EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR ZANEF JUMPING JUDGES

Jumping judges in Zambia can opt to follow: a) ZANEF education system, b) FEI Group IX education system, or c) A mix of the two, starting out with ZANEF and transferring over to FEI Group IX by sitting their exam for National Judge. The two systems are fairly similar i.t.o. requirements and it takes about the same number of years to reach the different levels. While the Group IX system has a long starting period on paper, it typically takes the same number of years for a ZANEF Learner Judge to become a National Level 1 Judge, which is similar to Group IX Novice Judge. From there on the process is more or less the same.

The advantage with the FEI Group IX system is that the Judge would have a regionally recognised qualification and would be able to proceed to FEI Level 1 judge without having to attend an in-person FEI Level 1 Judge course. The FEI Level 1 courses are good and an opportunity to meet fellow judges, but they are rarely held in Africa so travel is most probably required. A possible disadvantage with the Group IX track is that courses and exams are organised at set times, sometimes in person outside Zambia, whereas the ZANEF ones are more or less held on demand and when the opportunity arises, i.e. when FEI Judges visit Zambia.

If you want to become a Learner Judge please send a completed Expression of Interest (EOI) form to admin@zanef.org, cc eva.bursvik@gmail.com. The forms are available under Downloads on the ZANEF website.

ZANEF Learner Judge/FEI Group IX Learner Judge

	ZANEF criteria to become a Learner Judge	Group IX entry level to Learner Judge
Tasks and responsibility of ZANEF/Group IX Learner Judge	Sits in with judges at a show. Must take part in course walk etc. Observes, keeps notes, practices doing the stop watch etc. When the President of the Ground Jury feels the learner is ready, they will give them a specific task, which might be calling, do the bell or calculate result.	Up to NF to decide
Required maintenance to keep status	Work as a Learner Judge at a min of 2 full shows (5-6 days) per year, to be recorded in the Log Book.	Up to NF to decide

How to become a Learner Judge	How to become a ZANEF Learner Judge	How to become an FEI Group IX Learner Judge
Initiate process	Write to ZANEF, request to become Learner Judge, min 18 years	Candidates must write and pass an entry level test
Time involved	About 6 months	1-3 years
Experience	Need to have worked a minimum of two national shows as a Secretary, announcer or timekeeper	6 National shows within min 1 yr, max 3 years as Secretary, announcer, timekeeper
Jumping judge courses	Desirable	Must attend one Group IX Learner Judge Seminar online or in-person
Exam	Written exam organised by ZANEF Showjumping Technical committee, pass 70%.	Apply to Group IX Jumping Officials Committee to write the Learner exam, pass 80% (exam may only be attempted once in 12 months)
Interview/Recommendation/other	Must have their own ZANEF logbook, stop watch and a set of current printed ZANEF Showjumping Rules.	Forward 3 independent Group IX Capability Assessments from Senior Official/s appointed in your Federation

ZANEF NATIONAL LEVEL 1 JUDGE (GROUP IX NOVICE JUDGE)

	ZANEF National Level 1 Judge	Group IX Novice Judge
Responsibility of a ZANEF National Level 1 Judge/Group IX Novice Judge	Can be the second judge at a show, along with another National level 1 judge, a National level 2 judge or an FEI Judge, or can be the judge together with two learner judges. *ZANEF 2024 Showjumping Rules. Competitions of a national level require:* *- One national level 1 judge/level 2 judge/FEI level judge and two learner judges, <u>or</u>* *- two judges (national level 1/level 2/FEI level)*	Up to NF to decide. E.g. "judge on their own up to 1.00-1.10".
Required maintenance to keep status	Work as a National Level 1 Judge at a min of 2 full shows (5-6 days) per year, to be recorded in the Log Book.	No info in Group IX system
Progression	**ZANEF Learner Judge to National Level 1 Judge**	**Group IX Learner Judge to Novice Judge**
Time involved to progress to National Level 1 Judge/Group IX Novice Judge	Could be done in 1-2 years, but most existing National judges have done 4-10+ years as Learner Judges	Min 3 Years
Number of shows worked at to be eligible for progression	Min 5 full shows with a National Level 2 or FEI judge. Log book.	Work for 3 years, min 6 shows
Jumping judge courses	At least 2, approved by ZANEF Showjumping Technical Committee	Must have attended annual Group IX Judges Seminar online or in-person
Steward course	Attend at least 1 steward course, approved by ZANEF Showjumping Technical Committee	Work at 2 National shows as Shadow assistant steward (at least 1 full day at each show)
Course building seminar	Attend at least 1 course building seminar, approved by ZANEF Showjumping Technical Committee	
Exam	Written exam organised by ZANEF Showjumping Technical committee, pass 80%.	Write Novice exam, open book, 80% pass (exam may only be attempted once in 12 months)
Interview/Recommendation	Pass an interview with one or more persons designated by ZANEF Showjumping Technical Committee. Submit Logbook to ZANEF when requesting a transfer-up.	Forward 3 independent Group IX Capability Assessments with regional reports (judges should be at least FEI Level 1)

