

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGING

General

These Judging Details have been prepared for the use of Judges and contain information applicable to all Judges, which should be read in conjunction with the whole of the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical). It is recommended that Coaches and Chaperones also be fully conversant with these requirements to assist in achieving the correct performance. Teams and Leaders will be adjudicated on as set out in the Competitive Grade Requirements for each Grade.

Association Chief Judge

The Association Chief Judge will be elected by the Association's Annual Meeting (or appointed by the Association Committee in the case of a vacancy), and shall act in accordance with the Job Profile for the position, ensuring all members of the Panel of Judges are able to perform their duties in a safe and healthy environment, and undertake their duties in accordance with the Policies and Rules of Participation of Marching New Zealand.

Judges

A Judge is defined as a person appropriately qualified to adjudicate correctly on the performance of competing Teams, and is appointed to a Panel of Judges by the Association Committee, on the recommendation of the Association Chief Judge.

A group of personnel, who will form the basis of each Panel of Judges to adjudicate at Championships and Competitions, will be gathered each season by the elected Association Chief Judge.

Requirements of a Judge

Judges will present themselves in a neat and tidy manner, complying with uniform requirements as detailed under the heading Judges Uniform, Page **7/8**, and maintain an awareness of the standard of behaviour and decorum expected of Judges when adjudicating at all levels.

Each Judge will act in close co-operation with the Association Chief Judge and it will be the responsibility of each Judge to check the following:

- That their allocated judging position on the competition area is the correct measurement.
- That they are adequately prepared for all weather conditions
- That all elements in relation to their judging position are acceptable (e.g. Quickstep guides) and that they check the area of their judging location for any elements of risk or hazard.
- That they take up their correct position for judging at the time stipulated on the Working Timetable for each event.
- That they are aware of any dispensations or rulings directed from the Chief Judge at each contest. All judges shall be conversant with the requirements of the Technical Drills details pertaining to the section to which they have been appointed, and be familiar with all the Marching New Zealand Policies and Rules of Participation applicable to Judging.
- Judges will comply implicitly with the directives and rules promulgated through the Policies and Operations Manual (Technical) and Memos received from the Director of Judging.

Teams will be adjudicated upon in an objective and unbiased manner according to the specified judging system, and in accordance with the criteria stipulated.