



GETTING STARTED...A QUICK GUIDE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JUDGING THE SPORT OF DIVING

Find your Judging Chairperson through your province or through your club administrator. Your judging chairperson can help you figure out the best way for you to get involved.

Love watching diving and have an “eye” for evaluating artistic sports? Clubs can arrange Level 1 judging clinics and shadowing judging opportunities.

Are you a retired national level diver or been coaching competitive diving for years? Then you might be eligible to be fast-tracked into Level 2.

Get Schooled! Judge Training is offered at different levels and in different formats by local clubs, National Roster judges and by various leaders within the Diving Plongeon Canada (DPC) family. Judge Training involves the following types of activities: pre-course reading, online review, workshops, clinics, symposiums, courses, quizzes, exams, practice (shadow) judging, evaluations, mock meets, and more.

Register online with H2OReg with your Provincial Section. All judges must be registered with their PS to take part in sanctioned competitions and activities. If you are already registered as diver or coach through a member club, just ask your local club administrator to update your registration to include Official. There are some waivers, a Code of Conduct and other acknowledgements you have to read and sign.

There is fee associated with your registration. Be sure to pay the fee, get a coupon code or ensure someone pays this fee on your behalf or else your registration may be invalid.

“Safe Sport is Everyone’s Responsibility”. As a registered participant of DPC, you are committed to creating a safe environment for everyone. This means that in addition to completing safe sport training, all volunteers are subject to ongoing screening procedures which may include police record checks, vulnerable sector checks and annual disclosure forms. Check with your PS officials chair what this means for you.

“Shadow” judge as often as you can at competitions. Before you are assigned to a judging panel at any level, it is good to practice your judging skills and discuss the diving with a mentor judge. Most meet referees are prepared to include registered and eager shadow judges at the competitions. Be sure to wear your uniform of black bottoms, white shirt and black closed-toe shoes when you sit beside the active “on-panel” judges.

Club coaches often like to do “mock competitions” for their divers in preparation for the real thing, so stay in touch with the club coaches too so you can get extra practice in.

Stay informed about Canadian and local diving rules, trends and events. If you are available and prepared to judge at a competition, let the host club or your judging chairperson know what days and times you can attend the competition. The meet referee will determine what events you might be able to judge.

Watch diving and practice judging as often as you can. Progression to higher levels of officiating, selection as a meet referee and panel assignments are dependent on experience, assessments, evaluations and your skill as a judge.

Enjoy the show! As a volunteer in the sport of diving, officials get the best seat in the house to enjoy the spectacular athleticism and grace of the divers. Officials are an essential part of the competition and your contribution is appreciated.