



Judging & Volunteer Policy

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of RSA's judging and volunteer policy is to share the load between all clubs when it comes to competitions in Alberta. Many hands make light work, and it is expected that all clubs send members to judge and volunteer so that competitions may run as smoothly and efficiently as possible, without one club taking on the bulk of judging responsibilities.

This policy applies to **all competitive athletes** registered for RSA-sanctioned competitions in Alberta. Recreational and non-competitive athletes are excluded from these requirements.

2.0 Required Allotment of Judges & Volunteers

The number of judges and volunteers required for each club is calculated based on the [RSA Judge Calculator v4](#). Each discipline has its own **minimum** and **ideal** requirements to ensure quality and efficiency.

NOTE: These numbers represent **total shifts** needed for the event. The RSA Judge Calculator will determine each club's share based on the number of athletes they register.

Role / Discipline	Min Total Across Competition	Ideal Total Across Competition
Difficulty – Wheel	8	12
Difficulty – SRF	12	18
Difficulty – DDF	8	12
Difficulty – Individual	12	18
Technical	8	12
Presentation	8	12
Speed	32	40
Volunteers	12	15

2.2 How Your Club's Requirement is Calculated

- Each discipline has a **ratio per athlete** built into the calculator:

- Difficulty total: ~0.354 per athlete
- Technical: ~0.106 per athlete
- Presentation: ~0.106 per athlete
- Speed: ~0.354 per athlete
- Volunteers: ~0.133 per athlete

- Your club's number of athletes \times ratio = required number for each category (rounded up to the nearest 0.5, then converted to whole judges/volunteers).
- The calculator will show both **minimum** and **ideal** targets for your club.

2.3 Examples

Example: A club with **10 registered athletes** will be required to supply approximately:

- **3.5 Difficulty Judges** → rounded to 4
- **1 Technical Judge**
- **1 Presentation Judge**
- **3.5 Speed Judges** → rounded to 4
- **1.5 Volunteers** → rounded to 2

Exact numbers will be confirmed by the Results Coordinator before registration opens.

3.0 Clarifications

- **Cross-Certified Judges:** One judge certified in multiple disciplines can fulfill multiple roles (e.g., Speed + Difficulty). Two part-time judges may equal one full-time role.
- **Senior Athlete Judges:** Athletes aged 16+ may judge at the discretion of the Results and Judges Coordinators.
- **Volunteer Roles:** May include results, marshalling, running score sheets, timing, music operation, first aid, or other competition support tasks.
- **Special Roles:** Results Coordinator or Tournament Director counts as both a speed and freestyle judge.

- **Alumni Judges:** Former athletes may judge if they hold valid IJRU certification.

4.0 Judges Certification Requirements

- **Level 1:** Online judging fundamentals + discipline-specific course.
- **Level 2:** Online course + live training + recertification as required.
- **Level 3:** Online course(s) + live training + full completion of continuing education modules.

Minimum Certification by Event:

- **Open Competitions:** Level 1 minimum (Level 2 preferred)
- **Provincial Championships:** Level 2 minimum (Level 3 preferred)

5.0 Compliance

- Clubs must submit a list of judges and volunteers before athlete registration opens.
- Athlete registration will be limited to the number that can be supported by the judges/volunteers the club provides.
- Failure to meet requirements will result in reduced athlete entries.