

# INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM

# 1. INTERNATIONAL JUDGING LICENSE SYSTEM

4 <sup>th</sup> LEVEL international JUDGE
License conditions and requirements:
1. IFAGG member
<ol> <li>National judging experience</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> LEVEL international judge's course – judging test – written, oral and practical</li> </ol>
for Short program – Children, Juniors and Woman and Long Program – Children
Gives you the right to act as: - an international judge at B-cat competitions for Children Long program and Short
program for all age categories.
3 <sup>rd</sup> LEVEL international JUDGE
License conditions and requirements:
1. IFAGG member
<ol> <li>Passed Level 4 judging course and exam</li> <li>Participated the Deep technique course or international IFAGG coach' course (could be</li> </ol>
organised online, without exam)
<ol> <li>Level 4 judging license for at least 1 (one) year</li> <li>Minimum of 3 (three) B-cat international competitions after level 4 exam</li> </ol>
3 <sup>rd</sup> LEVEL international judge's course – judging test – written, oral and practical
for Long program – Juniors and Woman and Mixed teams juniors and seniors
Gives you the right to act as:
<ul> <li>an International judge in all categories at all competitions except the World Championships and the IFAGG Junior World Championships.</li> </ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> LEVEL international JUDGE
License conditions and requirements:
1. IFAGG member
<ol> <li>Passed Level 3 judging course and exam</li> <li>Participated the Deep technique course or international IFAGG coach' course (could be</li> </ol>
organised online, without exam)
<ol> <li>Level 3 judging license for at least 2 (two) years</li> <li>Minimum 6 (six) international competitions, of which at least 3 (three) must be A-cat</li> </ol>
competitions (others 3 (three) can be A or B-cat competitions) after level 3 exam
2 <sup>nd</sup> LEVEL international judge's course - judging test – written, oral and practical
Gives you the right to act as:
<ul> <li>an International judge in all categories at all competitions,</li> <li>a Head judge (B-cat. competition).</li> </ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> LEVEL international JUDGE
License conditions and requirements:
1. IFAGG member
<ol> <li>Passed Level 2 judging course and exam.</li> </ol>
3. Participated the <b>Judge' skills course</b> (in person participation, without test)
<ol> <li>Level 2 judging license for at least 2 (two) years</li> <li>Minimum 5 (five) international competitions A-cat. after level 2 exam</li> </ol>
1 <sup>st</sup> LEVEL international judge's course - judging test – written, oral and practical
Gives you the right to act as:
- an International judge in all categories at all competitions,
- a Judging instructor,
<ul> <li>Head judge at all competitions except the World Championships and IFAGG Junior World Championships (specialized Head judge course with exam needed for being HJ at</li> </ul>
World Championship and IFAGG Junior World Championship).
- a Superior Judge in at least 3 years after obtaining the license,

# For Licence to be active for all levels

Judge must participate in a minimum of 1 (one) competition (minimum category B) within one year of passing the judge's exam (level). Judge has to attend the judge's course (deep technique course or international judge's course without exam) once every two years.

## **Reduction or loss of Judging level**

All international IFAGG judges must participate in the IFAGG International Judge's Course every other year and in order to keep their license they must participate as a judge in a minimum of 1 (one) international B level competition. If not, the IFAGG Judge will lose one level each year. The only exceptions are listed in the IFAGG Judging Regulations. If there are no competitions during the 1-year period or no judge's courses every two years (counted from when the judge's license exam was passed), the judge must re-take the course and re-take the exam in order to renew the license.

1st level  $\rightarrow$  2nd level

2nd level  $\rightarrow$  3rd level

3rd level  $\rightarrow$  4th level

4th level  $\rightarrow$  will lose international level

If there are no competitions during the 1-year period (counted from when the judge's license exam was passed), the 4<sup>th</sup> level judge must re-take the course and re-take the exam in order to renew the license.

## Substitution of AGG judging licence requirements

International AGG judging license requirements cannot be substituted with licensing from another sport or any experience from other similar sports. Everyone has to pass the official courses and exams of the IFAGG judging license system.

