

## Level 5-6: National Jury President Certification

The National Jury President (Level 5-6) 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 a Jury President at the National Championship level. This level of certification will be reserved for only those individuals who have shown the highest level of devotion to all aspects of judging competitive climbing. The ideal candidate will demonstrate exceptional 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 Level 5 National Jury President certification, one must be certified as a Divisional Jury President (Level 4). Successful candidates will be expected to have served as Jury President, USAC Judge, and/or Apprentice USAC Judge at multiple national-level events. At a minimum, one must serve as Jury President, USAC Judge, and/or Apprentice USAC Judge at three national-level events including Youth National Championships and a major-broadcast event (e.g., National Team Trials, National Elite Championship). Those interested in National Jury President certification (and with Level 4 certification) should inform the Judges Committee of their interest and should communicate with the Judges Committee before applying. Those ready to apply should email the USAC Judges Committee ([judges@usaclimbing.org](mailto: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., National Elite Championship), date, location, 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, with the assistance of an ad hoc group of National Jury Presidents, 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 that the

Aspirant National Jury President has served/apprenticed. Additionally, the committee may contact the applicant to further assess the candidate's level of qualification.

To be considered for Level 6 National Jury President certification, one must be certified as a Level 5 National Jury President, have successfully served as Jury President at a Youth National Championship and a national-level major-broadcast event, and received positive performance reviews.

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

- Carry out, in a professional manner, the duties of a USAC Judge or Jury President at Regional, Divisional, and National Championships and other USAC events 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 USAC staff, the Volunteer Coordinator, and the Chief Routesetter throughout the planning process of all assigned Regional, Divisional, and National Championships.

To the greatest extent possible, the Judges Committee will work with the USAC Director of Operations, VP of Sport, or Chief Executive Officer to select a Jury President and USAC Judges for each national event.

**Inactive Status:** A National Jury President will be moved to inactive status if they have not worked as a Jury President or USAC Judge or assisted the Jury President at a national-level event in the past 3-years. Once moved to inactive status, one must coordinate with the Judges Committee for instructions on restoring certification, which will require, at a minimum, apprenticeship at a national event.