

Becoming a Judge / Evaluator

Becoming a figure skating judge has never been more exciting than it is now! Judges not only score the skater's performances at competitions, but also act as evaluators at test days, provide feedback to skaters and coaches concerning skater development and act as role models and mentors for fellow judges.

To become a judge, interested former skaters must have passed at least one Senior Bronze level test or two Junior Bronze level tests and must be registered with a club.

As Skate Canada volunteers, judges are not paid, however our expenses are covered and the benefits of our work is very rewarding. Judging provides many opportunities to travel, establish new friendships and stay involved in the sport we love.

Training is required. In order to become a Primary level judge, participants must attend a New Judge Candidate (NJC) clinic at a local competition. These one day clinic's will be moderated by a highly qualified BC Section clinic leader. The system will be explained and attendees will have an opportunity to do some hands on trialing of primary events. Candidates will be invited to attend the next region competition to do further trialing in order to become familiar with and feel comfortable in the role of judge.

At the end of this day and a half clinic, attendees will have a pretty good understanding if judging is something that they are interested in continuing with or not.

To help new judges continue to advance their skills and train as evaluators in the test system, each new judge will be assigned a mentor. A mentor is an experienced, more senior judge in their area, who will be available to help and advise the new judge.

Please contact me if you are interested in starting down the path to join our judging fraternity. We'd love to have you.

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