



AIDA INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

Internal Operations and Procedures

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1. **GENERAL RULES**

- The AIDA International Executive Board, represented by the Responsible for Judges, is the appropriate body to 1.1 manage the list of AIDA International Judges.
- 1.2 Each National AIDA appoints a responsible for judges within the country. This national responsible for judges should, if possible, be the most experienced judge in the country or a national board member. The national responsible for judges will keep a perfect track on all AIDA judges and their judge experience. This national judge information will be sent to AIDA Internationals Responsible for Judges 3 times a year, end of April, end of August and end of December each year.

CATEGORIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERNATIONAL AIDA JUDGES 2.

- 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 all levels of competitions.
 - Judge B: Able to administer International Records.
 - Judge C: Able to administer World Championships and World Cups.
 - Judge D: Able to administer International Competitions.
 - Judge E: Able to administer National Competitions and National Records
- AIDA International Records are considered as being all World Records. This includes also Continental Records in 2.2 competitions and in separate World Record attempts.
- AIDA International Competitions; any competition organized by, or under the auspices of an AIDA National, 2.3 including participants of several countries.
- 2.4 National Competitions, any competition organized by, or under the auspices of an AIDA National including a majority of participants of the same country (same nationality and/or same national license), but also including (international) guests' participants.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Result lists from competitions have to be filled in on the official AIDA EXCEL ranking document by the organizer, and then be sent by the judges to the AIDA Ranking at ranking@aida-international.org. The judge will make sure that everything is filled in correctly and that all results are there, including all types of DQ's and blackouts etc. Production of results is the responsibility of the organizer, not the judges. The role of the judges is to ensure that all results are correct and complete to ensure delivery to AIDA International. If there are World Records or Continental Records done in a competition, then there is a special Record-Report document to be filled out and will also be sent to the AIDA Sport Officer at sportofficer@aida-international.org.
- 2.7 All AIDA International Judges has to make sure to be registered in the AIDA Forum at the AIDA website. Then all judges also need to subscribe to the judge mailing list at → Judges AIDA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES BY EVENT 3.

- The AIDA International Responsible for Judges together with the AIDA International Sport Officer appoints the judges for International Records. This includes also official requests about Judge in Learning at these events.
- 3.2 The AIDA International Assembly of Delegates appoints the jury for World Championships on candidatures. The AIDA International Executive Board nominates amongst themselves the President and the Vice-President of the Jury. Official requests about Judge in Learning at these events are handle by the AIDA International Responsible for Judges together with the AIDA International Sport Officer.
- The AIDA International Responsible for Judges and the AIDA International Sport Officer must approve the jury for International competitions after the AIDA National sends the competition announcement to the AIDA Calendar, including the proposed judges candidacies. For International competitions, the jury consists of minimal 3 AIDA International judges of which 1 must be a level D or higher.
- 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 at least 2 International AIDA Judges enter into the official International AIDA Ranking-List.

TRAINING OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES 4.

- 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 A Instructor who is recognized by the AIDA International Executive Board.
- The AIDA International Executive Board maintains a list of competent AIDA International Judge A Instructors. 4.2



4.3 The 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
- 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 & C.

Course Content (16 hours minimum)

- Introduction to AIDA International philosophies.	(1/2 hour)
- Theory on AIDA International Rules and Regulation.	(4 hours)
- Theory on Recognition of Records.	(1 hour)
- Theory on the surfacing/end of performance and blackout identification.	(1 1/2 hours)
- Theory on the Internal Operations and Procedures for Judges	(1/2 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 An AIDA Judge course has to be announced on the official AIDA Calendar before they take place. All new judges will be listed on the AIDA website as active judges after the course roster is received by the AIDA Responsible of Judges and the administration fee is paid in.
- 4.5 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 & LEVELS OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

- 5.1 An AIDA International judge may acquire a higher level with repeated practical experience. This as a Judge in Learning ("JiL") under the official supervision of at least one other judge possessing the higher desired judge level.
- 5.2 Each nomination to a higher level is dependent upon recommendations from two judges on a higher level. These two judges have to have worked with the "JiL" on the next level he/she will be appointed for. Then they forward her/his appraisal to the AIDA Responsible of Judges.
- 5.3 In order to be appointed to the levels below, the following minimum requirements must be satisfied:

JUDGE E:

Prerequisite: AIDA Judge Course. Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) is HIGHLY recommended.

