

DDCA Tech Judges Committee

Minutes: Dec. 2nd, 2007

***Committee Welcome**

-Introduction/ attendance: Karalee, Cori, Linda, BJ, Charlon, Amanda

***Handbook Rules review/discussion**

******URGENT CLARIFICATION on Time LIMITS-**

Traditional Competitions-time penalty will only be issued from time OVER the limit. First person to cross boundary onto floor or first beat of music

-Chain of command: reviewed committee make-up

2007-08 Commissioner: Karalee Kylo

Scheduler: Karalee Kylo

Tech. Trainers: Christine Anderson, Karalee K., Cori Mingear

-Handbook changes/discussion: Be sure you are very familiar with NFHS 2007-08 handbook and NFHS rule Interpretation updates. Stunting and Safety in full effect at local competitions.

-Warning vs. Penalty: discussed difference between. Start fresh for Traditional.

-Pre-approval process/stunt review process: All stunts can be sent in for pre-approval to the TECH Committee but it is NOT required to do so. All Costume/Music/Choreography submissions are to follow the same process. Pre-approval form is available on DDCA web site.

-Committee member responsibilities and area: No one committee member can approve anything, takes a minimum of three members to approve submissions. Two Tech Judges can approve something for the day of competition but that approval does not put item on the list of pre-approvals.....item must be submitted properly with the Pre-approval form to Tech Committee. Know the rules and purpose of our program so you can properly advise the membership.

-email communication circle.....meeting if needed: Commissioner will be using e-mail and impromptu meetings to address membership submissions seeking approval.

***Trainer report**

-Refresher trainings and stunt training: Last training will be at DDCA Winter meeting in January. Email Karalee if you are planning to attend.

-Stunt process/requirements: Stunting class required, intern required for all NEW Judges.

-Judging schedule/availability: Schedule still has a few competitions to fill.

*****Contact for Judges scheduling for 2007-08 will be Karalee karaleejk@aol.com**

-Two coaches per comp. philosophy: To ensure consistency and accuracy in TECH Judging two Judges will be required and must agree on violation to issue warning or penalty.

***Tech Judges Prep Sheet/cheat sheet**

-Review both documents /comments: "Prep sheet" & "Cheat sheet" listing the TECH rules by number for the judges needs to be interpreted as written.

***Penalty/Appeals process**

-Review 2007-08 process: Coaches will be required to submit appeals with DDCA Tech appeals form (website) along with hard copy of penalty material (video, DVD, CD or picture) via US postage mail to Tech. Committee for review. Any appeal granted would NOT overturn placements of that competition.

***Category Issues**

Timing

Stunting

RULE INTERP.

Judges Director's role-Training will be offered to JD at Winter Meeting

***Reminder for DDCA Membership** (sent in Nov. DDCA minutes)

Tech Report – It is your responsibility, as a coach, to know the rules as they pertain to: stunting, safety, choreography, music, costuming, and timing. As per OSAA: Penalties for stunting and safety are in full effect this year at locals. The instant Appeal process has been removed; instead you will receive a “Warning” for your first offense in costuming/music/choreography, there are no “warnings” for stunting/safety, or timing.

Please understand that the Tech process, in its entirety, is about education - education about safety, stunting, and appropriateness. Please take any “Suggestions” a Tech Judge might give you seriously as they are trying to help you avoid penalties. If both Tech judges did not see an “issue” they can only give “Suggestions” to you. Many times suggestions that you receive will be the result of only one judge seeing the dropped item/misplaced hand in a stunt/or hear an inappropriate lyric. Please take the suggestion seriously and fix whatever the issue was to avoid a penalty to your team in the future.

If you receive a “Warning” for an issue, this will be tracked for Tech Judges to refer to from competition to competition as are violations. If you do not fix the issue you were “warned” about, you will receive a penalty, with no grounds for appeal.

***Meeting dates/locations**

-January training for Tech Judges- Refresher certification will be offered in at the DDCA Winter membership meeting at Woodburn High.

Schedule Feb. Committee meeting: Feb. Tech Committee Meeting will be held Feb. 3rd, at 1:00 PM located at Woodburn high school.

-Committee contact sheet: Is on DDCA website for DDCA membership.

Tech Judges Reminders

Remember: Both Tech Judges need to agree to issue a penalty . When on the fence about an issue do not issue penalty, rather write a comment (NOT A WARNING) to the coach on the form and turn it into committee for review.

Any questions please contact:

Tech Committee Trainers,

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Tech Committee Commissioner, Karalee Kylo at karaleejk@aol.com