



Judge Consultation Program

In 2021 BCAS and its members contemplated a new development model that affect how judge feedback is delivered in the preparatory phases of the season. The Judge Consultation Program involves a panel of judges working directly with a club to provide feedback and support in figures, elements, basic skills and routines. The strength of this program is the opportunity for judge development as well a coach and athlete development.

The Judge Consultation Program concept was designed in the Fall of 2021 and was piloted that season with the five National Stream Clubs. For the 2022-23 season the program will be extended to include Provincial Stream Clubs.

Judge Panels

- Judging panels are assigned by BCAS
- Three to five judges per panel, ranging the span of levels
- Each panel works with one or two Clubs
- There are three panel rotations:
 1. October – December: National Stream only
 2. January – March: National Stream and Provincial Stream*
 3. April – May: Provincial Stream only

*January – March Rotation: Provincial Stream Clubs on the Island are required to do their session at Training Meet 3. Time will be given for clubs to work in-person with judges. Provincial Stream Clubs not attending Training Meet 3 and who are not from the Island will work with judges by virtual means only.

Communication

- A Head Judge will be appointed in each panel. However, the judging panel is a unit and all judges are to be included in communication and all meetings, videos reviews, etc.
- Communication to the panel should be through the Head Coach only. The Head Judge on the panel will oversee panel communications.
- Registration for the program will be through BCAS.

Timeline

National Stream Clubs will work with their first panel of judges from November to December. They will work with their second panel from January to March. Provincial Stream Clubs will work with their first panel of judges from January to March. If Provincial Stream clubs are on the Island they will use their Judge Consultation time at Training Meet 3. If clubs are not participating in Training Meet 3 their consultation will be by video only. Then Provincial Stream Clubs will work with their second panel from April to May. For this program to be successful, clubs must be respectful of the judge's time, they are all volunteers!

Panels will be available during each rotation for the following:

- **Three (3) hours of judges' time per month.** The Head Coach and Head Judge will discuss and agree upon a plan for the three-hours per month at the start of the month. Judge engagement is not to exceed the three hours.

Cost:

- ✦ \$100/session per club
- ✦ BCAS will cover the cost of judge travel expenses as per the BCAS Expenses Policy