## Counting the competitions for fulfilling the judge's criteria examples:

- A-level competitions in the same days, are counted as 1(one) competition, for example Challenge cup and World cup.
- B-level competition in the same days is counting as 1 (one) competition.

# 2. TYPES OF JUDGE'S COURSES

# 2.1. International judge's course

International judge's course is intended for judges, who would like to obtain the license 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> level. A course ended by successful examination gives the right to act as a judge 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> level license according to the judging license system (see chapter 1).

Focused on theoretical and practical part for judges, who would like to raise the level (with exam) and for judges, who would like to renew (prolong) validity of their license (without exam).

There are two types of courses:

2.1.1. Basic course (4<sup>th</sup> level – Children's long program rules and Short program all age categories) – 28 hours

Length:

4 hours - self-study

2 hours – practice in sport-hall

- 20 hours theory and video-analysis
- 2 hours exam
- 2.1.2. Full judge course (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> level Juniors/woman long program rules, Mixed teams' rules) 36 hours

Length:

- 8 hours self-study
- 2 hours practice in sport-hall
- 24 hours theory and video-analysis
- 2 hours exam

## 2.2. Deep technigue course/International IFAGG coach' course

Deep technique course is intended for 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> level judges. Mandatory for judges, who would like to raise the level from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> level. The deep technique course/International IFAGG coach' course is organised for judges, who would like to renew (prolong) validity of their license too. The course can be taken online. The course is without test. Focused on practical part for judges.

Length: Deep technique course – 16 hours 4 hours – self-study 2 hours – practice in sport-hall 10 hours – theory and video-analysis

#### 2.3. Judge' skills course

The Judge' skills course is intended for 2<sup>nd</sup> level judges. Mandatory for judges, who would like to raise the level from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> level. The course can be taken in person format only. The course is without test.

Focused on practical part for judges.

Length: Judge' skills course – 16 hours 4 hours – self-study 2 hours – practice in sport-hall 10 hours – theory and video-analysis

# 2.4. Head judge course

Head judge course is specialized judge course with exam needed for being HJ at the World Championship and IFAGG Junior World Championship. The course must be completed every 2 years. Course is concluded with an exam.

Length:

Head judge course - 12 hours

2 hours – self-study

8 hours - theory and video-analysis

2 hours – exam

# 2.5. <u>Re-certifying course/ refresh course</u>

Re-certifying course/ refresh course is intended for all judges, who willing to refresh the judge license because of new rules. Attendance at the course is only required for the part of the course dealing with the new rules (Junior/women long program rules, Mixed team rules, Children long program rules, Short program rules).

Course is concluded with an exam.

Focused on theoretical part for judges, who would like to refresh the level.

# 3. PREPARATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES of the JUDGE COURSE

# 3.1. IFAGG Council resonsibilities

- decide the term and place of the course.
- decide the course lecturers and instructors
- nominate Judge course responsible person with the aim of unifying the system of judge courses and examinations. The person is a member of Judge or Technical Committee and is nominated for a period of one/two year/s

# 3.2. IFAGG office responsibilities

- cooperate with the judge course organiser, Judge course responsible person and instructors
- check the formal correctness of the applications and CV's of participants and whether the participant
  meets all mandatory criteria according to the judging system. In case of ambiguity or doubt, contact
  the Judge Committee
- send the invoices to participants and check that course fee has been paid
- check that judge licenses are valid for participants (not possible to receive a certificate from the course without judge license)
- send the list of participants to the Judge course responsible person and course' instructors
- send the Letter with results to the participant
- update the databes of judges

# 3.3. Judge course responsible person responsibilities

- cooperates with the judge course organiser and the course' instructors
- submit the course' schedule to the Council for approval 1 (one) month before the course starts
- prepare the database of videos, which will be used for practical part of exam. Videos in the courses should be a combination of European and non-European teams.
- prepare written test

