

Chapter 3 – Internship

Part 1 – Internship Certification

1.1 Process

- 1.1.1 The certification of a judge is based on an ongoing process of education, interning and evaluation. It is not enough that a judge has had practical experience with dance and performance, whether it is as a performer, choreographer or coach. To be a judge, analytical process and communicative abilities are to be continually refined along with constant education about performance criteria and research into the field of judging itself.
- 1.1.2 The intern process is ongoing and takes as long as necessary based on individual performance and evaluations. A minimum of three successful "trial" experiences are required before certification may be granted, which may take more than one season.

1.2 Intern Evaluation/Certification Process

- 1.2.1 Interns complete an availability calendar and submit it to the Scheduling Director. The Scheduling Director will assign interns to events. Interns will begin the process working at Traditional events, then move onto the Category events the following season.
- 1.2.2 Interning Judges will be evaluated and receive feedback on their scores and taped commentary. Notification will be given after each trial on areas for improvement and areas of success, depth of caption knowledge, comprehension of scoring and ability to effectively communicate.
- 1.2.3 The Intern will need to complete 1 successful trial at a traditional event. Once this is completed, the Intern will be required to do their Certification Event (this event's scores and commentary will be evaluated by the Evaluation Director for Traditional Season Certification). The following Category season, the Intern will need to complete 1 successful trial, evaluated by the Internship Director, in order to complete their Category Certification.
- 1.2.4 After Interns are certified, they will have active judging status. The Scheduling Director will be able to schedule the new Judge into open spots for the remaining events of the season in the appropriate caption.



Part 2 – New Certifications for Certified Judges

2.1 Cross Training

- 2.1.1 Judges are encouraged to pick a new caption they think they have the most experience in, and the most feedback to offer teams.
- 2.1.2 Judges should attend events and provide score sheets and commentary for the new caption to the Evaluation Director.
- 2.1.3 If a judge is planning on attending an event to intern, they **MUST** be scheduled by the Scheduling Director to attend the event. Please do not just show up to an event.

