

Week Seven - Calm and Consistent

Hello everyone,

The regionals complete this weekend, yet there are many more contests to come. Bring your full self to every event. Competitive neighborhoods are tight and the performances continually improve and evolve. You are ready! Here are some reminders for week seven.

Candid, Frank Conversations - As you cover the full points of comparison, it is imperative to recognize strengths and vulnerabilities for each team. Reacting in real time is always appropriate. Wrap ups are a good place to highlight your “over time” impressions of each team’s unique achievements and areas of question or opportunity. Be in the moments with the teams, share what you feel (your excitement and your concerns), and filter through the criteria.

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.

Critiques - Teams may ask you about competitive neighborhoods based upon what you have seen. This is appropriate. Please answer to the best of your abilities without direct comparisons between teams. The actual comparisons between teams can only occur when they are all in the same contest. This can be an intense and anxious time for the teams. Be open and encouraging and help the teams realize “this is not the end” but just an instant in the season. Take notes and listen.

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. There are still weeks to go!

Breathe in, breathe out.

Please let us know anything you need.

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