

East Zone Officials Report

March 2015

Thank you to Patty Flanagan, Eugenia Gillan, and Betsy McGeoch for facilitating the judging education clinic at the Silver Clinic in Worcester, MA. The feedback received from the participants and facilitators indicated that great discussion took place.

Thank you to the Scoring Committee for everything you do to help support officials.

Thank you to the Association Officials chairs for managing the judges education and records for your associations: Diana Lenzo-Adirondack, Jenna Flint-McBriar- Allegheny, Krista Bessinger- Connecticut, Kim Kohut-Lake Erie, Judy McGowan-Maryland, Dale Mohammed- Metro, Robin Weist-Middle Atlantic, Alyssa Coutreau- NESSA North, Eugenia Gillan- NESSA South, Kate Johnson- New Jersey, Joanne Wright- Niagara

Reminders:

- ❖ Association Officials Chairs need to update the yearly attendance rosters for their association and email to Kim Kohut. We need to clean up our records, so we have an accurate judge database.
- ❖ Form E: It is really important that this form is emailed to me by the meet deadline. Please clearly mark the events you are not available for and any practice judges, oral candidates, or written test needs. The new judging system requires a minimum of 14 officials if the high and low scores are to be crossed-off. Otherwise, it requires 11 officials with no cross-offs. The higher number of personnel needed makes it extremely challenging to create the judges assignments and even more important for the forms to be submitted in a timely manner with limited non-availability requests.
- ❖ Please review Appendix G on the officials attendance/retesting policies

Progress:

Congratulations to Katie Rice for becoming our newest Zone Figure Judge!!!!

We have 3 judges in progress to get their Level 3F (Melissa Bruhn, Evelina Dragneva, and Liz Hogan)

We have 3 judges in progress to get their Level 3 (Melissa Bruhn, Amy McGeoch, Katie Rice)

Updates/News:

- ❖ Any judge interested in taking the Level 4F or 4 test(s) can do so at any national meet on the evening before competition begins. Please arrange this with Shannon Korpela, National Judges Administrator. This year, the level 4F test was also offered at the Jr/Sr Zone meet.
- ❖ 13-15 Zone Championship. We were able to run 3 panels of 5 for semis and finals. Due to number of routines in finals increasing to twelve, we had many more people available to judge finals compared to last year. We were able to run 4 panels of 5 judges, plus the water split panel for figures. Thank you to everyone! Thanks to our unaffiliated judges for attending (Kim Kohut, Betsy McGeoch, Joanna Scoons, and Nancy Wightman)
- ❖ Junior/Senior Zones- We were able to run 3 panels of 5 for all events! We were also able to run 4 panels of 5 judges, plus the water split panel for figures. Thanks to the numerous unaffiliated judges in attendance (Joanne Hangen, Kim Kohut, Diana Lenzo, Sandra Mahoney, Betsy McGeoch, Judy McGowan, and Nancy Wightman)

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Kohut, Lake Erie Association, (East Zone Officials Chair) ☺