancement of all national level officials
- Assessing and approving judges ready to advance to Level 3
- Assigning judges to attend national competitions and trials

National Official Profile

When there is a need for more judges on the National Roster, consideration of advancement may occur for judges who have the following:

Technical Knowledge:

- Knowledge of the rules of AQUA and DPC
- Knowledge of the trends in the national diving scene
- Knowledge of the technical goals and objectives of DPC
- Ability to judge dives with a solid understanding of the techniques required on take-off, flight, spotting, kick-out and entry into the water for both springboard and platform
- Ability to judge synchronized diving
- Understand the techniques required for the dives without limit (2 ½ or more somersaults, 2 or more twists, and armstands)
- Knowledge of the position and responsibilities of an Event Referee.
- Understand the role and responsibilities of a Meet Referee in Canada for the various levels of competition.

Personal Characteristics:

- Strong commitment to and support of DPC programs and initiatives, showing respect to all athletes, coaches, volunteers and judges
- Commitment to judging diving in your home province and in Canada and to continuous improvement of judging
- Excellent understanding of the diving environment in your province and at the National level
- Availability and ability to work with and relate to coaches and other judges in and outside of competition
- Evidence of teamwork and camaraderie with the national roster of judges, DPC staff and volunteers

Activities and Experiences

Judges wanting to be considered for the national roster should aim to participate in the following activities. Keeping a log of the following activities will aid in the evaluation of the judge's profile, skills and competencies:

- Personal goal setting in consultation with their local official's representative. This will aid in establishing their optimum level at the present time, taking into consideration their level of competency, experience, level of commitment possible and environmental influences (i.e. career, financial and personal/family impact on availability for judging assignments and related requirements).
- Be a registered DPC Level 2 Official for at least 2 years
- Judge a minimum of 2000 dives in the previous 3 years at the Junior Qualification events held in the province of residence.

- Judge at least 500 dives at an Age Group Qualification Competitions outside their province of residence in the previous 2 years.
- Experience as an event referee for a minimum of 500 dives
- Participate in shadow judging at National Championships or Junior Trials
- Pass the National Entrance Exam – must achieve at least 80%, with verbal correction to 100%.

Intention

Provide a letter of intent to the OSAT that includes:

- An endorsement from the Provincial Section staff/board/committee member
- General statement of the person's goals as an official
- Acknowledgement of the time commitment expected of a national level judge (approximately 20 days per year that includes travel on weekday and weekends).
- Acknowledgement of the expectation to participate in professional development (such as event briefings, the National Symposium, shadowing AQUA events, etc.)
- availability for the upcoming Qualification and National competition season

Advancement

The OSAT will receive all letters of intent and check that all requirements have been met. They will review the judge's activities, analyze meet results and shadow activities, and seek feedback from meet referees and national roster judges.

If a spot opens on the national roster and the judge is accepted, a notice will be sent to the judge and copied to their provincial official's representative, their PS and the chair of the NOC.