



#### Brevet and National Exam Announcement:

USA Gymnastics is excited to announce that all Women's Artistic judge's exams will be moving to a NEW online exam platform beginning with the 2026-2030 Brevet and National exam cycle. This new platform aims to increase the integrity of judge's exams by allowing for proctoring and remote monitoring of both the Theoretical (Written) and Practical portions of exams. The Theoretical exam will function much as it currently does with registration and testing done on your own personal device, with the main change being that all Practical examinations will take place on personal laptop devices.

**Beginning with the 2026-30 Brevet and National exam cycle, ALL exam participants MUST possess their own personal laptop computer equipped with a working webcam.**

Tablets are NOT recommended as they may change the format and function of the exam, and you are prohibited from taking the exam on your phone.

Brevet and National course candidates (Categories 1- returning Category 4) will complete the Theoretical portion of the exam at home.

First time Nationals (Category 4) will complete the Theoretical portion of the exam onsite at a Regional or National Congress.

All Categories will complete the Practical exam onsite at a Regional or National Congress on their own personal laptop. **All parts of the Brevet and National course exams, including the Mock Exam, will take place on personal laptops.**

This shift to an online platform aims to streamline the examination process, making it more accessible and efficient for judges across the country. The adaptation of personal devices for both Theoretical and Practical exams ensures that candidates can complete their assessments within a familiar and comfortable environment.

Additionally, the online format facilitates swift feedback and results processing, reducing the waiting period for candidates. This initiative underscores USA Gymnastics' commitment to leveraging technology to enhance the certification process and improve the overall experience for judges. As the sport continues to evolve, the integration of digital tools is a crucial step in maintaining the highest standards of judging excellence.



### NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom Call March 25, 2025

National Technical Committee Chair (NTCC)	Linda Thorberg	Non-Voting*
Region 1 RTCC	Gigi Iavarone	Voting
Region 2 RTCC	Laurie Reid	Voting
Region 3 RTCC	Marilyn Blilie	Voting
Region 4 RTCC	Windee Weiss	Voting
Region 5 RTCC	Sue Kane	Voting
Region 6 RTCC	Pat Panichas	Voting
Region 7 RTCC	Jane Caruso	Voting
Region 8 RTCC	Evelyn Chandler	Voting
Women's Program Technical Director	Nichole Otterson	Non-Voting
Women's Development Program Director	Christy Naik	Non-Voting
Women's Judges' Accreditation Coordinator	Connie Maloney	Non-Voting
Chief Membership Officer	Erica Koven	Guest

\*Casts a vote only in case of a tie or acclamation.

**The following recommendation for the Brevet/National judges' exam criteria is effective for the 2026-2030 exam cycle, scheduled to begin August 1, 2026.**

### Brevet and National Exam Criteria

Category	Theoretical	Deadline	Practical	Deadline
Category 4E (Entry-National)	84% In-Person Open book onsite	2 x attempts In-Person	83% Combined total score In-Person	2 x attempts In-Person
Category 4R (Returning-National)	84% At home Open book	2 x attempts during 3 wk. open window	Minimum Event Score of 20 In-Person	PIP(s) completed by Dec 31
Category 3 (National)	86% At home Open book	2 x attempts during 3 wk. open window	Minimum Event Score of 20 In-Person	PIP(s) completed by Dec 31
Category 2 (Brevet or National)	88% At home Open book	2 x attempts during 3 wk. open window	Minimum Event Score of 21 In-Person	PIP(s) completed by Dec 31
Category 1 (Brevet or National)	90% At home Open book	2 x attempts during 3 wk. open window	Minimum Event Score of 21 In-Person	PIP(s) completed by Dec 31

## Exam Criteria by Category

### Category 4-Entry Level (National)

- ✓ minimum Level 10 rating for two or more testing cycles who have met the Category 4 entry level eligibility criteria or
- ✓ eligible FIG judges that meet the Category 4 entry level eligibility criteria

#### **Theoretical-Category 4**

- Open Book-Onsite-at Regional or National Congress
- Score-84%
- 2 attempts
- Successfully pass a 50-question in-person, open book, Theoretical exam (90-minute time limit)

#### **Practical-Category 4 Entry**

- Onsite-at Regional or National Congress
- 83% Combined Total Score
- 2 attempts
- On each event the Practical exam will include one demonstration routine and six (6) routines, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count toward the final score for that event.

