

SPRINGBOARD AND PLATFORM DIVING OFFICIALS

Diving Plongeon Canada aims to ensure fair and competent officiating by Canadian diving officials and to provide leadership to the sport of diving in Canada in matters related to development, competition and events. Through combined efforts of current and former officials, the National Officials Committee, DPC staff, club and provincial section leaders, we will train, monitor and provide opportunities for spring board and platform diving officials.

For consistency and the purposes of training and eligibility, DPC has provided a description for 5 levels of springboard and platform officials. Provincial section leaders are encouraged and welcome to use these standards and descriptions within their own section’s operations and procedures. For more information, please consult with the National Officials Committee or a DPC staff member.

LEVEL: **DEVELOPMENT (Level 1)**

GOAL: Clubs will train volunteers to judge and evaluate at local, interclub, regional, recreational, pre-competitive events and competitions within their city and province.

DELIVERY: Training and mentorship will be delivered and monitored by the Provincial Diving sections. Each province would tailor the program to its sport development needs. Local national level officials will offer clinics and mentorship.

PRE-REQUISITES	KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION PROVIDED/EXPECTED	TRAINING, OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT	ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interest in the sport of diving - 16 years of age or older - Registration with the Provincial section and DPC - Comply with all screening requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the general rules of competition - Demonstrate understanding of judging scale - Develop a basic technical understanding of the different dives and skills required at the local, interclub, regional, recreational, pre-competitive levels within the province - Ability to recognize and evaluate the basics of diving (mechanics, jumps, approaches, positions, flight positions and entries) - Ability to recognize and judge dives from the 6 groups up to 1 ½ rotations and 1 ½ twists on springboard and platform - Basic knowledge of the rules of FINA and DPC with an emphasis on Age Group Springboard and Platform diving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a Level 1 Judging Clinic (approx. 8 hours total) - Shadow judge and judge at local, interclub, regional, recreational, pre-competitive events and competitions - Attend Provincials and Junior Qualifying competitions to shadow judge, judge and participate in education sessions - Provincials section officials’ chairperson will offer additional opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pass the Development Exam, achieving at least 95% every 3 years or within the first year of a new DPC Rule Book - Judge at least 500 dives per season in a competition environment.

- LEVEL:** **PROVINCIAL (Level 2A)**
- PATHWAY:** **ACCELERATED** The accelerated or “fast-tracked” pathway is for former national level divers and competitive coaches who are very familiar with the sport and have expressed an interest in judging at the national level.
- GOAL:** Provinces will have a pool of trained, competent judges available to judge and referee events at Provincials, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions and other inter-provincial competitions across the country.
- DELIVERY:** Training and mentorship will be delivered by the Provincial Diving sections with assistance from the DPC Officials Committee and the Officials Excellence Team. Each judge would receive some tailored assistance from their local club, province and a mentor judge.

PRE-REQUISITES	KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION PROVIDED/EXPECTED	TRAINING, OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a current or former diver or coach - Be recommended to this level by a Comp Intro coach, a National Official or the DPC Officials Excellence Team - 16 years of age or older - Registration with the Provincial section and DPC - Comply with all screening requirements - Successfully passed the Development Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In depth knowledge of the rules of FINA and DPC rules and regulations - Understand the rules of Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions - Understand the position and responsibilities of an Event Referee - Ability to recognize and evaluate the components of competitive diving (mechanics, jumps, approaches, positions and entries, compulsories in tuck and pike position) - Understand the techniques that are taught/used for the more advanced dives (to include spotting and kick-out technique) up to and including 2 ½ rotations in each dive group and up to 2 or 2 ½ twist in each dive group - Understand the rules and regulations related to synchronized diving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend an Accelerated Level 2 Judging Clinic (approx. 4 hours) - Pass the Provincial Exam achieving at least 95% the first time and every 3 years or within the first year of a new DPC Rule Book - Judge at local, interclub, regional, recreational, pre-competitive events and competitions within the province - Attend Provincial Championships, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions to shadow judge, judge and participate in education sessions - May be selected to event referee at the discretion of a Meet Referee - Provincial section officials’ chairperson will offer additional opportunities - Complete annual self-evaluation and submit availability calendar to the provincial section

LEVEL: **PROVINCIAL (Level 2B)**

PATHWAY: **TRADITIONAL** The traditional pathway is for judges who have completed all the requirements of Level 1 and have no diving or coaching experience

GOAL: Provinces will have a pool of trained, competent judges available to judge and referee events at Provincials, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions and other inter-provincial competitions across the country.