Level	JiL	Exp B	Exp C	Exp D	Exp E
E					
E	D			1 to 6	2
E	С		1 to 6		2
E	CD		1 to 6	1 to 6	2
E	В	1 to 11			4
E	BD	1 to 11		1 to 6	4
Е	ВС	1 to 11	1 to 6		4
E	BCD	1 to 11	1 to 6	1 to 6	4

JUDGE D:

Prerequisite: 7 times Judge D and 6 times Level E experiences followed by recommendations from two judges on a higher level. Candidates must have participated in at least two International Competition Event as main judge and not as "JiL". Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) is HIGHLY recommended.

Level	JiL	Exp B	Exp C	Exp D	Exp E
D				7	6
D	С		1 to 6	7	6
D	В	1 to 11		7	6
D	ВС	1 to 11	1 to 6	7	6



JUDGE C:

Prerequisite: 7 times Judge C, 7 time Judge D and 8 times Judge E experiences followed by recommendations from two judges on a higher level. Candidates must have participated in at least 2 World Championship events as main judge and not as "JiL". Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) is mandatory.

Level	JiL	Exp B	Exp C	Exp D	Exp E
С			7	7	8
С	В	1 to 11	7	7	8

JUDGE B:

Prerequisite: 12 times Judge B and 10 times Level E experiences followed by recommendations from two judges on a higher level. Candidates must have participated in at least six World Record Event as main judge and not as "JiL". Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) is mandatory. To remember: The B level is only indicating experience as judge at World Record attempts, not competitions. Level BC and BD are B levels that include full competition experience for each level.

Level	JiL	Ехр В	Exp C	Exp D	Exp E
В		12			10
В	D	12		1 to 6	10
В	С	12	1 to 6		10
В	CD	12	1 to 6	1 to 6	10
BD		16		7	10
BD	С	16	1 to 6	7	10
ВС	Α	16	7	7	10

JUDGE A:

Prerequisite: 24 times Judge B, 8 times Judge C, 8 times judge D and 12 times Judge E experiences followed by recommendations from two level A Instructors. Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) is mandatory.

Level	JiL	Ехр В	Exp C	Exp D	Exp E
Α		24	8	8	12

JUDGE A-Instructor:

Prerequisite: Level A, 30 times Judge B, 8 times Judge C, 8 times judge D and 15 times Judge E experiences followed by recommendations from two level A Instructors. 2 times co-teach Level E Judge course under/with a Judge A-Instructor is mandatory. Scuba Diver Level PADI Open Water (or equivalent) is mandatory.

Level	JiL	Exp B	Exp C	Exp D	Exp E
ΑI		30	8	8	15

- 5.4 For example, a judge may be a Judge level D and a "level C in learning" simultaneously. In this case, his title would be as follows: Judge D (C in learning).
- 5.5 With the exception of special exemption granted by the AIDA International Executive Board, a judge may only progress to the next higher level, one step at a time.
- 5.6 Once the minimum requirements are met according to section 5.2 and 5.3, the Responsible for Judges, decides whether or not to promote the "Judge in learning" to the next level. The Responsible for Judges may require additional knowledge/experience in view of a judge nomination.



GUIDE FOR JUDGE EXPERIENCE POINTS 6.

- 6.1 Nominated judges at World Championships, World cups (C level) and main judges at International competitions (D level) gets TWO experience points per discipline. Judges in learning get ONE experience point. Nominated judges at World Record attempts (B level) get TWO experience points per day/discipline. Judges in learning get ONE experience point.
- Judges at National competitions (E level) get ONE experience points per discipline. If there is more than one 6.2 discipline per day, the judge will receive points according to how many disciplines he/she judged. No judges in learning at this level. There will be **no** experience points given at separate National Records attempts.
- 6.3 Valid official World Records at competitions will give the specific judging judges TWO experience points at B level. The judges in learning will get ONE experience point, at B level, from the record as well.