*\*If either the Theoretical or Practical exam scores were not obtained for Category 4, the applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained.*

### Level 10 Requirements

#### **Theoretical-Level 10**

- *An individual would pass at a Level 10 rating if an 80% was attained on the Brevet/National course Theoretical exam.*
- *If the Level 10 Theoretical exam score was not met, the individual may take the Level 10 Theoretical exam up to four (4) times during an Accreditation year (Aug. 1 to July 31) to determine rating.*

#### **Practical-Level 10**

- *An individual would pass at a Level 10 rating if a combined score of 80% was attained on the Brevet/National course Practical exam.*
- *If the Level 10 Practical exam score was not met, the individual may take the Level 10 Practical exam up to four (4) times during an Accreditation year (Aug. 1 to July 31) to determine rating.*

### Category 4 Returning (National)

- ✓ National rating for one or more testing cycles who have met the Category 4 eligibility criteria or
- ✓ eligible FIG judges that meet the Category 4 eligibility criteria

#### **Theoretical-Category 4**

- Open Book-At home
- Score-84%
- 2 attempts; score must be achieved within the 3-week open window the Theoretical exam is available.
- Successfully pass a 50-question open book, Theoretical exam (90-minute time limit).

*\*If the Theoretical exam score was not obtained for Category 4, then the applicant may **NOT** take the onsite Practical exam for Category 4. The applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

#### **Practical-Category 4 Returning**

- Onsite-at Regional or National Congress
- Minimum Event Score of 20
- On each event the Practical exam will include one demonstration routine and six (6) routines, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count towards the final score for that event. EACH event (Vault, Bars, Beam, and Floor) must achieve a minimum of 20 out of 25 possible points.
- A PIP is required for each event that does not meet the minimum event score at 20. All PIP's must be completed by Dec 31, 2026.

*\*If PIP's are not completed by the deadline, the applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

#### **Category 3 (National)**

- ✓ **National rating for one or more testing cycles who have met the Category 3 eligibility criteria or**
- ✓ **eligible FIG judges that meet the Category 3 eligibility criteria**

#### **Theoretical-Category 3**

- Open Book-At home
- Score-86%
- 2 attempts; score must be achieved within the 3-week open window the Theoretical exam is available.
- Successfully pass a 50-question open book, Theoretical exam (90-minute time limit).

*\*If the Theoretical exam score was not obtained for Category 3, then the applicant may **NOT** take the onsite Practical exam for Category 3. If the applicant achieved an 84% on the Theoretical exam, the applicant would have the opportunity to take the onsite Practical exam as a returning Category 4 and achieve a Category 4 rating. If the Theoretical exam score was not obtained for Category 4, then the applicant may **NOT** take **any** onsite Practical exam for Category 4. The applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

#### **Practical-Category 3**

- Onsite
- Minimum Event Score of 20
- On each event the Practical exam will include one demonstration routine and six (6) routines, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count towards the final score for that event. EACH event (Vault, Bars, Beam, and Floor) must achieve a minimum of 20 out of 25 possible points.
- A PIP is required for each event that does not meet the minimum event score at 20. All PIP's must be completed by Dec 31, 2026.

*\*If PIP's are not completed by the deadline, the applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

#### **Category 2 (Brevet or National)**

- ✓ **minimum Brevet or National rating for two or more testing cycles who have met the Category 2 eligibility criteria or**
- ✓ **eligible FIG judges that meet the Category 2 eligibility criteria**

## Theoretical-Category 2

- Open Book-At home
- Score-88%
- 2 attempts; score must be achieved within the 3-week open window the Theoretical exam is available.
- Successfully pass a 50-question open book, Theoretical exam (90-minute time limit).

