

## JUDGING REQUIREMENTS INTRODUCTORY GRADE

### General

It is intended that judging of the "Introductory" Grade criteria will be undertaken on a very simplified basis. The expectation of technical achievement for Teams in this Grade will be minimal.

This judging system may be used as an avenue to train new judges before progressing to other competitive grade judging. No qualification is required to judge the Introductory Grade, however it is expected that judges qualified at all Marching New Zealand accreditation levels will participate.

### Judges Seating

The location of judges' seating positions will be the same as for other Competitive Grades.

### Score Sheets

Judging will be based on a **deduction system**, with word prompts pre-printed on the score sheets to assist adjudication.

**For Technical A, B, C, D, E judges, the number of incorrect faults observed will be placed in the boxes next to the heading or word prompt.**

**Judges are encouraged to complete the 'areas of improvement' section on the back of the sheet** to assist and encourage Coaches in progressing through this Grade.

**After completing all appropriate boxes, Judges will check their score sheet to ensure that it is complete prior to be dispatched to the Recording room.**

**The deductions entered by each Judge will be added together to show the overall total for each Judging position.**

**The judge's sheet should be signed (with the judge's name printed under the signature) and dispatched to the Recording Room.**

### Equipment

Judges will be required to have a clipboard and red pens for completion of score sheets. Pencils may be used in the event of inclement weather. The Display 1 Judge will require a stopwatch to determine the time taken by the Teams to complete their Displays. Judges should also ensure that they are adequately prepared for the prevailing weather conditions and check the area of their judging location for safety and any elements of risk.

### Technical A Judge

The Technical A Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Review & Inspection section of the Technical Drills phase:

- Armswing/Posture (including heads)
- Leg/Foot Action
- Moving to Position of Attention / Stand at Ease
- Halts/Turns
- Mark Times
- Salute
- Tempo

Judging will commence on completion of the command "By the Centre – Quick – March" and will cease on completion of the final salute by Team members.

Details of the Introductory Grade Review & Inspection are contained in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 8.

### **Technical B Judge**

The Technical B Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Movements.

- Posture
- Armswing
- Hands

Judging **during each movement will commence after the completion of the whistle signal and cease on the completion of the step out pace from each movement.**

### **Technical C Judge**

The Technical C Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Movements.

- Leg /Foot Action
- Halts
- Mark Times
- Mark Time Moving Forward
- Side Paces
- Halts/Turns/Pivots
- Tempo

Judging **during each movement will commence after the completion of the whistle signal and cease on the completion of the step out pace from each movement.**

### **Technical D Judge**

The Technical D Judge will adjudicate on the Team members maintaining their place in the Team during each movement and between movements, and on marching straight between movements and to the final halt.

**Judging will commence on completion of the command "By the Centre – Quick – March" and cease on completion of the final halt in the circle.**

### **Technical E Judge**

The Technical E Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Movements.

- Posture
- Armswing
- Hands
- Leg /Foot Action
- Tempo

Judging **during each movement will commence after the completion of the whistle signal and cease on the completion of the step out pace from each movement.**

Details of the Introductory Grade Movements are contained in the Policies & Operations Manual (Technical), Section 8.

**Display 1 Judge**

The Display 1 Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Display phase:

- Drills Positions
- Drills Variety
- Drills Timing
- Movement to Music
- Uniform Presentation
- Time Compliance

**Display 2 Judge**

The Display B Judge will adjudicate on the following aspects of the Display phase:

- Formations Variety
- Formations Positions
- Formations Timing
- Use of Space
- Boundary / Circle / Salute

**Judging and Timing**

Judging and timing will commence on completion of the command "By the Centre – Quick – March" and will cease on completion of the salute by the member in front of the Team at the finish in the circle at the end of the Display.