



Regulations for national judges

General regulations applying to ALL judges and trial judges

- Judges must fully adhere to the ISU code of ethics (see www.isu.org).
- They must keep themselves fully informed about all matters concerning the performance of their duties in the current General Regulations and Special Regulations and Technical Rules, ISU communications and manual, handbooks and booklets and all updates published on the ISU website www.isu.org and National website www.skatebelgium.be.
- Comport themselves with discretion always.
- Wear sober non-striking clothes during judging events.
- Not communicate any results nor oral nor written during competition.
- Refrain from all comments after the conclusion of the competition.
- Refrain from contact during the competition with parents, skaters and coaches.
- Must refrain themselves from all comments regarding national competitions and/or national skaters on social network sites or other public media.
- If necessary, the Judges Committee in co-operation with the federation obtains the right to make exceptions on the judge's regulations.
- For judges returning after a long absence, the following rules will apply: If you haven't judged for a maximum of 3 years before coming back, you will have to start in level 2 if you were previous already a national judge. For those who didn't judge for more than 3 years before returning, they will have to restart in level 1 if they were previously on a higher level.
- Only Level 3 National judges can be referee in national competitions.
- Invitations to judge foreign competitions need to be sent to Ann Müsing and in copy to the General Secretary. Approval by the Federation to judge foreign competitions will principally be given :
 - If there are no competitions in Belgium at that time.
 - If the importance of the foreign competition clearly exceeds the importance of competitions held in Belgium during that same period.
 - If judging the foreign competition is necessary for, or adds to, the status of the invited judge in his/her figure skating discipline.

The final decision always rests with the Board of the Federation.

Club membership and -activities

- A judge or trial judge can be member of a skating club
- A judge or trial judge can teach if necessary but only at recreational level. Judges must at all times refrain from coaching or knowingly preparing competitive skaters.

To be eligible as a TRIAL JUDGE, the following requirements need to be fulfilled:

- A trial judge needs to have reached the age of sixteen (16) years old but not reached the age of seventy-five (75) years in the calendar year of the nomination.
- Have been a former skater
- Haven't participated in any competition during the season in which the candidate is applying to become a trial judge.
- There will be only one (1) starting moment for trial judges to take the element identification test and Seminar. This will be at the beginning of skating season preferably during the month of September.
- Have an active knowledge of English language.
- Attend a training seminar for trial judges + element identification.
- He/she needs to send in a written application with CV to the Judges Committee by mail to:

ann.musing@natpat.be

After the authorization of the Judges Committee, the following requirements apply:

- **Trial judging** for twelve (12) months in the following levels:
 - Pre-Miniemen (B-competitions),
 - Miniemen (A-& B-competitions)
 - Novice A (A-& B-competitions)And this for at least five (5) competitions in at least two (2) different categories.
- **Trial judging** for twelve (12) months in at least two (2) tests

When do you pass trial judging?

- After a positive evaluation report trial judging from the Judges Committee to start level 1 judging

What if illness doesn't allow you to trial judge certain competitions during your year of trial judging?

- If the required numbers of competitions, tests and categories are obtained during the twelve (12) months of training, you will receive an evaluation report of the Judges Committee.
- If the required numbers aren't obtained you will have to continue in the next season to get the necessary numbers.

What if you don't succeed for trial judging?

- You will get one (1) more chance to obtain the criteria and all the requirements need to be done all over again.

To be eligible as a LEVEL 1 JUDGE the following requirements need to be fulfilled:

- A Level 1 judge needs to have reached the age of seventeen (17) years old but not reached the age of seventy-five (75) years in the calendar year of the nomination.
- Have received a positive evaluation report Trial Judging from the Judges Committee.
- **judging** for twelve (12) months in the following levels:
 - Pre-Miniemen (B-competitions)
 - Miniemen (A- & B-competitions)
 - Novice A (A- & B-competitions)And this for at least five (5) competitions in at least two (2) different categories.
- **Judging** for twelve (12) months in at least one (1) test (competition level test).
- **Trial judging** for twelve (12) months in the category Novice B (A- & B-competitions) for at least 3 competitions.
- **Trial judging** for MIF tests if organized.
- Follow at least one (1) judges seminar or national judges meeting per every two seasons

When are you a Level 1 judge?

