



AIDA INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

Internal Operations and Procedures

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1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 The AIDA International Executive Board, represented by the Responsible for Judges, is the appropriate body to manage the list of AIDA International Judges. The list of AIDA International Judges is updated 3 times a year.

2. CATEGORIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERNATIONAL AIDA JUDGES

- 2.1 There are six main categories of AIDA International Judges:
- Judge A-Instructor: Able to teach other levels of AIDA International Judges
 - Judge A: Able to administer International Records and International Competitions
 - Judge B: Able to administer International Records
 - Judge C: Able to administer International Competitions
 - Judge D: Able to administer Open National Competitions
 - Judge E: Able to administer National Records and National Competitions
- 2.2 International Records are considered as being all World Records.
- 2.3 AIDA International World Championships and AIDA International World Cups are considered as being International Competitions; all other competitions that include athletes competing from several countries are considered as being Open National Competitions, or National with guest's Competitions.
- 2.4 Only official AIDA competitions will appear on the official Calendar and therewith entitle the recognition of performances and/or records by AIDA International. Only official AIDA competitions appear on the AIDA International Ranking List; wherefore the competition has to fulfil all ranking criteria.

3. APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES BY EVENT

- 3.1 The AIDA International Responsible for Judges together with the AIDA International Sport Officer appoints the judges for International Records.
- 3.2 The AIDA International Assembly of Delegates appoints the jury for International Competitions on candidatures. The AIDA International Executive Board nominates amongst themselves the President and the Vice-President of the Jury.
- 3.3 The AIDA Nationals appoint the judges for Open National Competitions and National with guest's Competitions. However, in order for such a competition to be recognized by AIDA International, the Judges have to be at least an AIDA International level E. AIDA International Executive Board has to choose the President of the Jury for each Open National Competition.
- 3.4 The AIDA Nationals appoint the judges for National Competitions and National Records. However, they may call upon AIDA International for help if they so do desire. Only National Competitions judged by International AIDA Judges enter into the official International AIDA Ranking-List.

4. TRAINING OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

- 4.1 All persons wanting to become an AIDA International Judge (Level E) must complete the basic prerequisite course, which is given by a competent Judge Instructor who is recognized by the AIDA International Executive Board.
- 4.2 The AIDA International Executive Board maintains a list of competent AIDA International Judge Instructors.
- 4.3 The basic course in order to become an AIDA International Judge Level E consists no less than the following conditions:

Requested conditions to finish the course

- Minimum age of 21
- AIDA International Level Freediver **
- First Aid and CPR Certificate
- Experience as a competitor, coach or safety-freediver at an official AIDA competition
- *Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) highly recommended. Mandatory for Judge's levels A, B and C*

Course Content (16 hours minimum)

- Introduction to AIDA International philosophies (1/2 hour)
- Theory on AIDA International Competition regulation (3 hours)
- Theory on AIDA International Regulation for Recognition of Records (2 hours)
- Theory on the surfacing/end of performance - Black-out/Loss of Motor Control (2 hour)
- Theory on dispute resolution and the AIDA International Disciplinary Commission (1/2 hour)
- Theory on disqualifications, penalties and sanctions (1/2 hour)
- Theory on the organization of a competition and technical issues (1/2 hour)
- Practical application on time, distance and depth determination (2 hours)
- Practical application on the judgment of time and distance disciplines (2 hours)
- Practical application on the judgment of depth disciplines (2 hours)
- Practical application on in-water rescue procedures (1 hour)

4.4 The use of basic standards of the International Judge Level E course is recommended to all members of AIDA International for training national judges in their countries as well.

5. PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

| # | Level | (learning) | Exp B | Exp C | Exp D | Exp E | EXTRA |
|----|-------|------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 1 | AI | | 15 | 2 | 4 | 15 | + AI Exam |
| 2 | A | | 12 | 2 | 4 | 12 | + A Exam |
| 3 | BC | | 8 | 2 | 2 | 10 | |
| 4 | BD | C | 8 | 1 | 3 | 10 | |
| 5 | BD | | 8 | | 3 | 10 | |
| 6 | B | CD | 6 | 1 | 1 to 2 | 10 | |
| 7 | B | C | 6 | 1 | | 10 | |
| 8 | B | D | 6 | | 1 to 2 | 10 | |
| 9 | B | | 6 | | | 10 | + B Exam |
| 10 | C | B | 1 to 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 | |
| 11 | C | | | 2 | 1 | 8 | + C Exam |
| 12 | D | BC | 1 to 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | |
| 13 | D | B | 1 to 5 | | 3 | 6 | |
| 14 | D | C | | 1 | 3 | 6 | |
| 15 | D | | | | 3 | 6 | + D Exam |
| 16 | E | BCD | 1 to 5 | 1 | 1 to 2 | 4 | |
| 17 | E | BC | 1 to 5 | 1 | | 4 | |
| 18 | E | BD | 1 to 5 | | 1 to 2 | 4 | |
| 19 | E | B | 1 to 5 | | | 4 | |
| 20 | E | CD | | 1 | 1 to 2 | 2 | |
| 21 | E | C | | 1 | | 2 | |
| 22 | E | D | | | 1 to 2 | 2 | |
| 23 | E | | | | | | + E Exam |

- 5.1 An AIDA International judge may acquire the higher level with practical experience ("Judge in learning") under the supervision of at least one other judge possessing the desired level ("Judge").
- 5.2 Pursuant to article 5.5 below, a judge may also acquire a higher level by the accumulation of practical experience and by following a specific course.
- 5.3 Each nomination to a higher level is dependent upon the success in the exam for the concerned level.
- 5.4 For example, a judge may be a "Judge D" and a "Judge C in learning" simultaneously. In this case, his title would be as follows: Judge D (C in learning).
- 5.5 In order to be appointed to the levels below, the following minimum requirements must be satisfied:

JUDGE D :

Prerequisite: 3 times Judge D and 6 times Level E experiences followed by a Level D Judge exam OR 2 times Judge D, 6 times Level E experiences (3 have to be national comp) followed by a Level D Judge exam.

-> Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) is HIGHLY recommended

JUDGE C :

Prerequisite: 2 times Judge C, 1 time Judge D and 8 times Judge E experiences followed by a Level C Judge exam.

-> Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent)

JUDGE B :

Prerequisite: 6 times Judge B and 10 times Level E experiences followed by a Level B Judge exam.

-> Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent)

JUDGE A :

Prerequisite: 12 times Judge B, 5 times Judge C and/or D and 12 times Judge E experiences followed by a Level A Judge exam.

-> Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent)

JUDGE A-Instructor:

Prerequisite: Level A, 15 times Judge B, 5 times Judge C and/or D and 15 times Judge E experiences followed by a Level A-Instructor Judge exam OR 1 specific 12 hour course + co-teach Level E Judge in Learning course under a Judge A-Instructor

-> Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent)

- 5.6 With the exception of special exemption granted by the AIDA International Executive Board, a judge may only progress to the next higher level.
- 5.7 After each requirement, the "Judge in learning" is evaluated by one judge possessing the higher level who then forwards his appraisal to the Responsible for Judges.
- 5.8 During the courses and exams of the various levels, the "Judge in learning" is instructed and evaluated, by a Judge-A-Instructor. The evaluation can also be done by other AIDA International judges that are present.
- 5.9 Once the minimum requirements are met according to Section 5.3, the AIDA International Executive Board, generally represented by the Responsible for Judges, decides whether or not to promote the "Judge in learning" to the desired level. On the contrary, it may be preferable that the interested party may acquire additional knowledge/experience in view of his nomination.

6. RENEWAL OF THE LIST OF AIDA INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

- 6.1 In order to remain with your level on the list of AIDA International Judges, you must, as a level **A,B** or **C** Judge, at least every second year:
- a) have judged an International or National Record OR
 - b) have judged a National or International Competition OR
 - c) have given a training course for national or international judges OR
 - d) have followed a refresher course for national or AIDA International judges
- 6.2 In order to remain with your level on the list of AIDA International Judges, you must, as a level **D** or **E** Judge, at least every third year:
- a) have judged an International or National Record OR
 - b) have judged a National or International Competition OR
 - c) have given a training course for national or international judges OR
 - d) have followed a refresher course for national or AIDA International judges
- 6.3 All those not complying with these conditions from will be deleted from the list of AIDA International Judges, unless special circumstances arise which is left to the discretion of the AIDA International Responsible for Judges.
- 6.4 Pursuant to article 6.1 and 6.2 judges are responsible for announcing all activities in which they are currently participating to the AIDA International Responsible for Judges.