ZANEF NATIONAL LEVEL 2 JUDGE (GROUP IX NATIONAL JUDGE)

	ZANEF National Level 2 Judge	Group IX National Judge
Responsibility of a ZANEF National Level 2 Judge/Group IX National Judge	Can be the President of the Ground Jury. A national show will ideally have at least one National level 2 judge. The second judge can be a level 1. Two learners will count as a second judge.	Up to NF to decide
Required maintenance to keep status	Work as a National Level 2 Judge at a min of 2 full shows (5-6 days) per year, to be recorded in the Log Book.	No info in Group IX system
Progression	**ZANEF National Level 1 Judge to National Level 2 Judge**	**Group IX Novice Judge to National Judge**
Time involved to progress to National Level 2 Judge/Group IX National Judge	Min 1-2 years	Min 1 year
Number of shows worked at to be eligible for progression	Work as a National Level 1 judge at 6 shows, at least two with an FEI Level 2 Judge or higher, and at least 2 different Presidents of the Ground Jury.	Work min 6 shows or equivalent of 12 days. At least 1 year. Cross-border appointments will be encouraged.
Jumping judge courses	Attend one showjumping judge seminar.	Must have attended annual Group IX Judges Seminar online or in-person
Steward course/officiating	Work 1 full day as a shadow Assistant Steward at a National or Premier show with an FEI steward, or experienced national steward to be appointed by ZANEF Showjumping Technical Committee, if no FEI steward is available.	Worked 1 full day as a shadow Assistant Steward at a national show
Course building seminar or duty	Work 1 full day at a National or Premier Show with a National Level 3 or higher or FEI Course Designer.	Worked 1 full day with FEI Level 1 Course Designer (or higher)
Exam	Pass a written exam, min 80% Pass the online FEI Level 1 examination.	Candidates will have a final assessment by 2 X FEI Group IX appointed examiners of FEI Level 3* judges. (Minimum of 5 Case studies will be included in this assessment are not a test but for one –on-one experience only). Write the Group IX National Judges Exam -1 hour with 80% pass mark.
Interview/Recommendation	Written recommendation from an FEI Level 2 judge you have worked with. Submit logbook to ZANEF when requesting a transfer up.	Forward 3 independent Group IX Capability Assessments with regional reports (judges should be at least FEI Level 1)

FEI Level 1 Jumping Judge

	FEI Level 1 Judge	
Responsibility of an FEI Level 1 Jumping Judge	Acc to FEI Jumping Rules	
Required maintenance to keep status	As per FEI requirements	
Progression to FEI Level 1 Judge	**ZANEF National Level 2 Judge to FEI Level 1 Judge**	**Group IX National Judge to FEI Level 1 Judge**
Time involved	Min 1 year	Min 1 year
Number of shows worked at to be eligible for progression	Judge a min of 6 shows or equivalent of 12 days as a National Level 2 Judge, 2 shows must be as PGJ and at least 1 must be at an FEI Jumping World Challenge show.	Judge as a National Judge at least 1 year, min 6 shows or equivalent of 12 days Judge at least as National Judge at one of the FEI Jumping World Challenge Leg and receive an assessment from the FEI Judge
Jumping judge courses/seminars	n/a	Attend an online or in person Group IX Seminar during the 12-month period
Exam	n/a	Pass the FEI Level 1 examination
Interview/Recommendation	Written recommendation from an FEI Judge you have worked with. Approach ZANEF to be recommended to attend an FEI Level 1 Jumping Judge course*, submit logbook. Once you have successfully attended and passed an FEI Level 1 Jumping Judge Course FEI will approach ZANEF to recommend a transfer-up to FEI Level 1	Apply to your National Federation (ZANEF) for a transfer up to FEI Level 1

*It is up to the National Level 2 Showjumping judge to find and finance an FEI Level 1 Jumping Judge Transfer up course if interested: https://data.fei.org/Calendar/OfficialCourseSearch.aspx

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