DELIVERY: Training and mentorship be delivered by the Provincial Diving sections with assistance from National level judges and the DPC Officials Committee. Each province would tailor the program to its sport development needs. Local national level officials will offer clinics and mentorship.

PRE-REQUISITES	KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION PROVIDED/EXPECTED	TRAINING, OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT	ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active Development judge for at least one (1) year - 17 years of age or older - Registration with the Provincial section and DPC - Comply with all screening requirements - Successfully passed the Development Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In depth knowledge of the rules of FINA and DPC rules and regulations - Understand the rules of Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions - Understand the position and responsibilities of an Event Referee - Ability to recognize and evaluate the basics of competitive diving (mechanics, jumps, approaches, positions and entries, compulsories in tuck and pike position) - Understand the techniques that are taught/used for the more advanced dives (to include spotting and kick-out technique) up to and including 2 ½ rotations in each dive group and up to 2 or 2 ½ twist in each dive group - Understand what synchronized diving is and know the rules and regulations related to it - Solid understanding of techniques required for take-off, flight, and entry positions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a Level 2 Judging Clinic (approx. 12 hours total) - Attend and judge at local, interclub, regional, recreational, pre-competitive events and competitions within the province - Attend Provincial Championships, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions to shadow judge, judge and participate in education sessions - May be selected to event referee at the discretion of the Meet Referee - Provincial section officials' chairperson will offer additional opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pass the Provincial Exam, achieving at least 95% every 3 years or within the first year of a new DPC Rule Book - Judge at least 1000 dives per season at Novice, Junior or Senior Qualifying competitions or Provincial Championships. - Complete annual self-evaluation

LEVEL: NATIONAL APPRENTICE (Level 3)

GOAL: DPC and the Provinces will have a pool of trained and competent judges who can judge at Provincials, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions and other inter-provincial events. These judges have been identified and are preparing to be the future of our National roster.

DELIVERY: There will be shared responsibility for the development of the National Apprentice. Financial support will be required from the Province and mentoring and development guidance will be provided by the Evaluations Team. Please refer to the National Apprentice Program document for more information.

PRE-REQUISITES	KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION PROVIDED/EXPECTED	APPRENTICESHIP ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 years old or older - Commitment, skill and appropriate conduct demonstrated to be part of the national roster - Registration with the Provincial section and DPC - Comply with all screening requirements - Readiness and selection will be determined by the DPC Excellence Team - Candidates must pass the National Entrance Exam by obtaining no less than 95% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-depth knowledge of the rules of FINA and DPC - Knowledge of the trends in the national diving scene - Knowledge of the technical goals and objectives of DPC - Ability to judge dives at the Junior Elite and Junior Development National level, 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 and referee synchronized diving - Understand the techniques required for the most advanced optionals (3 ½ or more somersaults, pike rotations in back spinning 2 ½'s, 2 or more twists, and armstands) - In-depth 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pass the National Maintenance or FINA Exam with 95% every year. - It is recommended to attend 1 National Championship/ International event each season to shadow judge and participate in education sessions - Attend the National Judges Symposium at least once in 2 years - Judge at local, interclub, regional, recreational, pre-competitive events and competitions within the province - Attend Provincial Championships, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions to shadow judge, judge and participate in education sessions - Provincial section officials' chairperson will offer additional opportunities in partnership with the DPC Excellence Team - Complete annual self-evaluation and submit selection availability each season to the National Officials Committee - Coordinate an annual activity plan in partnership with DPC staff, provincial officials' chairperson and designated mentors

LEVEL: NATIONAL (Level 4)

GOAL: DPC and the Provinces will have a pool of trained, competent judges available to judge and referee events at Provincials, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions, National Championships, Canada Games, special trial competitions and other events.

