

New Judging Levels based on new AQUA System - 2023

Swiss Artistic Swimming

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SEC: Secretary Current Judge F

- Online Webinar conducted by an experienced A or B judge or referee in the region
- Who? Parents or other interested people who don't have any background in the sport, former swimmers who did not swim at the J1 level

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F1: Figure Level 1 Current Judge E

- Figures 12&under + Test 2 and Test 3
- 2-day course – circa 12 hours instruction + written exam and practical exam with videos
- Who? People who have done the «Sec» training, people new to the sport or who did not swim at the J1 level

F2: Figure Level 2

Current D Level but figures only!

- Figures 15&under + Tests 2-4
- 1-day course – circa 6 hours + written exam and practical exam with video
- Who? Judges who have been active as an F1(E) judge for at least one year and swimmers / former swimmers who competed at the J1 level (Test 5 level)

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F3 Figure Level 3

- After 2 active years at the national level as an F2(D) judge and at least 2 repetition courses, an F2 judge can be promoted to F3
- They must be active and have good evaluations to be promoted

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R1: Routine Level 1

Current D Level but routine only

- Free routines 15&younger
- 1-day course circa 6 hours of instruction + written exam and practical exam with videos
- To do Routine level 1, you must have Figure level 2
- F2 course and R1 course can be visited on the same weekend or separately

R2: Routine Level 2 Current C Level

- Free and technical routines 18&under + Test 5-6
- 1-day course circa 6 hours of instruction + written exam
- Practical exam shadow panel in J1 events at Swiss Youth or Swiss Junior

Championships

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R3: Routine Level 3

Current Judge B

- Free and technical routines all levels
- At least 2 years as an R2 judge with national activity
- Repetition of the R2 course
- Practical exam - shadow panel at the Swiss Championships

R4: Routine Level 4

Current A Judge

- Promotion after at least 4 years as an R3 judge with national activity and good evaluations

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SY: Synchronization Controller

- Circa 2-hour course
- Course can be done in combination with the F2 (Figure 2) course
- Synchronization Controllers will not be limited by a “conflict of interest”
- Who? Judges, coaches and former swimmers

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DC: Difficulty Controller

- 1-day course circa 6-7 hours of instruction and video exam
- For this first year, the DC accreditation will be split into two levels depending on the background and qualifications of the candidates
 - DC1 – Difficulty Controller for 12&Under events. DC1 Controllers could also work at the higher level to control the base mark (number of movements + time underwater)
 - DC2 - Difficulty Controller for all levels

(As of 2024 the need for two separate courses will be evaluated and the course content adjusted)

- Difficulty Controllers can specialize in this area or combine with other courses
- Difficulty Controllers will not be limited by a “conflict of interest”
- Who? Ideally coaches or former swimmers, this will be a very difficult task for people new to the sport

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How will the current judging Levels be adapted? | Member

When a course has been attended starting September 2022:

- A Judge = F4-R4-SY
- B judge = F3-R3-SY
- C Judge = F2-R2-SY
- D Judge = F2-R1-SY
- E Judge = F1
- In order to be a Difficulty Controller, a separate course is necessary

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When a repetition course has been attended starting September 2022:

- A Judge = F4-R4-SY
- B judge = F3-R3-SY
- C Judge = F3-R2-SY
- D Judge = F2-R1-SY
- E Judge = F1
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Why Change?

- In order to give people the flexibility to choose different qualifications, it is necessary to split the figure training and the routine training these are currently together starting at the D level
- With this new system, it is possible to do the F2-Figure Training without the Routine Training. Then the judge can choose to concentrate on figure judging and add, for example, the Difficulty Controller qualification.
- We need to be sure to have a large number of figure judges
- We will need fewer routine judges with the new system, but we need people to do the training for DC and SY

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