

NGA Judge Rating Criteria

Review the 2025-2026 NGA judge rating criteria to understand what your NGA rating is.

Rating	Criteria	Additional Notes
Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandfathered to a judge with a current USAG level 4/5 ratingORA judge who has successfully passed the NGA judging exam (80%)	<p>A judge with a 'local' NGA rating may judge NGA levels 1N-5N at any sanctioned NGA meet EXCEPT for state championships and above.</p> <p>A judge with a 'local' NGA rating should NOT be on a single panel in their first season.</p>
State	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandfathered to a judge with a current USAG level 7/8 or 9 ratingTo judge NGA levels 9N/10N, a 'state' judge must:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Have their 'local' NGA rating for at least one (1) yearORHave passed the NGA judging exam at least one (1) year priorANDHave passed (80%) the NGA 9N/10N exam	<p>A judge with a 'state' NGA rating may judge NGA levels 1N-8N at any sanctioned NGA competition or NGA State Championships (or below).</p>
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandfathered to a judge with a current USAG level 10 ratingORHave their 'state' NGA rating for at least one (1) year.	<p>A judge with a 'regional' NGA rating may judge all NGA levels at any sanctioned NGA competition or NGA Regional Championships (or below).</p>
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandfathered to a judge with a current USAG National ratingORHave their 'regional' NGA rating for at least four (4) consecutive years.	<p>A judge with a 'national' NGA rating may judge all NGA levels at any sanctioned NGA competition or NGA National Championships (or below).</p>
International	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandfathered to a judge with a current USAG Brevet ratingORHave their 'national' NGA rating for at least eight (8) consecutive years.ORAssigned and judged NGA Nationals in 2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024	<p>A judge with an 'international' NGA rating may judge all NGA levels at any sanctioned NGA competition or International Championships (or below).</p>