

SPRINGBOARD AND PLATFORM DIVING OFFICIALS

Diving Plongeon Canada (DPC) 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 springboard 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 (PS) 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 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 PS. Each province may tailor the program to its sport development needs. Local Level 3,4 or 5 officials may conduct clinics and provide 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 PS- Registration with DPC as a Provincial Official- 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 AQUA and DPC with an emphasis on Age Group Springboard and Platform diving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attend a Level 1 Judging Clinic (minimum 6 hours)- 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- PS will offer additional opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pass the Level 1 Exam, achieving 93.33% every 3 years- Judge at least 500 dives per season in a competition environment.

LEVEL 2

- GOAL:** Provinces will have a pool of trained, competent judges available to judge at Provincials, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions and other inter-provincial competitions across the country.
- PATHWAY:** **TRADITIONAL** The traditional pathway is for judges who complete Level 1 requirements, actively judge for at least 1 year and may or may not have any diving or coaching experience.
- DELIVERY:** Training and mentorship be delivered by the Provincial Section with assistance from Level 4 & 5 judges and the DPC Officials Committee. Each province would tailor the program to its sport development needs. Local Level 4 & 5 officials conduct clinics and provide mentorship.
- PATHWAY:** **ACCELERATED** The accelerated or “fast-tracked” pathway is for former national level divers and Competition Introduction Trained coaches who are very familiar with the sport and have expressed an interest in judging at the provincial and/or national level.
- DELIVERY:** Training and mentorship will be delivered by the Provincial Section with assistance from the DPC Officials Committee and the Officials Support and Assessment Team (OSAT). Each judge would receive some tailored assistance from their local club, province and a mentor judge.

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TRADITIONAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Active Level 1 judge for at least one (1) year- 17 years of age or older ACCELERATED <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be a current or former diver or Comp Intro Trained coach- Be recommended to this level by a Comp Intro coach, a Level 4 or 5 Official or the OSAT- 19 years of age or older ALL LEVEL 2S <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Registration with the PS- Registration with DPC as a Provincial Official- Comply with all screening requirements- Successfully passed the Level 1 Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Knowledge of the rules of AQUA and DPC rules and regulations- Understand the rules of Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions- Understand the position and responsibilities of an Event Referee and Meet 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 (Traditional Pathway: minimum 8 hours, Accelerated Pathway: minimum 4 hours)- 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- PS will offer additional opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pass the Level 2 Exam, achieving at least 95% and every 3 years.- Judge at least 1000 dives per season at Novice, Junior or Senior Qualifying competitions or Provincial Championships.- Complete annual self-evaluation and provide availability to the PS

LEVEL 3

GOAL: DPC and the Provinces will have a pool of trained and competent judges who can judge and referee at Provincials, Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions and other inter-provincial events. Level 3 judges may be selected to attend Junior Nationals.

DELIVERY: There will be shared responsibility for the development of the Level 3 Judge. Financial support will be required from the Provincial Section. Mentoring and development guidance will be provided by the NOC and OSAT (Officials Support and Assessment Team). Please refer to the Level 3 Officials Entrance Program document for more information

PRE-REQUISITES	KNOWLEDGE & EDUCATION PROVIDED/EXPECTED	TRAINING, OPPORTUNITIES & SUPPORT	ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 18 years old or older- Active Level 2 judge for at least 2 years- Commitment, skill and appropriate conduct demonstrated to be a national level official- Registration with the PS- Registration with DPC as a National Official- Comply with all screening requirements- Readiness and selection will be determined by OSAT- Candidates must pass the National Entrance Exam by obtaining 100% after corrections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 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 synchronized diving- Understand the techniques required for the most age group optionals (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.- Complete Respect in Sport for Officials Training	<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 Junior National Championships and Canada Games- Attend the annual National Judges Symposium- At the discretion of OSAT, attend international events to shadow judge and take part in education sessions.- PS will offer additional opportunities- Eligible to be selected as an assistant meet referee for Junior and Senior Qualifying competitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pass the National Maintenance or AQUA Exam with 95% every year.- Attendance at 1 in-province Provincial Championship or Qualifying Competition- It is recommended to attend 1 National Championship/ International event each season to shadow judge and participate in education sessions- Judge at least 2000 dives per season- Complete annual self-evaluation and submit selection availability each season to the National Officials Committee- Eligible to be a member and/or vote for the National Officials Committee- Eligible to conduct Level 1 judging clinics.

LEVEL 4

- GOAL:** DPC and the Provincial Sections 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 OSAT and the DPC Staff. The Provincial Section is encouraged to support judges at this level to attend various other competitions and events.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21 years old or older - Registration with PS - Registration with DPC as a National Official - Comply with all screening requirements - Recommendation from OSAT OR Approval from the National Officials Committee if an application for “Return to Judging” is submitted. - Respect in Sport for Officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-depth knowledge of the rules of AQUA 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 OSAT, attend international events to shadow judge and take part in education sessions. - PS 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 with 95% every year. - Attendance at 1 in-province Provincial Championship or Qualifying Competition - Attendance at 1 National Championship each season to judge and participate in education sessions - Judge at least 2000 dives per season at Junior/Senior level - Eligible to be a member and/or vote for the National Officials Committee - Eligible to conduct Level 1 and 2 judging clinics - Complete annual self-evaluation and submit availability each season to the National Officials Committee

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 Special Trial 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"> - 21 years old or older - Registration with the PS - Registration with DPC as a National Official - 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 AQUA Diving Officials Course - Respect in Sport for Officials - Acknowledge UCCMS and sign the CCES consent form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-depth knowledge of the rules of AQUA 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 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 Trials, assessment camps and other events. - Eligible to be selected for AQUA Recognized events, World Cup and World Championships, FISU, 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 AQUA Exam with 95% every year - AQUA evaluations - Attendance at 1 in-province Provincial Championship or Qualifying Competition - Judge at 2 competitions at the national or international level each season - Eligible to be a member and/or vote for the National Officials Committee - Eligible to conduct Level 1 and 2 judging clinics - Complete annual self-evaluation and submit selection availability each season to the National Officials Committee