

Week Eight - Steady and True

Hello everyone,

Take a breath as we complete the regional season. Reflect on the outstanding job you have done. Consider the challenges and things you have learned to apply going forward. We are proud of you and your work.

Up next are many local championships along with the world championships. Keep focusing on your own self care and your process. Attached is a document outlining the differences you will experience at both local championships (depending on the size of some of the classes) and at the world championships. There are some good reminders for everyone regardless.

Here are some other notes for you as more teams may be achieving at the higher end of Box 4 and into Box 5.

You are Always a WGI Judge - As you work at local championships, remember you are always seen as a WGI judge. Your scores should reflect the international standard and your brand.

Derived Achievement - Digging into the shows and their repertoire, composition, and vocabulary helps us determine the neighborhood in which they will be compared to other teams. Sure, excellence and achievement can affect that neighborhood; however, the depth of the design and challenges get the team to the area to be compared. Regardless of criteria range, there are differences between teams that you can highlight and use in your comparative process.

Approaching Box 5 - As teams in any class approach Box 5, it is imperative you speak to the criteria and adjectives describing the box expectations. The class standards are different; keep applying your understanding through your commentary and scoring. Several teams may live in any neighborhood. Even at the top of the criteria, each team has elements to work on, or improve. Ensure you identify those elements in your files. This will help you differentiate between such exceptionally achieving teams.

Box Third Boundaries - there are no hard boundaries between any boxes, or box thirds, with the exception of Box 6 on the world sheets. Even within Box 5 there are no hard boundaries between box thirds. Consider your process and application of these numbers as there is a purposefully designed bleed across those boundaries in the criteria. This gives you more room in which to place similar teams.

Scoring Priorities - as more teams are in the same range, some of our scoring priorities may have to be “let go” in order to ensure rankings occur as the top priority. Consider your own comfort with “letting go” of some of the priorities when faced with those tight contests.

Propensities - we have discussed covering the points of comparison fully in order to best determine the scoring range and also the ranking for teams. One factor that affects this process is our own propensities. Usually when we get stuck on something, or overreact to something, that is when we get in trouble. Fatigue makes us default to our propensities sometimes. Consider this as you go into the longer days and contests.

Breathe in, breathe out.

Please let us know anything you need.

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