

Freestyle Alberta – Judges Advisory Group Terms of Reference

The purpose of the Judges Advisory Group (“JAG”) is to collaborate as a group of individuals to help make decisions and develop policies that will clarify and positively impact the way in which the judging of Freestyle Skiing within Alberta is conducted. Decisions made and the development of judging policies will be done so in a manner that will benefit all stakeholders involved within Freestyle Alberta (“FA”). These stakeholders include but are not limited to FA Executive & BOD, Alberta’s Judges, Scoring Delegates, Event Organizing Committees, Coaches and Athletes.

The subject areas within the mandate of the JAG within Freestyle Alberta are as follows:

- 1. The training & recruiting of judges within FA:**
 - a. Mandating that each Club identifies at least three names of parents, ex coaches or ex athletes who will commit to attending a regional judging clinic to be held in October or November prior to any given competition season;
 - b. Ensuring that each of these Club nominated individuals will commit to judging a minimum of one event during that current competition season;
 - c. Mandating that FA will provide materials (or reimbursement for materials) to clinic proctors for materials that are required for any regional Judging Clinics;
 - d. Ensuring that expenses for regional Clinic proctors will be reimbursed at current FA published Judging rates;
- 2. Ensuring that the FA Head Judge is informed of any pertinent information that is garnered from other FA meetings** such as board meetings, coaches’ meetings and athlete development meetings that occur from time to time that may impact judging within FA;
- 3. Support and assist the Provincial Head Judge in any manner**, including administrative support as required from time to time;
- 4. Ensure that the Provincial Head Judge and FA maintain and provide the following information:**
 - a. A current list of active FA judges including their FIS license levels.
 - b. An up to date contact list for FA judges.
 - c. Day to day administrative documents such as annual judges assignments, HJ reports etc.
 - d. An annual HJ report to be provided for the Freestyle Alberta AGM;
- 5. Liaising with Freestyle Canada to develop and maintain a PowerPoint based nationwide “Regional Clinic” program** to create more consistent material for facilitating higher quality regional clinics across the country (*slide decks similar to those currently used in FIS A and B Clinics*).

6. **Succession planning for the position of Provincial Head Judge** will be the responsibility of the JAG being led by the incumbent Head Judge who will play a central role to identify prospective replacements for the position and to train the chosen individual including putting together a transition plan.
7. **Meetings for the JAG** will be called on an “as needed” basis with a minimum of one annual meeting for the group to take place prior to the Freestyle Alberta AGM.

In addition to the above mentioned subject areas within the mandate of the JAG, **this document should be considered a “work in progress”** meaning that any additional subject areas that the JAG feels could further benefit judging in FA may be added from time to time and current subject areas can also be refined and amended as required.

Suggested Make up of JAG members??:

- Executive Director of FA
- Provincial Head Judge – Chair of JAG
- 3 members at large (judging, coaching and/or general knowledge of Freestyle Skiing req'd).