GUIDE FOR JUDGES IN LEARNING 7.

- 7.1 To work as a Judge in Learning ("JiL") at AIDA competitions or AIDA World Record attempts and also gain judge experience points from this work the "JiL" has to officially sign up to the nominated /main judges before the event.
- The main judges who accept to take on a "JiL" as an assistant judge will also accept to teach and be a mentor for 7.2 the "JiL". This mentor has to have a higher level than the "JiL".
- 7.3 The "JiL" must take part in ALL stages of the competition or the record attempt. This includes working with protests, doping tests procedures, all the result lists and paper work as well.
- 7.4 Judges in learning can be accepted on all B, C and D level events.
- 7.5 Every main judge with a higher level than E can have one "JiL" per discipline. Judges with level A Instructor can have two "JiL's" per discipline.
- 7.6 Participation in additional Judge in Learning Courses will provide a credit of one point per course toward the judge's next level. A maximum of three credits per level will be accepted this way.

RENEWAL OF THE LIST OF AIDA INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

- In order to renew on the list of AIDA International Judges, as a level A, B or C Judge, you must at least every 8.1 second year:
 - a) have judged an International Record OR
 - b) have judged an Official AIDA Competition OR
 - c) have given a judge course for international judges OR
 - d) have followed a refresher or judge course for AIDA International judges
- 8.2 In order to remain with your level on the list of AIDA International Judges, as a level D or E Judge, you must at least every third year:
 - a) have judged an International Record OR
 - b) have judged an Official AIDA Competition OR
 - c) have judge a Official National Record OR
 - d) have followed a refresher or judge course for AIDA International judges
- All those not meeting these conditions will be deleted from the list of AIDA International Judges, unless special circumstances arise which is at the discretion of the AIDA Executive Board.
- Pursuant to article 8.1 and 8.2 judges are responsible for announcing all official AIDA activities in which they are 8.4 currently participating to the National Responsible for Judges who then will forward it to the AIDA International Responsible for Judges.

CORRECTIVE LEARNING, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION 9.

- All persons not complying with the regulation and the policies enacted by the AIDA Executive Board or by the 9.1 AIDA Assembly of Delegates may also be deleted from the list of International Judges.
- However, depending on the amplitude or gravity of the facts, the Executive Board could also decide to apply one 9.2 of the sanctions mentioned below. These procedures are internal within AIDA, and are not made publicly.

9.3 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.



- 9.3.1 Corrective learning A: Judge must read the concerned regulations and guidelines, and submit to an exam.
- Corrective learning B: Judge is suspended as primary (experienced) judge and must work as secondary 9.3.2 (assistant) judge for infield relearning for "X" amount of attempts/competitions.
- 9.3.3 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.

9.4 **Temporary suspension:**

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

- 9.4.1 Temporary suspension A: Judge is deactivated and must assist in "X" amount of attempts/competitions under the direction of Primary and Secondary Judges.
- 9.4.2 Temporary Suspension B: Judge is deactivated and must retake an AIDA International Judge in Learning program.
- 9.4.3 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.

9.5 **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.

10. GUIDE FOR JUDGE SELECTION FOR WORLD RECORD ATTEMPTS

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

- 10.1 The judge may not be any of the following:
 - Same nationality or club as the athlete.
 - Coach, manager or trainer of the athlete.
 - 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.
- 10.2 Best possible main judge, A or B level is required.
- 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 will definitely be level A or B.
- 10.4 Special requests by organizers which will 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.
- 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 (travel expenses).
- 10.6 Fairest solution that will facilitate the promotion of a lower level judge in learning.
- 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.
- 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.

11 MISCELLANEOUS

- 11.1 The present regulation has been approved by the AIDA International Executive Board, November 20th 2001, and modifications as of February 18th 2004, June 30th 2006 and June 18th 2009.
- 11.2 The present regulation, v6.0, will take effect as of June 28th 2009.