

REGULATIONS 2018

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 judging
6. Behaviour - 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 **December 14** 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 Certification School for Judges (CS)*.
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 Certification School for Judges and pass the test with a minimum score of 85% and be assessed with a minimum of 85% every two years. At each CS, the Nationality of the officials will be verified by the FINA Office (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 World Junior Diving Championships, Universiade.
3. 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 evaluation of 90%.
4. In addition, each certified judge must take the online officials exam each year.
5. Has to be 18 years old on December 31 of the year of the School.

D DIVING CERTIFICATION SCHOOL for JUDGES

- Any Federation may request a *FINA Diving Certification School for Judges*
- Approximately 10 Schools 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 Diving Officials Manual
 - Both classroom and practical application of judging will be examined
 - Recommendations for Judges' Certification are given by the instructors to the FINA TDC, based on the results of the Certification School

E EVALUATION OF CERTIFIED JUDGES

1. Numerical

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

97 - 100 %	=	very good
95 – 96.9 %	=	good
90 – 94.9 %	=	satisfactory
85 – 89.9 %	=	developmental

2. Behaviour

While judging the contest, the judge must at all times reflect appropriate international behaviour which includes:

- To wear the appropriate dress code
- To report for duty on schedule and attend the meetings
- Not to communicate with the other judges and coaches during the event
- Not to coach the diver from the chair
- To be prompt in the response to the referee for scores
- To concentrate on the event and the field of play
(no mobile devices in the judge's chair, etc.)

3. Neutrality

Does not show bias towards or against certain divers or Federations

4. Knowledge of the Rules and additional Diving Education

- Ability to understand and apply the rules during the competition
- Complete the FINA Exam at all FINA Events, except FINA Diving Grand Prix Events
- Ability to document diving activities

5. Leadership

- Work cooperatively with others
- Show initiative without directive
- Prepared to listen openly to different views

6. ISS Report

- Use analysis reports to complement observers' evaluations

7. Inconsistencies / Comparisons

- Scores vary throughout the competition without apparent reasons

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 Certification School for Judges and pass the test with a minimum score of 85 %. Additionally, the judge will be assessed and must achieve a minimum of 85%. Certification is valid two years. At each CS, the Nationality of the officials will be verified by the FINA Office (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 their 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 FINA 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 programme capable of producing a judges' 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 DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL FOR JUDGES

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

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 Certification School for Judges. However, a Development School diploma does not entitle the holder to integrate into the FINA Diving Judges List.
- Has to be 16 years old on December 31 of the year of the Development School.

The following DO NOT need to attend a FINA Diving Development School for Judges and may attend a Certification School: 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.