

Level 4: Divisional Jury President Certification

The Divisional Jury President (Level 4) certification certifies that an individual has successfully completed the requirements set forth by the Judges Committee and demonstrated the ability to carry out the duties of Jury President and USAC Judge at the Regional and Divisional Championship levels. The ideal candidates will demonstrate excellent leadership abilities along with a comprehensive understanding of the rules and the ability to apply them in a fair and impartial manner. Additionally, the temperament of the candidate will allow them to remain calm, respectful, rational, and fair when presented with the frequent challenges posed by competitors, coaches, parents, volunteers and host-facility personnel.

To be considered for Divisional Jury President certification, one must first be certified as a USAC Level 3 Climbing Judge with endorsements in Bouldering and Lead/TR. Successful candidates will be expected to have served as Jury President, USAC Judge, and/or Apprentice USAC Judge at multiple Regional and Divisional championship events, which, at a minimum, must include one of each of the following: a Regional Bouldering Championship, a Regional Lead/TR Championship, a Divisional Bouldering Championship, and a Divisional Lead/TR Championship. Additionally, one must complete a USAC Level 4 Divisional Jury President Clinic, which will be offered at least annually (clinic format is to be determined; may be virtual). Those ready to apply should email the USAC Judges Committee (judges@usaclimbing.org) stating their intent and including a document that details their judging experience, i.e., for each event, provide the event name (e.g., Region 22 Bouldering Regionals), date, location (e.g., gym name), Jury President's name and email, and description of the candidate's role at the event. Any additional information that will help detail a candidate's qualifications is welcome.

The Judges Committee will review all applications for certification and grant certification to qualified candidates. The committee will use the performance reviews submitted by the supervising Jury President from each of the events at which the Aspirant Divisional Jury President has apprenticed. For events where the Aspirant Divisional Jury President served as Jury President, the performance reviews should be submitted by (1) a Regional or Divisional Coordinator, who is preferably also the Event Organizer and (2) a Level 3 Climbing Judge (if certified Divisional Jury President is not available) who is able to evaluate the Aspirant Divisional Jury President's performance. Additionally, the committee may contact the applicant to further assess the candidate's level of qualification.

Individuals who have been awarded Divisional Jury President certification are expected to:

- Carry out, in a professional manner, the duties of a Jury President and USAC Judge at Regional and Divisional Championships as outlined in the USAC Rulebook.
- Stay updated on all USAC Rules.
- Complete Performance Reviews for all Aspirant Judges who apprentice under them.
- Work with Regional Coordinators and the Chief Routesetter throughout the planning process of all assigned Regional and Divisional Championships.

Depending on experience level, Divisional Jury Presidents may have the opportunity to serve as a Jury President, USAC Judge, or Apprentice USAC Judge at national-level events.