# 3.4. Judge course instructors responsibilities

- cooperates with the judge course organiser and the Judge course responsible person
- creates the course schedule together with Judge course responsible person
- nominates together with Judge course responsible person 4 highest level judges from Judge Committee, Technical Committee or Council, who will evaluate videos for exam to reach middle score, which will be used for practical part of exam (nomination 1 month before the course starts)
- choose appropriate videos for the practical exam from the database of videos (experts gives their points via e-mail on practical exam day). Video analyzers in the courses should be from European and non-European countries.
- prepare the list of questions for oral part of the exam
- develop the structure of the exam and determine the responsibilities between instructors during the exam
- prepare materials for all parts of the examination
- compile the exam results into a clear table showing whether the participant has passed or failed the test and in which parts (percentage rate)
- results has to be processed within 2 weeks after completion of all parts of the exam.
- send the results to the office

# 3.5. Judge course participant's responsibilities

- the participant must submit the application by the deadline
- must prepare a CV with judge courses and competitions (A-category and B-category) completed to date according to fact and truth
- require to attend all parts of the examination on time and in accordance with the instructions of the organisers.
- apologies and Respect for the Rules: Any unexcused absence or violation of the examination rules may result in failure.
- has the right to take re-exam if he/she meets the criteria

# 4. STRUCTURE OF THE EXAMINATION

The judge exam consist of 3 parts: Written part, Practical part and Spoken part.

# 4.1. Written Part

Content: a test focusing on the rules, theoretical questions on decision making and the application of the rules.

Format: Multiple choice questions, short answers Duration of the test: 30 min. (max 1 hour including preparation) Assessment: correct answers

# 4.2. Practical Part

Content: video analysis. Format: evaluating performances from video Duration: max 1 hour Assessment: Assessed based on ability to correctly apply rules.

# 4.3. Spoken Part

Content: Discussion with the instructor/lecturer/TC member on various competition scenarios, rules and decision making processes. Judge course participant has to explain their points from practical part and must demonstrate knowledge of the rules and explain the differences between the different programmes. The instructor checks the level of English language proficiency too.

Format: Answering questions and discussing decision-making processes.

Duration: max 5 minutes per each participants

Assessment: Ability to explain clearly and accurately the decision making and application of the rules in the praxis.

# 5. EVALUATION AND RESULTS

The examination is passed if the candidate meets the minimum requirements in each part of the examination. Results will be announced within 3 weeks of completion of all parts of the exam.

Re-exam: In the event of failure, the candidate has the option to take the re-exam but must re-apply and meet all application requirements.

# 6. EXAMINATION

# 6.1. Exam of judges, who rising the level

The judge examination consist of 3 parts: Written part, Practical part and Spoken part.

# 6.1.1. Written part

Consist of test with questions. Test is prepared by Judge course responsible person.

# LEVEL 4 written test

Success evaluation rules:

level 4 – 70% of right answers

# LEVEL 3 written test

Success evaluation rules:

• level 3 – 70% of right answers

LEVEL 1 and 2 written test

Success evaluation rules:

- level 2 75% of right answers (same test like level 1)
- level 1 80% of right answers

Repetition of the test is allowed for a fee of 50 EUR.

# 6.1.2. Practical part

Success evaluation rules Children long program and Short program all categories:

- level 3 0,5 difference
- level 2 0,4 difference
- level 1 0,3 difference

Success evaluation rules Junior/woman long program, Mixed teams' rules:

- level 3 TV: 1,0, AV: 0,7 difference
- level 1-2 TV: 0,7, AV: 0,5 difference

Note: Middle scores are counted as an average of 4 scores of lecturers or/and judges 1st level with high level experience.

## 6.1.3. Spoken part

Spoken part is prepared by course leader, who gives all instructions to the other instructors, lecturers in order to ensure that the exams are in a uniform format and the results are comparable.

Success evaluation rules:

• Participant has to be able to explain their evaluation from video and negotiate with the instructors in English.

## **GENERALITIES:**

## It is permitted to repeat the whole judge exam or part of the exam ONCE.

Re-examination can be organised in person or online according to the exam rules.

#### 6.2. Exam of judges, who refresh the level (re-certifying course)

The judge' examination consists of 2 parts:

- 1. Written part
- 2. Practical part

The test is prepared according to the conditions of each program (Junior/women long program rules, Mixed teams' rules, Children long program rules, Short program rules).

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