



2023 WLAC Summary of Rule Changes

2022 Rule	2023 Rule	Reason for Change	Impact for Competition Bodies
1.4.1 Judging			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competitors may not judge in any sanctioned WLAC competition (world, Competition Body Championship, regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WLAC Event. Judges may not compete in any sanctioned WLAC competition (world, Competition Body Championship, or regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WLAC Event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competitors may not judge in any sanctioned WLAC competition (world, Competition Body Championship, regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WLAC Event. Judges may not compete in any sanctioned WLAC competition (world, Competition Body Championship, or regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WLAC Event.WLAC judges must not coach and judge at a WLAC event. If a registered judge has acted as a coach for any competitor (either as the primary coach, supporting coach, or consultant) they must declare that conflict of interest prior to the event and during calibration. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest	Added for clarity. No formal differences to current practice.	N/A

	<p>may result in the disqualification of the competitor. If a judge has coached a competitor in any capacity prior to the WLAC in that competition year (which includes events in any previous calendar year that have been qualifiers to the current WLAC) no communication, consultation, or judging can take place in any form with that competitor for the duration of the competition. Failure to comply during the event will result in the disqualification of the competitor and the judge's removal from judging this competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitors may not select or endorse judges within their Competition Body Competition.• In any given year, coordinators or individuals who are involved in the management of their Competition Body Competition should not compete. A year is considered to begin from the time the Competition Body starts planning their event. If an individual would like to submit an exception to this rule, they must declare their position via email to WCE		
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	outlining their areas of involvement.		
14.2.4. Harmony, Size, and Position of Pattern			
Judges will only review the pattern presented to them. Competitors should align the pattern with the cup handle at 3 o'clock. Judges will review the size and position of the pattern and its relation to the cup. If the pattern involves several elements, the judges will review their position and balance.	Judges will only review the pattern presented to them. Competitors should align the pattern with the cup handle at 3 o'clock. If the provided cup has no handle, competitors can decide how to align the pattern within the cup. Judges will review the size and position of the pattern and its relation to the cup. If the pattern involves several elements, the judges will review their position and balance.	Added to allow for additional sponsored cup types.	N/A