

"NEW JUDGES" - TRAINING PLAN

This brief has been put together to assist in the training of new judges.

Before taking on the practical side to judging, it is imperative that once you have chosen your preferred judging position, you familiarise yourself with all judging criteria pertaining to that position. Along with this, your Association Chief Judge should have given you all "General Requirements for Judging" information. Within this information you will find everything you need to know to get you on your way to becoming a successful judge of marching.

To be a successful judge you need to have a 'picture of correctness' before you can ascertain what is correct. To assist you with this Marching New Zealand has available a DVD/USB of the technical drills and requirements, which is available through your Chief Judge or through Marching New Zealand. To compliment this DVD/USB, the 2015 National Championships were recorded from each Judging Position in each grade. These DVD's/USB's are only available from your Chief Judge and will assist you in obtaining your 'picture of correctness.' These recordings should be viewed only as they relate to your Judging position. Once you have a good "picture" of the drill as ascertained from the drill details and the video, you can then proceed to applying your knowledge to the judges sheet, either by using the Championship DVD/USB related to your position and/or by utilising a "shadow judging" situation at a competition.

Currently Marching New Zealand has in place a Judging Advisory System. An Advisor for each of the judging positions has been appointed and these people are more than willing to assist you with any queries big or small. Each Advisor has put together a training plan and it should be followed accordingly, with guidance from your local Chief Judge. This step by step plan has been compiled to assist you as much as possible. Obviously some people will move through the plan faster than others but ensure you don't move on until you are confident that your knowledge of each step will enable you to distinguish what is correct and what is incorrect.

Once you have started using the judge's sheets it is important to "shadow" another judge in the same position as much as possible and you can also use the DVD/USB of your position for extra training practise as well. Ensure you make use of anyone that may be available or is imported to your area for a competition. It is through this method you will gain more knowledge and confidence. Another source of guidance IS to post some of your sheets to your Group Advisor and they will ensure you are on the right track and provide constructive feedback. If you have shadowed on a particular day it would be beneficial to the Advisor for you to also send a copy of the sheets from who you have shadowed with and the Advisor will then have some comparison. You may contact your Advisor directly and as often as you need to but in doing so you must copy your Chief Judge in on any correspondence you have with your Group Advisor. This will assist your Chief Judge in furthering your training.

Your Chief Judge has the contact details for Group Advisors.

Listed below is a checklist of the information you should have been given by your Chief Judge.

1. General Requirements for Judging
2. Drill requirements of your judging section
3. Training Plan

4. Judging criteria for your judging section
5. DVD/USB of Technical Drills and Requirements
6. DVD/USB of Championship March related to your position
7. Current Technical routines and drill detail for each grade
(or you may want to start with U12 grade only)
8. Display Criteria (Display Judges only)

You should also receive regularly from your Chief Judge, copies of all communications/memos/clarifications etc sent out by the Director of Judging to ensure you are kept informed and up to date with what is happening in the adjudication side of our sport.

The following Training Plan is a practical plan to assist you to eventually complete a judges sheet. Remember to move through this Training Plan at your own pace. Do not feel pressured to move on to the next stage until you are ready. It is more important that you feel confident at each stage of the plan.

Best wishes for your training. Remember that although your Chief Judge should be your first port of call for any queries you may have, there is always someone available to assist you and it will only be through asking questions that you will gain more knowledge and confidence.

TECHNICAL JUDGE A

TRAINING PLAN

STAGE 1: Marchers in Correct Position / Number of Marchers

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Posture | Armswing |
| Hands | Tempo |
| Salute | Calipers |

STAGE 2: Marchers in Correct Position / Number of Marchers

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|---|--------------------|
| Posture | Armswing |
| Hands | Tempo |
| Salute | Calipers |
| Leg & Foot Action (on march) | |
| Pauses | Hesitations |

STAGE 3: Marchers in Correct Position / Number of Marchers

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Posture | Armswing |
| Hands | Tempo |
| Salute | Calipers |
| Leg & Foot Action (on march) | |
| Pauses | Hesitations |
| Position | Head Turns |

STAGE 4: Marchers in Correct Position / Number of Marchers

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Posture | Armswing |
| Hands | Tempo |
| Salute | Calipers |
| Leg & Foot Action (on march) | |
| Pauses | Hesitations |
| Position | Head Turns |
| Inspection | All Leg & Foot Drills |

Definitions for all Drills can be found in "Standard Drills for All Grades."

It is important to be able to judge the drills with absolute confidence.