DELIVERY: Training and mentorship is delivered by the National Officials Committee in partnership with the Evaluations Team and the DPC Staff. Provincial sections are encouraged to support judges at this level to attend various other competitions and events.

PRE-REQUISITES	KNOWLEDGE/EDUCATION PROVIDED/EXPECTED	TRAINING, OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT	ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 years old or older - Registration with the Provincial section and DPC - Comply with all screening requirements - Successful completion of the National Apprentice Program OR Approval from the National Officials Committee if an application for “Return to Judging” is submitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-depth knowledge of the rules of FINA and DPC - Knowledge of the trends in the national and international diving scene - Knowledge of the technical goals and objectives of DPC - Ability to judge dives at the Junior and Senior national level, 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 and referee synchronized diving - Understand the techniques required for the most advanced optionals (3 ½ or more somersaults, pike rotations in back spinning 2 ½’s, 2 or more twists, and armstands) - Ability to fulfill the role and responsibilities of an Event Referee and Meet Referee in Canada for the various levels of competition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend local, interclub, regional, recreational, pre-competitive events and competitions within the province - Attend Provincial Championships, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions to, judge and lead or participate in education sessions - Eligible to be selected for National Championships, Canada Games, special trial competitions, assessment camps and other events - Attend the annual National Judges Symposium - At the discretion of the Excellence Team, attend international events to shadow judge and take part in education sessions. - Provincials section officials’ chairperson will offer additional opportunities - Eligible to be selected as a meet referee for Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions and national events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pass the National Maintenance and FINA Exam with 95% every year. - Attendance at 1 National Championship each season to judge and participate in education sessions - Judge at least 1000 dives per season at various competitions at the junior and senior level. - Eligible to be a member and/or vote for the Domestic Officials Committee - Eligible to conduct Development and Provincial judging clinics - Complete annual self-evaluation and submit selection availability each season to the National Officials Committee

LEVEL: INTERNATIONAL (Level 5)

GOAL: DPC will have a pool of highly skilled and respected judges who are eligible to be selected to judge at National Championships, National Team Selection and Trials events, International invitationals and International Championship events.

DELIVERY: This level of the program is delivered and monitored by the International Selection Committee in partnership with designated DPC Staff. Please refer to the document “International Judging De-mystified” for more detailed information.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 years old or older - Registration with the Provincial section and DPC - Comply with all screening requirements - Readiness to advance to the International level will be determined by the DPC International Selection Committee in partnership with designated DPC Staff. - Successful completion of the FINA Certification Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-depth knowledge of the rules of FINA and DPC. - Knowledge of the trends in the national and international diving scene - Knowledge of the technical goals and objectives of DPC - Ability to judge dives at the Junior and Senior international level, 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 diving - Ability to judge and referee synchronized diving - Ability to fulfill the role and responsibilities of a Meet Referee in Canada for the various levels of competition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend the FINA Certification Course upon approval from DPC International Selection Committee - Attend Provincial Championships, invitationals, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions and National Championships to judge and lead or participate in education sessions - Eligible to be selected for National Championships, Canada Games, special trial competitions, assessment camps and other events. - Eligible to be selected for Grand Prix, World Series, World Cup and World Championships, Commonwealth and Pan Am Games, Youth and Olympic Summer Games and other international invitationals - Attend the annual National Judges Symposium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pass the FINA Exam with 95% every year - 3 FINA evaluations in 2 years or attend a FINA Certification Course every 2 years - Attendance at 2 National Championships each season to judge and participate in education sessions - Attend the National Judges Symposium - Eligible to be a member and/or vote for the Domestic Officials Committee - Eligible to conduct Development and Provincial judging clinics - Complete annual self-evaluation and submit selection availability each season to the National Officials Committee