

JUDGING REQUIREMENTS INTRODUCTORY GRADE

General

It is intended that judging of the "Introductory" Grade criteria will be undertaken on a very simplified basis. The expectation of technical achievement for Teams in this Grade will be minimal.

This judging system may be used as an avenue to train new judges before progressing to other competitive grade judging. No qualification is required to judge the Introductory Grade, however it is expected that judges qualified at all Marching New Zealand accreditation levels will participate.

Judges Seating

The location of judges' seating positions will be the same as for other Competitive Grades.

Score Sheets

Judging will be based on an awarding system, with word prompts pre-printed on the score sheets to assist adjudication. Word prompts may be marked to assist judges in calculating awards.

On the Technical A, Technical B, Technical C and Technical D score sheets, each separate action under each heading will have a pre-determined maximum award (usually 5). These judges will determine an appropriate award for each action (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest) and write it in the space provided. The total award for each heading will then be calculated and written in the appropriate space in the "Award" column. The final overall award for each sheet will be calculated and checked by the Recorders.

Judges are encouraged to write brief comments, where appropriate, to assist and encourage Coaches in progressing through this Grade.

On completing their score sheets, judges will sign them and despatch to the Recorders who will total the overall award.

Equipment

Judges will be required to have a clip-board and red pens for completion of score sheets.

Pencils may be used in the event of inclement weather. The Display A Judge will require a stop-watch to determine the time taken by the Teams to complete their Displays.

Judges should also ensure that they are adequately prepared for the prevailing weather conditions, and check the area of their judging location for safety and any elements of risk.

Technical A Judge

The Technical A Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Review & Inspection section of the Technical Drills phase:

- Armswing/Posture (including heads)
- Leg/Foot Action
- Moving to Position of Attention / Stand at Ease
- Halts/Turns
- Mark Times
- Salute

Judging will commence on completion of the command "By the Centre – Quick – March", and will cease on completion of the final salute by Team members.

Details of the Introductory Grade Review & Inspection are contained in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 8.

Technical B Judge

The Technical B Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Movements.

- Posture
- Leg/Foot Action
- Armswing
- Hands

Judging will commence on completion of the whistle signal for the first movement and cease on completion of the final halt in the circle.

Details of the Introductory Grade Movements are contained in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 8.

Technical C Judge

The Technical C Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Movements.

- Halts
- Mark Times
- Mark Time Moving Forward
- Side Paces
- Halts/Turns/Pivots
- Tempo

Judging will commence on completion of the whistle signal for the first movement and cease on completion of the final halt in the circle.

Details of the Introductory Grade Movements are contained in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 8.

Technical D Judge

The Technical D Judge will adjudicate on the Team members maintaining their place in the Team during each movement and between movements, and on marching straight between movements and to the final halt.

Judging will commence on completion of the whistle signal for the first movement and cease on completion of the final halt in the circle.

Details of the Introductory Grade Movements are contained in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 8.

Display A Judge

The Display A Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Display phase:

- Presentation
- Formations Precision
- Variety of Formations
- Finish in the Circle
- Uniform Presentation

Judging will commence on completion of the command "By the Centre – Quick – March", and will cease on completion of the salute by the member in front of the Team at the finish in the circle at the end of the Display.

Display B Judge

The Display B Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Display phase:

- Presentation
- Musical Interpretation
- Drills Precision
- Salute
- Time Compliance

Judging will commence on completion of the command "By the Centre – Quick – March", and will cease on completion of the salute by the member in front of the Team at the finish in the circle at the end of the Display.