

A & Open Caucus Summary & Proposals
For April 30, 2005 Dallas, TX

Topics for Discussion

Scoring

- Have the A guards judges under the same 50/50 make up as the Open & World units. **Motion to create a proposal: Defeated.**
- Have written requirements to receive box 4 & 5 numbers. **Motion to create a proposal: Defeated.**

Age

- Have an age limit on IA guards. **Motion to create a proposal: Defeated.**
- Allow multiple schools in the same district that combine for school activities to combine members and compete as a scholastic unit. **Motion to create a proposal: Defeated.**
- Raise the age for IO units to a maximum of 25. **Motion to create a proposal: Defeated.**

Guard reclassification process.

Caucus voted to modify the current review & reclassification process to include the following:

- Time Frame. **Championship reviews for IO & IA units will be completed first to allow the independent units a brief head start on planning the next level of competition.**
- The process. **Amend the current process to allow the director to provide a written statement to the committee on behalf of the unit if a unit is reclassified upward.**
- How to reclassify back down. **Amend the process to allow promoted units to submit a video tape of a completed show from a mid-level vantage point (12-15 rows) so that that the committee can review the guard for possible reclassification back down to the next lowest class. A reclassified unit may only submit a tape for possible reclassification downward before the first WGI regional weekend.**

Regionals:

- Seeding process for prelims. **Caucus voted to keep the regional SA seeding process the same as it is now. However, whenever possible use current scores and historical placements and not human decision.**
- Number of finalist. **Proposal to allow WGI to increase the number of finalist at a regional if after using the current method of determining finalist there is additional time during the finals competition. Any additional units added to finals will be based on the % of entries into that regional.**
- Different panels for rounds in prelims. **Caucus voted to allow different panel to judge different rounds as they do now at championships. This will be done as long as the wild card process of determining finalist is still used. There must be 2 or 4 rounds to use different panels.**
- # of passes per unit. **Caucus voted to keep this the same as it is now.**
- Block & Pre-block. **Caucus voted to only have block scores during the season to be used as a "Beacon" to determine performance level.**
- Critique. **Caucus voted to allow critique, if possible, only to units attending World Championships.**

Power Regionals

- Who judges? **Caucus voted to only have judges attending World Championships judge at Power Regionals.**
- Parking. **Caucus voted to keep the process the same and provide each unit with an identical number of parking passes.**
- Critique. **Caucus voted to allow critique only for units attending championships.**

Championships

- Tie breaking process. **Proposal to change the current coin toss method to the following. 1. The unit who wins the most number of bottom line captions between the two tied units places ahead of the second unit. 2. In the event of a tie in #1, the unit who wins the most sub-captions between the two tied units will place ahead of the second unit. 3. In the event of a tie in #1 & #2 a coin toss will take place.**
- Seeding the rounds for prelims. **Caucus voted to keep the same process for placing units into rounds, by numerical placement. However, once placed in a round, that round will be randomly drawn in groups of 4 or 5, depending on the number of round participants, to determine the order of those smaller groups. For instance if round # 1 contains 16 units. That round will have units 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16 drawn randomly to determine the order of those small groups.**
- Block & Pre-block. **Caucus voted to not have block or pre-block a determining factor on preliminary order.**
- Use ordinals instead of scores for prelims. **Caucus voted to not consider this.**
- Expand finalist to 20 in each A class. **Caucus voted to not consider this.**
- Switch A & Open finals at championships. **Caucus voted to not consider this.**

Discussions for IO units:

- Independent Open Prelims needs to be held at the Main site at Championships (the arena in the case of Dayton). **Caucus voted to not consider this and to continue whenever possible to allow the SA & IA units the performance opportunity in the larger sites for prelims.**
- WGI should address or assist the number of students that are switching guards yearly, and not paying their dues to previous guards they have marched with. **Caucus voted to encourage units to obtain written agreements and contract with its members and to maintain bookkeeping records that can be used to show the level of financial deficiency from the former member. Although WGI cannot get involved in local situations, WGI will provide written guidelines to all units, preseason, that will help document the member – unit relationship.**