



Judging & Volunteer Policy

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of RSA's judging and volunteer policy is to share the load between all clubs when it comes to competitions in Alberta. Many hands make light work, and it is expected that all clubs send members to judge and volunteer so that competitions may run as smoothly and efficiently as possible, without one club taking on the bulk of judging responsibilities.

2.0 Required Allotment of Judges & Volunteers at Competitions

RSA will require the following allotment of judges and volunteers from each club in order to register for competitions in Alberta. This applies only to athletes who are registered for competitions, and does not include recreational or non-competitive athletes:

- **For Teams with 1 registered athlete:**
 - 1 freestyle judge (presentation, required elements), or 1 difficulty judge
- **For Teams with 2-4 registered athletes:**
 - 1 speed judge
 - 1 freestyle judge (presentation, required elements), or 1 difficulty judge
- **For Teams with 5-7 registered athletes:**
 - 1 speed judge
 - 1 freestyle judge (presentation or required elements)
 - 1 difficulty judge
 - 1 volunteer
- **For Teams with 8 registered athletes:**
 - 2 speed judges
 - 2 freestyle judges (presentation or required elements)
 - 1 difficulty judge
 - 1 volunteer
- **Above these numbers, use the ratio of 2 speed, 2 freestyle (required elements or presentation), 1 difficulty judge, and 1 volunteer per 8 registered athletes.**
 - For example, a team of 16 athletes should supply at least 4 speed judges, 4 presentation and/ or required elements judges, 2 difficulty judges, and 2 volunteers
- **Clubs may only register athletes for the number of judges and volunteers that they provide. A list of judges and volunteers from each club must be submitted to RSA prior to competition registration, and then the number of athlete spots available will be confirmed before athlete registration begins. Head Coaches who are also competitive athletes (1 per team) do not count towards the allotment of judges required per team.**

3.0 Further Clarification

- 2 part time, or 1 full time judge can be used to meet the requirements.
 - For example, a judge certified in speed and difficulty would fulfill both a speed position and a difficulty position
- Competing senior athletes (16+) may help to meet the required allotment for judging at the discretion of the Results Coordinator and Judges Coordinator
- Volunteers are to help with at least one of the following: results, marshaling, running score sheets, freestyle timer, freestyle music operator, first aid, or any needed competition help
- Technical committee: an active judge or volunteer may hold this position at RSA competitions. Preference will be given to those who have their Level 2 certification in all judging disciplines, or extensive knowledge of all rulebooks and competition manuals
- The Results Coordinator and Tournament Director positions are considered a substitute for both a speed and freestyle judging position
- Clubs may acquire alumni jumpers to help fulfill judging requirements, providing they have taken the IJRU judges training, and their certifications are up to date

3.0 Judges Certification Requirements

- **Level 1 Certification:** Complete the online judging fundamentals course, and judge training course for the desired discipline (each judge type has a separate online course)
- **Level 2 Certification:** Complete the online judging course, online recertification (if necessary), and attend a live training (this can be in-person or online in real time with a live trainer)
- **Level 3 Certification:** Complete the online judge course(s), attend a live training, and complete 100% of the monthly continuing education courses (if available)

Individuals may become a judge in one or more of the following judging disciplines:

- Speed
- Presentation
- Required Elements
- Difficulty

Rope Skipping Alberta (RSA) will require the following judge certification levels at competitions:

Rope Skipping Alberta Open Competitions (non-qualifying events)

- Judges must be at a minimum Level 1 certified
- Level 2 certified judge certification is preferred

Rope Skipping Alberta Provincial Championships (National qualifying event)

- Judges must be at a minimum Level 2 certified
- Level 3 certified judge certification is preferred

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