



## Judging Requirements for RSA

Provincial competitions are dependent upon parental involvement in order to run effective, efficient and well run days. It is vital to have appropriate numbers for speed judges, freestyle judges, essentially trained volunteers and general volunteers. The following is a result of a lengthy discussion, analyzing the needs based on running a competition for ninety (90) athletes.

The following has become the “Requirements for supplying judges and volunteers per day”

For every three (3) athletes the requirement is:

- ONE (1) Freestyle judge (difficulty, creativity A or B)
- ONE (1) Speed judge

*With teams that have greater than three athletes it is expected that FS judges are a mix of difficulty, creativity A and/or creativity B (ie. Every nine athletes would supply one of each FS – Creativity A and B, and Difficulty AND 3 speed*

For every six (6) athletes the requirement (in addition to judges)

- ONE (1) general volunteer – including but not limited to FS and Speed runners, security, first aid station (not trained person), assisting lunch and snack preparers, servers, and clean up people, and floor changeover

For teams with less than three (3) athletes: it is expected you supply one of the judges (speed or FS) or a general volunteer (in other words one position per athlete)

For a competition to run there are several “Essentially Trained” volunteers including:

- Results
- MC and Marshal
- Technical committee
- Head judge (scorer x2)
- Timer (x2)
- Music
- Callouts

Judging requirements will be credited for these positions as follows:

- One judge requirement credit: for those teams supplying result person (3 needed), MC and Marshal (1 needed), Technical Committee (3 needed)
- Half judge requirement credit: for those teams supplying head judge (2 needed), timer (2 needed), music person (1 needed), callouts (1 needed)

**ALL teams are expected to adhere to the above requirements. Consideration MAY be given to new clubs for *first year* with RSA, and judging requirements MAY be simplified to only speed judges, timers and general volunteers.**

At this time, we decided to go with these requirements without imposing penalties ... re-evaluation of this entire plan is for annual evaluation.

Some strategies to encourage confident, comfortable and well trained judges include (but not limited to...)

- Mock competitions at club level (during regular practice times)
- Speed judge practicing at regular practice times
- Attend multiple workshop training - theory
- During second day athlete workshop – Attend judging practical workshops
- Clubs need to impose “parental involvement” with explanation as to why this is necessary – giving clear expectations of needs for provincially run competitions

*This list is only a start ... we expect to build on ideas as we go forward.*