

National Course

This document will cover what the national course is, quadrenniums, qualifications, deadlines, package requirements, and an overview of testing. USA Gymnastics has a page dedicated to the [Brevet and National Judges Course](#) that should be referenced as your primary source of information.

Disclaimer: This document will guide you through the information on the Brevet and National Judges Course page BUT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION. USA Gymnastics is always the true source of information.

Overview

The national course is offered every four years to judges who have held a level 10 rating for two quadrenniums and have acquired the minimum credits, it includes a written and practical exam. It also includes a study session the day before the practical exam.

Quadrenniums

As mentioned, the national course is offered every four years. Below is the current and anticipated quadrenniums for future national courses:

- 2026-2030
- 2030-2034
- 2034-2038
- 2038-2042
- 2042-2046

Keep in mind these are anticipated quadrenniums, official quadrenniums come from USA Gymnastics, but **as a judge who desires to acquire a national rating, you should be aware of what requirements you need to complete to take advantage of your eligibility. This process starts eight years before you take the course.**

Qualifications

To qualify for the national course you must have held a level 10 rating for two complete quadrenniums, minimum eight years.

- For the 2026 national course the deadline to acquire your level 10 rating was December 31, 2018.
- For the 2030 national course we anticipate the deadline to acquire your level 10 rating was December 31, 2022.
- For the 2034 national course we anticipate the deadline to acquire your level 10 rating will be December 31, 2026.

- For the 2038 national course we anticipate the deadline to acquire your level 10 rating will be December 31, 2030.

Keep these anticipated deadlines in mind as you progress to higher ratings and remember, some ratings you must hold for a year before you qualify to sit for the next rating exam(s).

National Course Categories

This section is important, make sure you are familiar with how category qualifications function.

If you've met the two-quadrrennium requirement, then you can determine which category you qualify to apply for, this is new for the 2026 National Course. Review the [eligibility form](#) for further details. There are two criteria to consider, how many quadrrenniums you've held a level 10 rating/national rating, and how many credits you have acquired. **You begin acquiring credits four years before you take the course.**

Credits are an important criteria to consider early as you're planning for taking the national course, **credits are not the same as hours**. Use the [Activity Involvement](#) chart to determine how many credits you have accumulated for the current quadrrennium. In addition to keeping track of your credits, you must also acquire signatures for each activity on the [Documentation](#) form. Once you have your documentation form complete, you can complete the eligibility form.

Package Requirements & Deadlines

Read the eligibility form in detail to understand the information you must provide in your package. It includes:

- Your eligibility package should include the completed [National Course Eligibility Form](#) and the [Documentation](#) form with signatures.
 - Also include a copy of the original CPE receipt for any items on the Documentation form that are missing a signature.
 - If you completed a USAG online course, include the certificate of the completed course.
- All your documents should be scanned into one attachment and emailed to your Regional Technical Committee Chair.
 - Region 5 - Kathleen Edwards: KathleenRegion5@gmail.com
- You must submit your eligibility package to Kathleen no earlier than September 1st and no later than midnight ET November 1st.

Testing

USA Gymnastics has also issued an [Exam Information](#) document. This document contains much information including:

- Technology requirements for sitting the course

- Those individuals eligible to take the theoretical (written) exam remotely and those who must take the exam on site
- Exam criteria including the following:
 - Theoretical exam passing grades for each category
 - Number of attempts allowed and testing window
 - Grade required to receive level 10 rating and PIP requirements
 - Description of the exam
 - I.e. Open book, onsite/remote, location offered (regional or national congress), number of questions
 - Practical exam passing grades for each category
 - Number of attempts allowed and deadline for receiving a passing grade/completing and submitting PIP
 - Grade required to receive level 10 rating or PIP requirements
 - Description of the exam
 - I.e. Onsite, number of routines judged, location offered (regional or national congress), number of routines counting towards final score
- PIP (Professional Improvement Plan) information and guidelines