*\*If the Theoretical exam score was not obtained for Category 2, then the applicant may **NOT** take the onsite Practical exam for Category 2. The applicant has the opportunity to take the onsite Practical exam at the Category they passed the Theoretical exam % at. If the minimum Theoretical exam score of 84% was not achieved, the applicant may **NOT** take **any** onsite Practical exam. The applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

## Practical-Category 2

- Onsite
- Minimum Event Score of 21
- On each event the Practical exam will include one demonstration routine and six (6) routines, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count towards the final score for that event. EACH event (Vault, Bars, Beam, and Floor) must achieve a minimum of 21 out of 25 possible points.
- A PIP is required for each event that does not meet the minimum event score at 21. All PIP's must be completed by Dec 31, 2026.

*\*If PIP's are not completed by the deadline, the applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

## Category 1 (Brevet or National)

- ✓ minimum Brevet or National rating for two or more testing cycles who have met the Category 1 eligibility criteria or
- ✓ eligible FIG judges that meet the Category 1 eligibility criteria

## Theoretical-Category 1

- Open Book-At home
- Score-90%
- 2 attempts; score must be achieved within the 3-week open window the Theoretical exam is available.
- Successfully pass a 50-question open book, Theoretical exam (90-minute time limit).

*\*If the Theoretical exam score was not obtained for Category 1, then the applicant may **NOT** take the onsite Practical exam for Category 1. The applicant has the opportunity to take the Practical exam at the Category they passed the Theoretical exam % at. If the minimum Theoretical exam score of 84% was not achieved, the applicant may **NOT** take **any** onsite Practical exam. The applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

## Practical-Category 1

- Onsite
- Minimum Event Score of 21
- On each event the Practical exam will include one demonstration routine and six (6) routines, of which the five (5) routines with the highest points will count towards the final score for that event.

EACH event (Vault, Bars, Beam, and Floor) must achieve a minimum of 21 out of 25 possible points.

- A PIP is required for each event that does not meet the minimum event score at 21. All PIP's must be completed by Dec 31, 2026.

*\*If PIP's are not completed by the deadline, the applicant would move to Level 10 and may earn a Level 10 rating if the following were obtained. **Follow the requirements for Level 10.***

### **Leadership Course-Category 1**

- Onsite at a Regional or National Congress or online prior to course attendance, **TBD**
- 6–25-minute mini lectures

### **PIP-Professional Improvement Plan**

#### **PIP Guidelines**

Each participant must participate in a Personal Improvement Plan (PIP) for each event in which she/he achieves a score below the threshold at the Category they are testing. The PIP must be **4 hours** of USA Gymnastics designated activity for each event in which the minimum event score was not met. Each event(s) requires 4 hours of PIP, up to a maximum of 16 hours. Judges must complete all PIP activities by December 31, 2026.

For each individual event PIP, the following 2 items must be completed.

- 2 hours; Online, Pre-recorded USA Gymnastics webinar. Registration is via USA Gymnastics and will be available only to those who need a PIP.
- 2 hours; Online, interactive small group setting, moderated by designated personnel. Registration is via USA Gymnastics and will be available only to those who need a PIP.

\* PIP activities are considered part of the Brevet/National certification and are NOT eligible for 2026-30 Category course credit.

\*\*The PIP activities above MAY count toward fulfillment of annual CPE requirements such as clinic credit or miscellaneous activity.

1. **OFFICIALS** - Recommendation to adopt the Brevet/National exam criteria as outlined for the 2026-30 testing cycle.

**Motion:** Jane Caruso (R7 - Tech)

**Second:** Windee Weiss (R4 - Tech)

**PASSED**