



REGULATIONS 2017

Certification of FINA Diving Officials

A CRITERIA FOR JUDGES

FINA require that all judges must be able to meet the following criteria:

1. Education - Shall have a complete knowledge of the rules
2. Experience - Shall develop judging experience in competitions
3. Application - Shall demonstrate the practical application of the rules
4. Neutrality - Shall show no preference to any diver or nation
5. Consistency - Shall maintain a standard in the judging
6. Behavior - Shall at all times conduct themselves in a professional manner

B LIST PRINCIPLES

FINA establish annually a list of FINA Diving Officials with certified judges.

Federations can delete their certified judges annually, after receiving the revised FINA Diving Officials List, no later than November 30 of each year.

In special circumstances Federations are entitled to delete certified judges during the year.

C CERTIFICATION

1. To receive certification a judge must attend a *FINA Diving Judges Certification Course (CC)*.
2. FINA certification is valid for two years.

For FINA recertification (two years), a certified judge must do one of the following:

1. Attend a FINA Diving Judges Certification Course and pass the test with a minimum score of 85 % and be assessed with a minimum of 85% every two year. At each CC the Nationality of the officials will be verified by the lecturers (see GR 2.5 and BL 9.1).
2. Be evaluated within a two year period at three (3) different competitions (at 3 different places) with at least a 90% rating and recommended by the FINA TDC for a two year recertification.
Please note the following competitions have a double weighting because they are evaluated by at least two (2) different FINA TDC members from different Continents over a five (5) or more day period. Thus judging one of these competitions will equal two (2) competitions: FINA Junior Diving World Championships, Universiade.
3. Be selected for *FINA Diving Seminar Program* as Judge for the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships or FINA Diving World Cup and recommended by the FINA TDC for a two year recertification. The TDC will only consider those judges who achieve a minimum of 90% agreement with observation.
4. In addition each certified judge must take the on-line officials exam each year.

D JUDGES CERTIFICATION COURSE

- Any Federation may request a *FINA Diving Judges Certification Course*
- Approximately 10 Courses will be held each year.
- A minimum of 10 participants, and a maximum of 30 participants

- Structure
 - Instructions will be given by a team of instructors
 - The curriculum will be based on the FINA Officials Manual
 - Both classroom and practical application of judging will be examined
 - Instructors will recommend FINA Judge Certification following the Course to FINA TDC.

E EVALUATION OF CERTIFIED JUDGES

All certified judges shall be evaluated into one of the following categories:

95 - 100 %	=	very good
90 – 94%	=	good
85 – 89 %	=	satisfactory
80 – 84 %	=	deficient
79 and under	=	unsatisfactory

1. Numerical

Comparison of the awards given by the judge and the opinion of the observer and classify as follows:

- Less than 5% difference between the observer and the judge = very good
- Between 6% - 10% difference between the observer and the judge = good
- Between 11% - 15% difference between the observer and the judge = satisfactory
- Between 16% - 20% difference between the observer and the judge = deficient
- More than 21% difference between the observer and the judge = unsatisfactory

2. Behavior

While judging the contest the judge must all times reflect appropriate international behavior which includes

- Wearing the appropriate dress code,
- Reporting for duty on schedule and attend the meetings called by the referee
- Be alert at all times,
- Does not communicate with the other judges and coaches during the event,
- Does not coach the diver from the chair,
- Be prompt in the response to the referee for scores,
- Concentrates on the Event and the field of play.

3. Neutrality

Does not show bias towards certain divers or Federations

4. Knowledge of the rules

Ability to understand and apply the rules during the competition

F PARTICIPATION FINA Diving World Cup and FINA World Junior Diving Championships

In order for a judge to participate in FINA Events such as the FINA Diving World Cup and the FINA World Juniors Diving Championships the following requirements are needed:

1. Attend a FINA Diving Judges Certification Course and pass the test with a minimum score of 85 % and be assessed with a minimum of 85% every two year. At each CC the Nationality of the officials will be verified by the lecturers (see GR 2.5 and BL 9.1).
2. Be evaluated within the most recent two year period at two (2) different competitions (at 2 different places) with at least a 90% rating
3. The nominated judges should be those included on the current FINA Diving Officials List.
4. Any FINA member Federation may nominate at own expense one or two judges whether or not entering divers. Federations entering at least four (4) divers are expected to bring at least one judge.

G EVALUATION PROCEDURE

1. The following diving events are the main venues for observation by TDC members or nominated experts:
 - a) All FINA Diving World Series and FINA Grand Prix competitions
 - b) FINA World Championships including FINA World Junior Championships
 - c) FINA World Cups
 - d) Olympic Games
 - e) Youth Olympic Games
 - f) Continental Championships and Cups
 - g) Regional Championships
 - h) Special Championships (Universiade, Commonwealth Games)
 - i) Special Invitation of TDC Observer to National or Regional Championships
2. Federations organising one of these events are expected to provide free admittance and working facilities for the appointed observers. The organising Federation is also expected to use an approved software to produce a judge's analysis. In case this is not possible prior to the end of the competition, the analysis shall be sent to the appointed observer as soon as possible.
3. Members of the TDC or nominated experts shall serve as appointed observers at the diving meets previously mentioned.
4. After each competition, an observation report shall be sent to the FINA TDC Commission and to the FINA Judges' Sub-Committee Coordinator.
5. An overall report - developed by the Judges' Sub-Committee - will be used by the FINA TDC to select the judges for the Olympic Games and the FINA World Championships for recommendation to the FINA Bureau.

H FINA DIVING JUDGES DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

In order to begin the training as a Diving Judge, FINA offers to all National Federations "FINA Diving Judges Development Schools". Any Federation may request to host a FINA Diving Judges Development School.

Please note the following in relation to the Development Schools:

- Persons with just some basic knowledge of judging diving can participate.
- At the conclusion of the school, all participants will take a test. Participants having successfully completed the test will receive a Development School Diploma
- Instruction will be theoretical
- A Development school diploma (with a result of at least 85%) will entitle the holder to participate at a FINA Diving Judges Certification Course. However, a Development school diploma does not entitle the holder to integrate into the FINA Diving Judges List.

The following DO NOT need to attend a FINA Diving Judges Development School and may attend a Certification Course: Former divers (not active), coaches, experienced national judges whose federation certify they have judged at a national-regional level and international events hosted by the Federation within the past 3 years.