7. CORRECTIVE LEARNING, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- 7.1 All persons not complying with the regulation and the policies enacted by the AIDA Executive Board or by the AIDA Assembly of Delegates may also be deleted from the list of International Judges.
- 7.2 However, depending on the amplitude or gravity of facts, the Executive Board could also decide to apply one of the sanctions mentioned below. These procedures are internal within AIDA, and are not made publicly.

7.3 Corrective learning:

The person is still an active judge, but has to correct his lack of knowledge by reading the regulations and submitting to an exam and/or working at a lower level under guidance.

- 7.3.1 Corrective learning A: Judge must read the concerned regulations and guidelines, and submit to an exam.
- 7.3.2 Corrective learning B: Judge is suspended as primary (experienced) judge and must work as secondary (assistant) judge for infield relearning for "X" amount of attempts/competitions.
- 7.3.3 Corrective learning C: Judge must read the concerned regulations and guidelines, and submit to an exam. Then he must work as secondary (assistant) judge for infield relearning for "X" amount of attempts/competitions.

7.4 Temporary suspension:

The person is temporarily considered as a non-active international judge by the AIDA International, until he/she either assists in an attempt/competition with other judges or until he/she completes a basic course refresher program.

- 7.4.1 Temporary suspension A: Judge is deactivated and must assist in "X" amount of attempts/competitions under the direction of Primary and Secondary Judges.
- 7.4.2 Temporary Suspension B: Judge is deactivated and must retake an AIDA International Judge in Learning program.
- 7.4.3 Temporary Suspension C: Judge is deactivated and must retake an AIDA International Judge in Learning course program. Then, he/she must assist in "X" amount of attempts/competitions under the direction of Primary and Secondary Judges.

7.5 Expulsion:

AIDA International Judge license & level is revoked. Depending on the recognized fault other AIDA International licenses and membership could also be revoked. An expulsion can only be determined by the AIDA International Disciplinary Commission.

8. GUIDE FOR JUDGE SELECTION FOR RECORD ATTEMPTS

The points of this guide are listed in order of importance.

8.1 The judge may not be any of the following:

- same nationality or club as the athlete
- coach
- manager
- family member or girlfriend/boyfriend of the athlete.
- There must not be any conflict of interest i.e. no close friends or adversaries, no business partners, no sponsors and no media.

8.2 Best possible main judge, A or B level is required

8.3 Best and highest possible second judge. Level A or B is a priority but a lower level judge in the process of training to be a higher level judge may also be selected. However, in the case of an attempt with extraordinary circumstances, the second judge should definitely be level A or B.

8.4 Special requests by organizers which should be taken into consideration:

- Request for a judge that is also a board member, in order to help to promote and to develop the sport in their country by meeting and talking with authorities, politicians or similar.
- Request for a Judge-Instructor so that it will be possible to hold a Judge Course at the same time.
- Request for a Judge with specific language skills.

8.5 Lowest cost for the organizer. This means choosing a judge residing closest to the attempt location in order to obtain the cheapest possible transport solution.

8.6 Fairest solution which will facilitate the promotion of a lower level judge in training.

8.7 Motivation of a judge; The AIDA International Judge must be ready to work always and everywhere, for all possible attempts. The responsible for Judges together with the Sport Officer log all candidacies, judging, evaluations. Judges that ONLY sign up for attempts in exotic locations will not be considered.

8.8 Special circumstances may require the AIDA International Executive Board to send a specific Judge to judge the record attempt. This point may override all other selection criteria if deemed necessary.

9 MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 The present regulation has been approved by the AIDA International Executive Board, November 20th 2001, and modifications as of February 18th 2004, and June 30th 2006.

9.2 The present regulation, v5.0, will take effect as of July 1st 2006.