Technical A Judges have a specific track to follow during the inspection and caliper check. Ensure you familiarise yourself with this track as this has been designed so that all Technical A Judges are judging aspects from the same place. You must also be familiar with what to instruct the Leader at end of the Review and Inspection.

**TECHNICAL JUDGE B
TRAINING PLAN**

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| STAGE 1: | Posture | Armswing |
| STAGE 2: | Posture Arm Drop Hands | Armswing Armswing Out |
| STAGE 3: | Posture Arm Drop Hands Head Turns | Armswing Armswing Out Salute |
| STAGE 4: | Posture Arm Drop Hands Head Turns Discipline Pauses | Armswing Armswing Out Salute Hesitations |

Definitions for all drills can be found in "Standard Drills for All Grades"

TECHNICAL JUDGE C

TRAINING PLAN

Tempo: The Technical C Judge is the only field judge to judge Tempo. A knowledge of tempo is vital to this judging position.

Definition for "tempo" can be found in "Standard Drills for All Grades"

STAGE 1: **Tempo**
Halts / Turns
Mark Times

STAGE 2: Tempo
Halts / Turns
Mark Times
Step Outs / Pacing
Side Paces
Pivots

STAGE 3: Tempo
Halts / Turns
Mark Times
Step Outs / Pacing
Side Paces
Pivots
Regulated Paces
Hesitations / Pauses

STAGE 4: Tempo
Halts / Turns
Mark Times
Step Outs / Pacing
Side Paces
Pivots
Regulated Paces
Hesitations / Pauses
Slow March
About Turns / Special Turns

Definitions for all drills can be found in "Standard Drills for All Grades"

Detail for About Turns / Special Turns can be found in Technical Drill Routines for each grade.

If your judging emphasis is to focus at Under 12 level only then all headings will be completed after Stage 3.

TECHNICAL JUDGE D

TRAINING PLAN

STAGE 1: Spacing – “March To” phase only.

Without correct spacing movement structure becomes altered.

Once confident with the “March To” phase move across to -

Spacing – During Movements.

STAGE 2: Spacing (“March To” & During Movements) Dressing & Covering – “March To” phase only.

Dressing & Covering errors are very obvious, it is a matter of sheet application. In a “march to” phase you often only have dressing OR covering but within a movement (especially composite movements) you will see both dressing and covering in a phase.

Once confident with all of the above move across to -

Dressing & Covering – During Movements

STAGE 3: Spacing (“March To” & During Movements) Formation Completion Dressing & Covering – “March To” and during Movements) Position – “March To” phase only.

Position becomes easier to judge once trainee understands the structure of a movement and how it is formed.

Again, once confident with the above move across to -

Position – During Movements.

Definitions for all drills can be found in the “Standard Drills for All Grades”

It is a handy tool to know or learn how to graph movements on paper. This way it can become clearer as to how each movement is constructed. If you are unsure how to graph movements, please contact your Group Advisor for guidance and advice.

DISPLAY JUDGE A

TRAINING PLAN

STAGE 1: Formations

It is very important to be able to recognise different patterns and formations

Formation Precision

Maintenance of position is team members maintaining their correct position within a formation. Timing is the precision of team members arriving and leaving formations.

Boundary

Remain within area

Circle

Line infringements

Effective Use of Space

Use space effectively

STAGE 2: Formations
Formation Precision
Boundary
Circle
Effective Use of Space

Compliances

Detail for compliance requirements can be found in Policy & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 9.

STAGE 3: Formations
Formation Precision
Boundary
Circle
Effective Use of Space
Compliances

Presentation

Overall degree of excellence of the total performance giving Visual Value and Impact

Definitions for all Display criteria can be found in Section 9, 11 and 12 of the Policy & Operations Manual (Technical)

DISPLAY JUDGE B

TRAINING PLAN

STAGE 1: Musical Interpretation

The team's choice of movement to music with creativity, variety

Drills Variety

The ability to execute various drill movements. Drills are movement of any part of the body

Time compliance

STAGE 2: Musical Interpretation

Drills Variety
Time Compliance

Drills Precision

Timing of any drill used. Position of any hand, foot, head or body drills

Uniform Presentation

Detail for Uniform Presentation can be found in the Policy & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 11.

Finish

Salute

STAGE 3: Musical Interpretation

Drills Variety
Time Compliance
Drills Precision
Uniform Presentation
Finish
Salute

Presentation

Overall degree of excellence of the total performance giving Visual Value & Impact

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