Proposal for a change in judges training and nomination process for Indoor Artistic Events

It has been the unwritten rule that it is necessary to have 2 years of judging experience prior to a FAI judges course. Former and current competitors have lots of knowledge about rules and has a trained eye for watching competition videos. Some of these individuals are motivated to become a FAI judge, but due to lack of National competitions or low skill level at the national competitions, they lose interest. We believe this loss of interest has nothing to do with the fact that they are not motivated enough, but due to the fact that they are not challenged enough (their skills are not utilized). We believe we are losing highly motivated and skilled individuals with the right attitude in the process of jumping the hurdles to become a FAI judge. It is our belief that we can keep the quality of judges high without this 2 year requirement.

6.2.1 – Initial Qualification (Section 5) describes requirements for candidates who wants to become a FAI judge. The candidate needs a valid National Judge rating and the approval of their NAC. Many countries do not have a National Judge rating in IAE due to lack of teams. Also, different NAC’s have different views of what it is to be a National judge.

Based on the above, we suggest to give the CJT more responsibility to select the candidates with the right attitudes, skills and knowledge:

1. Any judge with the relevant experience can attend a FAI training course. Relevant experience is judging competitions using IPC rules, or being a former or current competitor in the relevant discipline. The CJT decides if a candidate is qualified.

2. To encourage competitors to join the judging panel, any competitor who is deemed to have the right knowledge, skills and attitudes by the CJT may participate in a FAI judges training course.

3. To attend a FAI judging course, the candidate does not have to be a national judge, but do need the approval of their NAC.

Changes to Section 5:

6.2.1 Initial Qualification
In order to participate in an IPC Judge Training Course; a candidate must:
(1) have a valid National Judge rating in the relevant discipline, as listed in 6.1, and-or have the approval of their NAC, the NAC’s nominated authority or the NAC Equivalent (as per 6.1.3) to attend the course, and
(2) satisfy the language requirements outlined in 6.1.1(2), and
present to the CJT, when requested, his/her judging logbook, which must meet the requirements of 6.1.1(3) for each entry recording judging activity and for the required personal data. If in the opinion of the CJT the candidate does not have the required experience the judging logbook does not meet these requirements, the candidate will not be allowed to take the course. Required experience could either be judging competitions using IPC rules, or having competed in the relevant discipline. The CJT may request the candidate to provide his logbook for examination at any time before the start of the Training Course. A NAC may provide the name of any newly qualified FAI Parachuting Judge, immediately after satisfactory completion of an IPC Judge Training Course, directly to the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee, who will then add them to the current IPC list of FAI Parachuting Judges.

6.2.3 Annual Renewal, Reinstatement and Requalification

(1) Annual Renewal
In order to qualify for annual renewal, an FAI Parachuting Judge must, in the two preceding calendar years, have:
(a) had a valid National Judge rating for a discipline listed in 6.1 or
(b) successfully passed an IPC approved evaluation (6.1.2).
Any Judge who does not meet the Annual Renewal requirements will be removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges.

(2) Reinstatement
Any Judge that has been removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges for a discipline listed in 6.1 by reason of not meeting the Annual Renewal requirements may be reinstated as an FAI Judge by, in the two calendar years following removal from the list, by;
(a) regaining a valid National Judge rating for that discipline and or
(b) successfully passing an IPC approved evaluation (6.1.2).

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