

Ratings, Testing, & Membership Requirements

Ratings are earned through a series of tests, written and practical, administered under the auspices of the USA-Gymnastics Judging Accreditation Program. In Georgia, our Test Administrators are Marian Dykes, Sheila Ragle, and Jean DeArmon. You may begin testing at Level 5/6 and/or Level 7/8. Thereafter, you may test up one level **each year** providing you have successfully met your continuing education requirements (CPEs) which will be outlined in this section. National and Brevet judges are selected individually.

A reminder: In order to officiate women's gymnastics under USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic rules, judges must have knowledge of the rules and regulations included in the following publications (and addendums):

- *USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Compulsory Handbook*
- *USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Code of Points*
- *Current USA Gymnastics Women's Rules and Policies*

USA Gymnastics *Technique Magazine*, which includes minutes from the USA Gymnastics Women's Technical and Junior Olympic Program Committees.

Note: All technical materials may be ordered from the USA Gymnastics on-line store at <http://usagym.sportgraphics.biz/> or by calling 1-800-345-4719.

Once you receive a rating, immediately make arrangements to obtain the following:

1. Professional Membership from the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges (www.nawgj.org)
2. Professional Membership from USA Gymnastics. (www.usa-gymnastics.org)
 - Must hold a current **safety certification** from USA-gymnastics.
 - If under the age of 18, must be a current Junior Professional Member of USA Gymnastics; upgrade to a Professional Membership upon turning 18.
3. Professional Membership from the American Athletic Union (www.aausports.org)

It is your responsibility to obtain and maintain membership requirements in the above organizations!

Ratings

A. Any individual that has never held a rating may test at Compulsory Level 5/6 and/or at the Optional Level 7/8.

B. Individuals may choose to become rated for optional levels only. A Level 5/6 rating is not required, though it must be earned regardless of optional level achieved.

C. The Accreditation year will be defined as August 1-July 31.

D. Test sessions will be scheduled within the USA Gymnastics Judging Accreditation Program by individual Test Administrators. A master list of all upcoming testing sessions, the test parts to be offered at each, and information on how to register for a test can be found on-line at <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women/judging/>.

E. Examinees may take the written and/or practical exam for a specific level a maximum of four (4) times per accreditation year in the attempt to pass.

F. Ratings Overview:

Level	Rating Prerequisite	Minimum Age	Written	Practical (Video)	CPE Hours
5/6	n/a	16	70%	n/a	n/a
7/8	n/a	16	70%	70%	n/a
9	7/8 12 months	18	76%	75%	12
10	9 12 months	20	80%	80%	16

Examinee is not required to take both parts at the same time, nor are they required to repeat any part previously passed.

- Must pass the compulsory 5/6 test in order to earn a Level 5/6 Compulsory rating.
- Once a rating is achieved, judge is certified to judge USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Optional Levels 7 and 8.

Regulations concerning obtaining levels 9 and 10 ratings can be found at the following website: <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women/2002/w-becomeajudge.html>