- After receiving a positive evaluation report Level 1 of the Judges Committee.

What if illness doesn't allow you to judge certain competitions during your year of Level 1 judging?

- If the required numbers of competitions, tests and categories are obtained during the twelve (12) months of training, you will receive an evaluation report of the Technical Committee.
- If the required numbers aren't obtained you will have to continue in the next season to get the necessary numbers.

What if you don't succeed for Level 1 judging?

- You will get one (1) more chance to obtain the criteria and all the requirements need to be done all over again.

To be eligible as a LEVEL 2 JUDGE the following requirements need to be fulfilled:

- A Level 2 judge needs to have reached the age of eighteen (18) years old but not reached the age of seventy-five (75) years in the calendar year of the nomination.
 - Have received a positive evaluation report Level 1 judging from the Judges Committee.
 - **Judging** for twelve (12) months in the following levels:
 - Pre-Miniemen (B-competitions)
 - Miniemen (A- & B-competitions)
 - Novice A (A- & B-competitions)
 - Novice B (A- & B-competitions)
- And this for at least five (5) competitions in at least two (2) different categories.
- **Judging** for twelve (12) months in at least two (2) test sessions.
 - **Trial judging** for twelve (12) months in the category Advanced Novices (B-competitions) or (A- & B-competitions) for at least 3 competitions.
 - **Trial judging** for MIF tests if organized.
 - Follow at least one (1) judges seminar or national judges meeting. per every two seasons.

When are you a Level 2 judge?

- After receiving a positive evaluation report Level 2 of the Judges Committee.

What if illness doesn't allow you to judge certain competitions during your year of Level 2 judging?

- If the required numbers of competitions, tests, seminars, meetings and categories are obtained during the twelve (12) months of training, you will receive an evaluation report of the Technical Committee.
- If the required numbers aren't obtained you will have to continue in the next season to get the necessary numbers.

What if you don't succeed for Level 2 judging?

- You will get 1 (one) more chance to obtain the criteria and all the requirements need to be done all over again.
- However, if the judge indicates that he doesn't want to be a Level 2, the Judges Committee will take note of this and the judge will remain Level 1 judge.

To be eligible as a LEVEL 3 NATIONAL JUDGE the following requirements need to be fulfilled:

- A Level 3 National judge needs to have reached the age of nineteen (19) years old but not reached the age of seventy-five (75) years in the calendar year of the nomination.
- Have received a positive evaluation report Level 2 Judging from the Technical Committee.
- **Judging** for twelve (12) months in the following levels:
 - Pre-Miniemen (B-competitions)
 - Miniemen (A- & B-competitions)
 - Novice A (A- & B-competitions)
 - Novice B (A- & B-competitions)
 - Advanced Novice (A- & B-competitions)

And this for at least five (5) competitions in at least two (2) different categories.
- **Judging** for twelve (12) months in at least two (2) test-sessions.
- Trial judging for twelve (12) months in the categories Junior and Senior (A- & B- competitions) for at least 3 competitions.
- Follow at least one (1) judges seminar or national judges meeting per every two (2) seasons.

When are you a Level 3 National judge?

After receiving a positive evaluation report Level 3 National judge of the Judges Committee.

What if illness doesn't allow you to judge certain competitions during your year of Level 3 national judging?

- If the required numbers of competitions, tests, seminars, meetings and categories are obtained during the twelve (12) months of training, you will receive an evaluation report of the Judges Committee.
- If the required numbers aren't obtained you will have to continue in the next season to get the necessary numbers.

What if you don't succeed for Level 3 national judging?

- You will get one (1) more chance to obtain the criteria and all the requirements need to be done all over again.
- However, if the judge indicates that he doesn't want to be a Level 3 National judge, the Judges Committee will take note of this and the judge will remain Level 2 judge.