

# New judging levels based on new FINA system 2023

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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: Figures 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.

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# F2: Figures Level 2 – current D level (figures only)

- Figures 12 & 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: Figures Level 3

- After 2 active years at the national level as an F2 (D) judge and at least 2 repetition courses, a 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 (routines only)

- Free routines 12 & 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.

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# R2: Routine Level 2 – current C level

- Free and technical routines 16 & 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 Championshois.

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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

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# R4: Routine Level 4 – current judge A

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

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# SY: Synchronization controller

- Promotion after at least 4 years as an R3 judge with national activity and good evaluations.
- Yourse 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 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)
  - DC 2 – 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?

When a course or repetition 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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# 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.

# Courses – repetition courses 2022-2023

- Repetition courses in autumn 2022 and 2023 will be 2-day courses.
  - There are many new figures and éléments with new transitions that need to be studied
  - The way of judging routines is very different from the past
  - The general level of judging needs to improve. In order to do that, we need to be willing to invest some time in training and working together to improve.

## Dates

**October 29-30 in Ittigen:** F1-F2-SY-R1 will be offered as well as RC for all levels (German + English)

**November 26-27 in Avenches:** F1-F2-SY-R1 and RV for all levels (French + English)

**December ???** Difficulty controller course with Anastasiya Petrenko

**January 14-15 in Ittigen:** F2-SY-R2/R3 as well as RC for all levels (English)

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